

# North Dakota OS/OW Permit Binder

This document is designed for integration into your RAG (Retrieval-Augmented Generation) system for OpenAI, serving as the authoritative reference for North Dakota oversize/overweight (OS/OW) regulations, permitting, and routing.

## 1. Authoritative Sources (Live Links)

- North Dakota DOT Oversize/Overweight Permits:  
<https://www.dot.nd.gov/divisions/maintenance/oversizeoverweight.htm>
- ND Century Code – Size & Weight: <https://www.ndlegis.gov/>
- ND Online Permit System (E-Permits): <https://www.ndenergy.org/permits>
- Contact ND DOT Permits Office: (701) 328-2621 | [dotpermits@nd.gov](mailto:dotpermits@nd.gov)

## 2. Core Permit Rules & Restrictions

- Permit Required: For vehicles exceeding legal size/weight limits.
- Legal Limits (without permit):
  - Width: 8'6"
  - Height: 14'
  - Length: 53' trailer / 75' combination
  - Weight: 20,000 lbs single axle / 34,000 lbs tandem (federal bridge formula applies)
- Superloads: Typically > 16' wide, > 110' long, or > 150,000 lbs require engineering review.
- Travel Restrictions:
  - No movement on major holidays.
  - Night travel requires lighting/escort vehicles.
- Escort Requirements:
  - Width > 14' requires escorts.
  - Height > 16' requires survey & escort.
  - Loads may require ND Highway Patrol escort for extreme moves.

## 3. Permit Workflow

1. Carrier submits load details (dimensions, weights, route).
2. System checks statutory limits and route restrictions.
3. Permit issued through ND E-Permits system (fees vary).
4. Route and escorts confirmed.
5. Driver carries permit in cab at all times.

## 4. RAG Extraction Checklist

- Vehicle dimensions (W/H/L)
- Total gross weight
- Axle count/weights
- Route (with clearance points)
- Dates/times requested
- Escort requirements

- Holiday restrictions

## **5. Driver & Carrier Notes**

- Curfews: Some metro restrictions (check Fargo/Bismarck).
- Lighting/Flags: Oversize loads require red flags (day), amber lights (night).
- Validity: Single trip permits typically valid for 3–5 days.
- Emergency Info: Dial 511 for ND travel advisories.

## **6. Contacts**

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