

FACT SHEET

ANNUAL ALL-SYSTEMS OVERWEIGHT PERMIT FOR COMMERCIAL & FARM VEHICLES

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023,

The Iowa DOT is authorized to issue an annual permit for overweight divisible and indivisible loads.

This annual permit option provides flexibility and is efficient for customers.



FACTS ABOUT THE NEW PERMIT:

- Allows for unlimited trips on all state roads, excluding the interstate system, and certain city/county roads. Cities and Counties must designate which roads are authorized for travel under this permit.
- Refer to the Iowa DOT's All Systems Overweight Permit map for the list of city and county routes that are authorized.
 - The map can be found at: <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers/Maps>
- Valid for 12 months from date of issuance
- Cost = \$500
- Maximum weight = 12% over current maximum legal weight based on number of axles and distance
 - 5 Axle maximum – 89,600 lbs.
 - 6 Axle maximum – 100,800 lbs.
 - 7 Axle maximum – 107,520 lbs.
- Maximum axle weight = 20,000 lbs.
- Maximum width = 8'6"
- Maximum height = 13'6"
- Maximum length = legal maximum limits for vehicle and trailer
- Valid for BOTH divisible and non-divisible loads
- Vehicles operating under permit must have a flashing or strobe amber light mounted on the towing vehicle that is visible for at least 500 feet and provides 360 degree warning that is visible from the front and rear.

WHERE CAN I GET THE NEW PERMIT?



You can apply online at <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers/Oversize-Overweight-Trip-permits>. Permits can be paid for online and sent to you electronically.

DO I NEED TO BE REGISTERED FOR THE GROSS WEIGHT OF THE LOAD I AM HAULING WITH THIS PERMIT?

Vehicles traveling under this or any other permit must be registered for the gross weight of the vehicle and the load under Iowa law. Trucks or combinations transporting raw agricultural products are allowed to operate in excess of their registration weight by up to 25 percent when in Iowa.

AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023, CAN I TRAVEL ON ALL ROADS IN IOWA UNDER THIS PERMIT?

Primary (state) roads: Yes, you can travel on the primary road system (state roads) but you must review the maps found on the DOT's website to check for bridge embargoes or construction that may affect your route.

Secondary or Municipal (county or city) roads: This permit may be used on county or city roads but ONLY if the county or city designates their road as authorized for travel under this permit. While we expect some county and city roads will be available for travel on January 1, 2023, counties have until July 1, 2025, to identify which secondary roads they will include under this permit. You will need to go to the map at the following link to see what county and city roads are included before you travel: <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers/Maps>

Interstate: No, you may not use this permit to drive on the interstate. Federal regulations control interstate travel and will not allow use of this overweight permit on the interstate.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

WHEN CAN I GET THE NEW PERMIT?

The permit will be made available on January 1, 2023.

IS THIS PERMIT ONLY FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES?

No, the new all-systems overweight permit is not limited to agricultural commodities but applies to all divisible and indivisible loads that otherwise meet the dimension and weight requirements. In 2022, the legislature considered a different bill that would have limited a permit to certain agricultural commodities, but that bill did not pass.

CAN I GET THIS PERMIT FOR MY IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY?

No. Implements of husbandry are already allowed to travel at heavier axle weights and heavier gross weights under different Iowa law. There are specific permits issued for implements of husbandry in Iowa Code 321, but the other permit requirements of Iowa Code 321E do not apply, including the availability of this permit.

HOW IS THIS NEW PERMIT DIFFERENT FROM EXISTING PERMITS AND THE HARVEST PROCLAMATION?

NEW ALL SYSTEMS OVERWEIGHT PERMIT	HARVEST PROCLAMATION
\$500	NO COST
Valid for 12 months	Only valid for a few months during harvest
12% over legal maximum weight	12.5% over legal maximum weight
Can be used for 5, 6, and 7 axle trucks	Only for 5-axle truck combinations
Used for all divisible or non-divisible loads	Only for corn, soybeans, hay, straw, stover
Only certain city and county roads allowed	City and county roads automatically included

NEW ALL SYSTEMS OVERWEIGHT PERMIT	ALL SYSTEMS OVERSIZE PERMIT
\$500	\$160
Valid for overweight loads only	Valid for oversize loads only

NEW ALL SYSTEMS OVERWEIGHT PERMIT	SINGLE TRIP PERMIT
\$500	\$35
Valid for 12 months	Valid for 5 days
Overweight only	Oversize AND overweight
No interstate travel allowed	Interstate travel allowed