

LOUISIANA

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Louisiana based vehicles must have commercial plates with all out of state vehicles to have appropriate license. Out of state vehicles can obtain a 48-hour permit for interstate escorting.

PILOT/ESCORT PERSONAL REQUIREMENT:

Valid operator license for all drivers outside of the state. Appropriate chauffeurs license for drivers domiciled in Louisiana. 45 mph maximum speed during load movement. Must be able to read. May act as a flag person.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Must register with the Secretary of State prior to entering state. Proof of insurance in the amounts of \$50,000/\$100,000. Company name and address must be plainly visible to the motoring public. Company logo acceptable.

PILOT/ESCORT VEHICLE SIGNS, LIGHTS AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

WARNING SIGNS:	Mounting Location:	Mount on front and rear of permitted vehicle/load No signs shall be mounted or shown on escort vehicle
	Preferred wording:	(2) "OVERSIZE LOAD" signs required for safety equipment only
	Size:	7' wide x 18" high
	Color:	Yellow Background
	Letters:	Black
	Size of Letters:	10" high with 1-1/2" brush strokes
WARNING LIGHTS:	Type:	Strobe (any size) Dome, or Light Bar
	Color:	(2) Amber (2) Red
	Number:	(1) One Minimum
	Location:	Roof or Top Mount with 60" minimum from pavement (2) Amber widest point of front edges (2) Red Lights widest point of front edges
	Power:	Must meet SAE-J-845 & 595 Standards
	Sight Distance:	500' minimum
	Visibility:	360 degrees
	Headlights/Taillights:	Turned on at all times of movement

FLAG REQUIREMENTS:
Color of Flags: Red/Fluorescent or Orange
Size of Flags: 18" Square

Mounting Location: Not noted on regulations

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENT:

Type: Two-way Communication Required
Range: Not noted on regulation
Use: All times of load movement

SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

10 lb. BC Dry Fire Extinguisher
(4) 15 Minute Flares
(2) Hand Held Red Flags 12" Square
(2) OVERSIZE LOAD signs for the load

NUMBER OF ESCORTS REQUIRED:

All private escorts must have a Louisiana Approved Escort Vehicle Permit. The fee is \$10; this may be obtained at any state scale or port of entry. A vehicle that has all the proper escort equipment (in proper working order) may escort until which time it crosses a Stationary Scale. At that time the escort will be inspected and issued the permit and decal without being assessed a penalty. All escort vehicles must cross the DOT and Development's Stationary Scale along with the escorted load.

State Police Escorts are required: Over 16' wide; over 125' in length. Loads over 18' in height or width may require a front and rear state police escort.

City Police Escorts: Contact with city or parish authorities is the responsibility of the hauler for possible requirement and/or restrictions.

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Private Escorts: Private escorts are required for all vehicles and all loads: Over 12' wide and up to 16' wide; over 90' long and up to 125' long; an escort vehicle may escort two (2) overlength vehicles or loads, but only one (1) overwidth vehicle load.

TRAVEL TIMES/RESTRICTIONS:

Daytime travel begins at Sunrise and ends at Sunset. Travel is permitted on Saturday all day and Sunday.

CURFEW: Loads over 12' wide restricted in Shreveport, Monroe, Lake Charles, Baton Rouge and New Orleans between 7-9 am and 3:30-5:30 pm. Shreveport - Interstate 20 from Interstate 220 on the east side of Bossier City to Interstate 220 on the west side of Shreveport. Monroe - I-20 from the eastern city limits of Monroe to the western city limits of West Monroe. Lake Charles - all of I-210. I-10 from LA 397 to the east to LA 108 at Westlake on the west. Baton Rouge - all of I-110. I-10 from Bluebonnet Road to the east, to the Mississippi River Bridge on the west. I-12 from O'Neal Lane on the east to the junction with I-10 on the west. New Orleans - all of I-610. I-10 from Paris Road on the east to Williams Blvd. on the west. This is not to include US 90 Business from its intersection with Interstate 10 in New Orleans westbound. Permitted loads may not cross any bridge spanning the Mississippi River or be within 2 miles between 6:30-9:00 am and from 3:30-6:00 pm Monday-Friday. This restriction applies only in New Orleans. Travel is prohibited on the following holidays: Mardi Gras Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Vehicles with loads in excess of 12' wide may not travel in the city of New Orleans between 7:00-9:00 am and 3:30-5:30 pm Mon-Fri. This restriction does not apply to movement on the Interstate System or that section of US 90 Business between the Crescent City Connection Bridge and Interstate 10.

TRAVEL PILOTING/ESCORTING DISTANCES: Front Car: not noted, Rear Car: not noted

HEIGHT POLE REQUIREMENTS: Required at load heights: All over-height loads

IMPORTANT STATE NUMBERS:

Louisiana Dept. of Transportation & Development, Weights and Standards

1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802-4438

Permits Office (225) 343-2345 or (800) 654-1433

Weight Enforcement Office (225) 377-7100

Louisiana Truck Center (225) 925-4322 or (888) 421-8757

Site Location:

<http://perba.dotd.louisiana.gov/>

Pilot Car Info:

<http://perba.dotd.louisiana.gov/welcome.nsf>