

NORTH DAKOTA

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Vehicle must be inspected and an approved equipment cab card will be issued, good for 1 year, showing that the vehicle meets the state's requirements.

PILOT/ESCORT PERSONAL REQUIREMENT:

18 years of age minimum. Must have valid drivers license

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

None noted on regulations

PILOT/ESCORT VEHICLE SIGNS, LIGHTS AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

WARNING SIGNS:

Mounting Location:

Front Bumper: Not Acceptable

Rear Bumper: Not Acceptable

Roof or Top Mount: Acceptable

Preferred wording:

"OVERSIZE LOAD" required

Size:

60" long by 12" high

Color:

Yellow Background

Letters:

Black

Size of Letters:

8" high with 1" brush stroke

Signs must be removed, retracted or covered when not in use.

WARNING LIGHTS:

Type:

Flashing

Color:

Amber

Size of Lights:

None noted on regulations

Number:

None noted on regulations

Location:

Both ends on sign

Power:

None noted on regulations

Sight Distance:

None noted on regulations

Visibility:

360 Degrees

Headlights/Taillights:

Turned on at all times of movement

FLAG REQUIREMENTS:

Color of Flags:

None noted on regulations

Size of Flags

None noted on regulations

Mounting Location:

None noted on regulations

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENT:

Type:

Two-way radio communication required

Range:

None noted on regulations

Use:

All times of load movement

SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

None noted on regulations

NUMBER OF ESCORTS REQUIRED:

OVERWIDTH MOVEMENTS: All movements exceeding 14'6" in overall width not exceeding 16' in overall width, one pilot car precedes at a distance of 300 to 700 feet on 2-lane highways. One 4-lane divided highways there are no pilot car requirements. In lieu of the pilot car requirement, the overwidth vehicle itself, or vehicle towing or hauling an overwidth load, may be equipped with a lighted rotating or flashing amber light or lights that are visible front and rear for a min. of 500'.

All movements exceeding 16' in overall width, one pilot car precedes the movement at the distance of 300 to 700 feet and one pilot car follows the movement at a distance of 300 to 700 feet on 2-lane highways. On 4-lane divided highways one pilot car follows the movement at a distance of 300 to 700 feet. Anything over 18' in width may require a Highway Patrol escort.

OVERLENGTH MOVEMENTS: All movements exceeding 120' in overall length, one pilot car follow the movement at a distance of 300 to 700 feet.

OVERHEIGHT MOVEMENTS: All movements exceeding 18' in overall height, one pilot car precede the movement at a distance of 300 to 700 feet.

OVERWEIGHT MOVEMENTS: All self-propelled earthmoving equipment that exceed legal axle weights, one pilot car follows the movement t a distance of 300 to 700 feet on all highways because of the max. speed of 20 mph. The NDOT may require one or two pilot cars on other overweight movements when deemed necessary.

The combinations of the above may require one or more pilot cars as determined by DOT chief engineer, bridge engineer, district engineer(s) or ND Highway Patrol.

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When operating in convoy, additional pilot cars will not be required provided that each unit in convoy keeps at least 1000' apart so as not to hamper passing traffic.

TRAVEL TIMES/RESTRICTIONS:

Daytime travel BEGINS at Sunrise and ENDS at Sunset. Travel is restricted on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

No night time movement, overweight only. Loads 16' wide, 110' long travel only Monday thru Friday until noon Saturday.

TRAVEL PILOTING/ESCORTING DISTANCES:

Front Car: 300'-700', Rear Car: 300'-700'

HEIGHT POLE REQUIREMENTS:

Required at load heights: None noted on regulations

IMPORTANT STATE NUMBERS:

North Dakota Highway Patrol HQ, 600 East Blvd. Ave., Dept 504, Bismarck, ND 58505
(701) 328-2455, fax (701) 328-1717

Site Location:

www.state.nd.us/ndhp/mcarrier.html

Pilot Car Info:

www.uspilotcars.com/north_dakota_pilot_car_guidelines.html