

VIRGINIA

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Must be certified regardless of residency: SC&RA Approved. Contact Virginia Transportation Safety Dept. for further information: (804) 367-6236.

PILOT/ESCORT PERSONAL REQUIREMENT:

18 years of age minimum. Valid drivers license. May act as a flag person.

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" or "WIDE LOAD" required

Size:

Not noted on regulations

Color:

Yellow Background

Letters:

Black

Size of Letters:

8" high with 1/2" brush stroke

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

Must be visible from side at a 45 degree angle

WARNING LIGHTS:

Type:

Flashing

Color:

Amber

Size of Lights:

5" diameter 4" lens height

Number:

(1) One Minimum

Location:

Roof or Top Mount

Power:

Not noted on regulations

Sight Distance:

500' during normal sunlight

Visibility:

Front and Rear

Headlights/Taillights:

Turned on at all times of movement

FLAG REQUIREMENTS:

Color of Flags:

Red

Size of Flags

18" Square

Mounting Location:

All Four Corners

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENT:

Type:

Two-way communication required

Range:

Not noted on regulations

Use:

All times of load movement

SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

(1) First Aid Kit

(1) Hand Held Flag

(1) Fire Extinguisher

(1) Stop Paddle

Flares

(1) Red Vest or Jacket

NUMBER OF ESCORTS REQUIRED:

No escort vehicles are required on divided highways. Front and rear escort is required when travelling through Big Walker Tunnel and the East River Mountain Tunnel on I-77 (Bland County) when vehicle load exceeds 14' height. A front escort is required for travel on all 2-lane and 3-lane highways when vehicle load exceeds 10' wide or 85' length. An additional rear vehicle shall be required to properly forewarn motorists where roadway alignment is not sufficient for adequate vision when motorists are approaching from the rear. When specified within the permit, the rear escort is mandatory, otherwise it shall be the permittee's responsibility to ensure proper utilization of a rear escort. Each wide load requires its own escort vehicle when escort is required. 15' or more overhang on all roads requires an escort. If load exceeds 15' high, escort with height pole required, height pole should be 3" above the load (a good rule of thumb is 4"). Depending on the route being travelled, escorts may be required for vehicle configurations exceeding 10' in width or 15' in height or 85' in length or when results of an engineering review show that escorts are needed to provide traffic control across restricted bridges and structures. Escorts must be VA certified when load is over 12' wide.

TRAVEL TIMES/RESTRICTIONS:

Vehicles exceeding a width of 8'6" but not over 12', 14' in height 125' in length 115,000 gross weight may travel on Saturday between 1/2 hour AFTER Sunrise to 12:00 noon. No travel permitted 12:00 noon

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on Saturday and no Sunday travel. Overweight only can travel 24 hours, 7 days a week. Vehicles exceeding 12' but not greater than 14' wide and 105' long are permitted to travel between the hours of 9:00 am to 12:00 noon Saturday. No Sunday travel.

Normal times of travel for permitted loads is 1/2 hour after sunrise to 1/2 hour before sunset, Monday thru Saturday. No permitted travel is allowed within the corporate limits of cities/towns between the hours of 7:00-9:00 am and 4:00-6:00 pm except for configurations that are overweight or overheight only or any combination of the two. No travel is allowed on Sundays or state observed holidays. The Hauling Permit Section shall have the authority to route vehicles outside the normal hours of travel or restrict times of travel during normal hours of travel if it is determined necessary giving primary consideration to the safety and well being of the travelling public. Permitted vehicle configurations are allowed to travel on all holidays except the following: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

CURFEWS will be attached to your permit for times of travel under special condition.

TRAVEL PILOTING/ESCORTING DISTANCES:

Front Car: 300'-1000', Rear Car: 300'-1000'

HEIGHT POLE REQUIREMENTS:

Required at load heights: 15'

IMPORTANT STATE NUMBERS:

Virginia Dept. of Motor Vehicles, Motor Carrier Services, P.O. Box 27412, Richmond, VA 23269
(866) 878-2582, fax (804) 367-1073

Site Location:

www.dmv.state.va.us/webdoc/commercial/mcs/index.asp

Pilot Car Info:

www.dmv.state.va.us/webdoc/pdf/dmv109.pdf

www.dmv.state.va.us/webdoc/pdf/hp405.pdf