

WASHINGTON

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Obtain Washington State Pilot/Escort Certification or have a Certification from an approved State Program. Washington State does not accept Virginia, Colorado or New York Certification.

PILOT/ESCORT PERSONAL REQUIREMENT:

18 years of age minimum.

Must act as flag person if necessary.

An original signed permit must be carried in the power vehicle at all times.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Minimum insurance, public liability in the amounts of \$100,000 for bodily injury, \$300,000 for bodily injury for two or more persons, \$50,000 for property damage,

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 60" from sign to roadway

Preferred wording:

"OVERSIZE LOAD" required

Size:

5' long by 10" 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.

Clean and visible from a minimum distance of 500'

WARNING LIGHTS:

Type:

Flashing or *Rotating

Color:

Amber

Size of Lights:

Must meet SAE-J-595-B

Number:

(2) Minimum or *(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:

Not noted on regulations

Size of Flags

Not noted on regulations

Mounting Location:

Not noted on regulations

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENT:

Type:

Two-way communication required

Range:

1/2 Mile Minimum

Use:

All times of load movement

SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

18" Stop/Slow Paddle

(3) Bi-Directional Reflective Triangles

5 lb. BC Fire Extinguisher

Highly Visible Hard Hat

Fluorescent Yellow/Green, Orange/Red

First-Aid Kit with easy access

Red Class 2 Safety Garment

Flashlight with Red Nose Cone

NUMBER OF ESCORTS REQUIRED:

Vehicle or load is 11' in width, both front and rear are required on 2-lane highway.

Vehicle or load is over 14' wide, one escort car in rear on multiple lane highways.

Overall length of vehicle or load exceeds 100' or rear overhang exceeds one-third the total length, one

escort car is required on 2-lane highways. When the load exceeds 125' or when the rear overhang of

the load measured from the center of the rear axle exceeds 1/3 of the trailer length plus tractor/trl.

and truck trailer combination one pilot car is needed on 2-lane highways. The permit may authorize a

riding flag person in lieu of an escort car (under special permit). On multi-lane highways a rear pilot car.

A rear overhang of a load on a single unit vehicle exceeds 20' - one pilot car.

On a 2-lane highway when the load is 14'6" - one pilot car.

Overall length of vehicle or load exceeds 140', one rear escort on multiple-lane highways.

If height of load is over 14'6", one escort in front on all state roads and highways. The Department does not guarantee height clearances, therefore, on any route where height is in question, a front escort vehicle equipped with a height pole should be used.

If overhang is over 20' from steering axle, one front escort on 2-lane roads.

WSDOT may require pilot cars in addition to these if the situation seems to demand them.

TRAVEL TIMES/RESTRICTIONS:

7 days a week -1/2 hour BEFORE Sunrise to 1/2 hour AFTER Sunset till noon Sunday and no moves after 3:00 pm on Fridays. Travel is prohibited on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day. If the holiday falls during the week, travel is also prohibited on the afternoon prior to these days. Should any of the holidays fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the preceding Friday or the following Monday shall be considered such holiday. Night movements: Vehicles or combinations operating under special motor vehicle permits that are overweight and/or over dimensional, not exceeding 10' wide, 100' long and 14' high may be permitted to move at night on state highways during normal atmospheric conditions with proper lighting. Overweight vehicles with legal dimensions can operate 7 days a week, 24 hours a day providing they can maintain their speed in traffic. Night means 1/2 hour after Sunset to 1/2 hour before Sunrise.

TRAVEL PILOTING/ESCORTING DISTANCES:

Front Car: 800'-1500', Rear Car: 800'-1500'

HEIGHT POLE REQUIREMENTS:

Required at load heights: Loads exceeding 14'6"

IMPORTANT STATE NUMBERS:

Washington Dept. of Motor Carrier Services HQ, 921 Lakeridge Way SW, P.O. Box 47367, Olympia, WA 98504-7367
(360) 704-6340, fax (360) 704-6350

Site Location:

www.wsdot.wa.gov/commercialvehicle/

Pilot Car Info:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=468-38-100>