

Overmass and/or Oversize Permits		Inspection and Enforcement New Brunswick Highway Safety Enforcement	3.1.6
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1. Purpose

- A. Industries, on occasion, need to move INDIVISIBLE loads that exceed legal weight limits, size limits, or both. By issuing a special permit for such loads, there is control over which highways and bridges an oversize/overweight load can pass safely. Also safety restrictions are included that must be adhered to so an oversize load can be moved on highways without harm to the motoring public or provincial highway structures.

2. Procedure

A. IPPS (Integrated Policy Permit System)

- i. Permits are generated from an Internet web based program, the integrated Policy Permit System (IPPS), and are electronically authorized by the appropriate signing authority pursuant to the *Motor Vehicle Act, Section 261*. The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, Policy Branch is the owner of IPPS and is responsible for the Special Permit operations.
- ii. IPPS users require training before receiving a user account to access the permit system. Each office has a user manual that provides instructions on the functionality of IPPS to assist users when creating permits, or cancelling, modifying, voiding, and duplicating existing permits, etc. Sergeants can request training for new users or assigned users can request assistance by contacting the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, Policy Branch in Fredericton at (506) 453-2802.

B. Issuing Offices:

- i. Oversize permits (within certain limitations) may be issued at:
 - a. District Highway Offices
 - b. Special Permit Office (Fredericton)
- ii. Oversize permits for houses on an existing foundation can only be issued at:
 - a. District Highway Offices
- iii. Overweight permits may only be issued at:
 - a. Special Permit Office (Fredericton)

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All permits are valid for daytime travel (1) Monday to Friday, and additional travel times as noted below:							
Width not exceeding	Length not exceeding	Height not exceeding	Nighttime travel (2)	Unrestricted weekend travel (3)	Unrestricted holiday travel (3)	Restricted weekend travel (4)	Restricted holiday travel (5)
2.60 m	30.0 m	4.15 m	●	●	●		
3.05 m	30.0 m	4.27 m	●	●	●		
3.65 m	30.0 m	4.27 m	●(6)	●	●		
3.65 m	30.0 m	4.88 m	Travel not permitted	●	●		
4.27 m	30.0 m	4.88 m				●	●
4.88 m	30.0 m	4.88 m				●	●
5.49 m	30.0 m	4.88 m				●(7)	●(7)

NOTE: Sizes shown are valid for single trip permits. Quarterly and annual permits may travel under these conditions up to the sizes authorized on the permits

● = Travel permitted

No fee is payable for a Special permit issued in respect to a vehicle or combination of vehicles owned by the Provincial Government.

C. Permits are valid for different periods of time:

- i. Single-trip permits: valid for three (3) consecutive days (except Sunday and Statutory Holidays)
- ii. Three-month permits: restrictions apply to load type, weights, dimensions and routes
- iii. One-year permits: restrictions apply to load type, weights, dimensions and routes

D. Fees: (Unless otherwise specified, the harmonized sales tax (HST) is NOT included in the Fees.)

<http://app.infoaa.7700.gnb.ca/gnb/Pub/EServices/ListServiceDetails.asp?ServiceID1=3635&ReportType1=All>

E. Pre-Manufactured Homes and Buildings

Special permits are required to transport oversize pre-manufactured mini-homes in New Brunswick. The maximum dimensions allowed for:

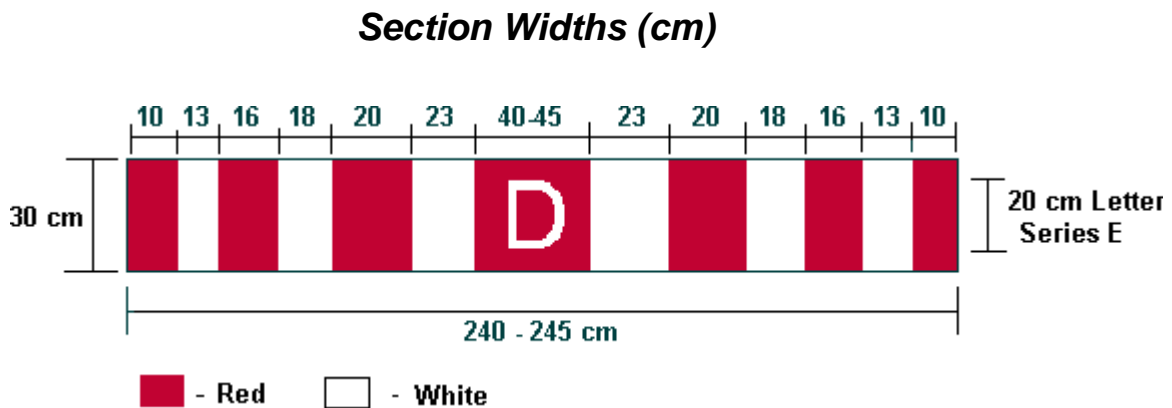
- i. Mini-Home
 - a. Box width including corner boards 5.00 meters

- b. Extreme width including eaves 5.5 meters
 - c. Box length including corner boards 21.50 meters
 - d. Maximum height on chassis- 4.40 meters
- ii. Modular Homes
- a. Box width including corner boards 4.32 meters
 - b. Extreme width including eaves 4.72 meters
 - c. Box length including corner boards 21.50 meters
 - d. Maximum height on chassis 4.72 meters

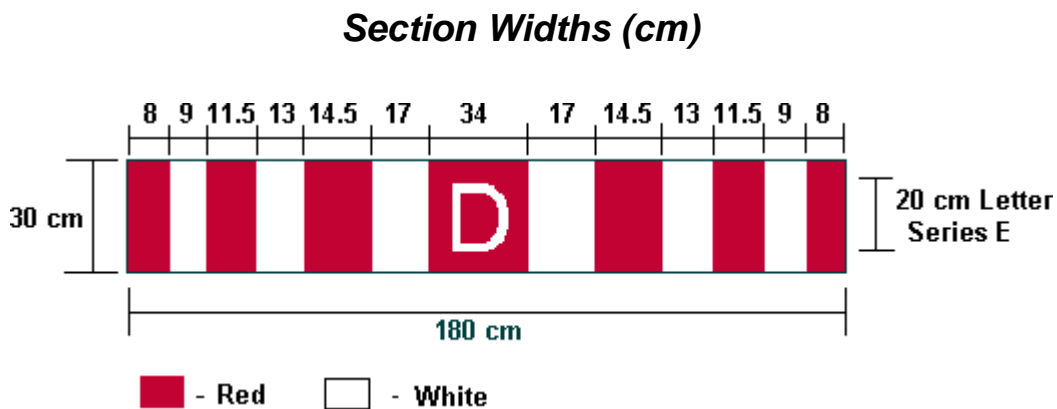
Note: Should the manufacturer hinge the roof such that the maximum height on the chassis does not exceed 4.50 meters; the width of the modular home section may equal, but not exceed dimensions as stipulated above for a mini-home.

F. "D" Sign Specifications

Large Sign for Oversize Vehicle:



Small Sign for Escort Vehicle:



"D-sign" specifications	
Dimensions	See diagrams above
Colour	White – level II reflectance and stop sign red (# 712 3M) or equivalent
Material	Retro-reflective, on a hard flat surface
Position	Visible from the rear and front of the over dimensional vehicle or load

"Light box" D-signs are also acceptable.

3. New Brunswick Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Conditions for Movement of Oversize Loads

Unless specifically authorized otherwise in the permit, the following shall apply to Oversize/overweight vehicles:

A. POLICE

1. One week prior to moving loads exceeding 4.88 m (16 ft.) in width or 30 m (98 ft.) in length, the permit holder must notify the nearest detachment of the RCMP (or municipal police where applicable) and abide by police direction for traffic control as required.

B. TIME

2. This permit is valid for daytime travel Monday to Friday only, subject to the following conditions:
3. Daytime travel means travel is permitted from sunrise to sunset.
4. Nighttime travel means travel is permitted from sunset to sunrise.
5. Sunrise and sunset times will be those established by the National Research Council for the location of the vehicle.
6. Unrestricted weekend travel and unrestricted Holiday travel means the same conditions that apply from Monday to Friday also apply to the weekend and to the Holiday.
7. Restricted weekend travel means that travel is not permitted after 3:00 p.m. on Friday or after noon on Saturday and Sunday. Travel is permitted from sunrise to noon only, Saturday and Sunday.
8. Restricted Holiday travel means that travel is not permitted after 3:00 p.m. the day before the Holiday nor after noon on the Holiday. Travel is permitted from sunrise to noon only, on the Holiday.

9. Loads not exceeding 3.05 m (10 ft.) in width, 30.0 m (98 ft. 5 in.) in length and 4.27 m (14 ft.) in height may also travel at nighttime and are permitted unrestricted weekend travel and unrestricted Holiday travel, on all highways.
10. Loads not exceeding 3.65 m (12 ft.) in width, 30.0 m (98 ft. 5 in.) in length and 4.27 m (14 ft.) in height may also travel at nighttime on multi-lane divided highways only and are permitted unrestricted weekend travel and unrestricted Holiday travel on all highways.
11. Loads not exceeding 4.88 m (16 ft.) in width, 30.0 m (98 ft. 5 in.) in length and 4.50 m (14 ft. 9 in.) in height are permitted restricted weekend travel and restricted Holiday travel, on all highways.
12. Loads not exceeding 5.50 m (18 ft.) in width, 30.0 m (98 ft. 5 in.) in length and 4.50 m (14 ft. 9 in.) in height are permitted restricted weekend travel and restricted Holiday travel, on multi-lane divided highways only.
13. Loads outside of the parameters listed above are not permitted to travel at nighttime, weekends or on Holidays.
14. Travel at nighttime is not permitted for any vehicle with a GVW exceeding 62,500 kg or for any vehicle with a GVW less than 62,500 kg that requires traffic control.
15. Additional time restrictions may also be stipulated.

C. ESCORTS REQUIRED

16. ON 2-LANE HIGHWAYS:

- i. At the FRONT of loads exceeding 3.65 m (12 ft.) in width.
- ii. At the FRONT and REAR of loads exceeding 4.88 m (16 ft.) in width.
- iii. At the REAR of loads exceeding 27.5 m (90 ft.) in length.

17. ON MULTI-LANE DIVIDED HIGHWAYS:

- i. At the REAR of loads exceeding 3.05 m (10 ft.) in width, for nighttime travel only.
- ii. At the REAR of loads exceeding 3.65 m (12 ft.) in width.
- iii. At the REAR of loads exceeding 30.0 m (98 ft. 5 in.) in length.

18. ON ALL HIGHWAYS:

- i. At the FRONT of loads with FRONT overhangs exceeding 3.05 m (10 ft.)

- ii. At the REAR of loads with REAR overhangs exceeding 3.05 m (10 ft.)
19. Additional escorts may also be stipulated.
20. When proceeding at a speed greater than 50 km/h, escorts must maintain a distance of not more than 300 m (984 ft.) or less than 250 m (820 ft.) from the vehicle conveying the load.
21. When proceeding at a speed of less than 50 km/h, escorts must maintain a distance of 150 m (492 ft.) from the vehicle conveying the load.
22. Escort vehicles are limited to 2 axles and maximum GVW of 8,000 kgs.

D. EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

23. 360° amber warning light required at the front of vehicle conveying load, and on roof of escorts:
- i. Minimum visibility of 300 m (984 ft.) in all directions.
 - ii. 60 to 90 flashes per minute.
 - iii. Minimum mounting height is 1.5 m (5 ft.) from the highway.
 - iv. More than one light may be required to provide 360° visibility around the vehicle.
24. Bright fluorescent red or orange flags 40 cm x 40 cm minimum (16 in. x 16 in.) must be at the extremities of all overwidth and overlength loads.
25. Flashing amber lights, visible from a distance of 150 m (492 ft.), are required on extremities of loads exceeding 3.65 m (12 ft.) in width, or 27.5 m (90 ft.) in length, on front overhangs exceeding 100 cm (3 ft. 3 in.).
26. "D PANEL" signs must be legible at least 125 m (410 ft.) must be displayed as follows:
- i. on FRONT of leading escort vehicle and on REAR of following escort vehicle.
 - ii. on FRONT and REAR of vehicle when width exceeds 3.05 m (10 ft.).
 - iii. on REAR of vehicle when transporting overlength loads.
 - iv. on REAR of vehicle when rear overhang exceeds 200 cm (6 ft. 6 in.).
 - v. on FRONT of vehicle when front overhang exceeds 100 cm (3 ft. 3 in.).

D-PANEL signs are only to be displayed when an oversize move is in progress.

NOTE: "D PANEL" signs are to be constructed as per diagrams in NBDOT NOTICE TO TRANSPORTERS OF OVERSIZE AND/OR OVERWEIGHT INDIVISIBLE LOADS/VEHICLES

27. Reflective tape is required on both sides of front overhang exceeding 100 cm (3 ft. 3 in.), and rear overhang exceeding 200 cm (6 ft. 6 in.), for night travel only.

E. GENERAL

28. This permit does not release the holder from responsibility for damages caused as a result of the conveyance of permitted loads.
29. This permit shall be carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles conveying the load and is subject to inspection and revocation by a Peace Officer.
30. All traffic rules of the road or other safety requirements deemed necessary by a Peace Officer must be obeyed.
31. Operators of vehicles conveying load must not permit the accumulation of vehicles behind load such that the normal flow of traffic is impeded. Operator must slow down, pull over, stop, or otherwise allow vehicles to pass.
32. Operators of vehicles conveying load must maintain at least 500 m (1,640 ft.) between other vehicles conveying loads.
33. This permit is not valid when highway conditions make it dangerous to convey permitted loads and, in any event, if visibility is less than 300 m (984 ft.)
34. This permit is not valid for conveyance of loads upon highways, roads or streets within the jurisdiction or control of a municipality.
35. When the height of the load exceeds 4.88 m (16 ft.) the permit holder must contact utilities at least three days in advance of the move regarding clearance of overhead wires.
36. This permit does not authorize vehicle component manufacturer's ratings to be exceeded.

F. Violation Procedures

- i. Any vehicle that is found to be violating the terms of a Special Permit issued under Section 261 of the MVA shall have the permit revoked. For example, a vehicle that is over its permitted mass shall be charged under 359 of the MVA and assessed a

penalty for the amount of over mass. A violation will be issued as per the weight enforcement Policy 6.00.

- ii. A vehicle that is found to be in excess of its permitted dimensions may be charged under Section 261(4) and 251(1) of the MVA.
- iii. The vehicle in violation must obtain proper permits before being allowed to proceed.
- iv. HSE officers are requested not to be over zealous when laying multiple charges, each situation should be judged on its own set of circumstances. HSE officers are also required to take into consideration other policies that impact on their decision making.

Example: Policy 6.00, Weight enforcement, requires officers to charge on the largest amount of the over mass.

- v. In the event that a violation is detected, and the violator advises HSE that the municipal/regional police or the RCMP had sanctioned the move, prior to initiating any action, the particulars of the alleged violation are to be reported to the immediate Sergeant or Duty Sergeant by way of an Occurrence Report (Form 3839) or, if it is a serious infraction, by telephone to the Sergeant or Duty Sergeant to determine what course of action is to be taken.
- vi. Unlawful oversize loaded or coupled vehicle contrary to Regulation 2001-67 <http://www.gnb.ca/0062/regs/2001-67.htm>

G. Sections:

251(1) Unlawfully oversize, loaded or couples vehicle \$292.50

Contrary to regulation 2001 - 67, sections:

- 4(1) width exceeding 2.60 m
- 5 height exceeding 4.15 m
- 6(1) length exceeding 12.50 m, 2, 3 or 4 axles, single motor vehicle
- 6(2) combination of vehicles couples together that consists of more than 2 units
- 6(3) length exceeding 23.00 m, on a combination of vehicles including the overhang
- 6(5) front overhang exceeding 1.0 m
- 6(7) rear overhang exceeding 2.0 m