

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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WHAT WE DO:



The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has discretionary authority with respect to highways under its jurisdiction and may, upon application and if good cause appears, issue a special permit to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile equipment of a size or weight of vehicle or load exceeding the maximum limitations specified in the California Vehicle Code. The Caltrans Transportation Permits Issuance Branch is responsible for the issuance of these special transportation permits for oversize/overweight vehicles on the State Highway System.

Click here for permit [Application Forms and Accompaniments](#).

Main phone: (916) 322-1297 Single Trip Fax: (916) 322-4966 Annual Fax: (916) 445-0469	Transportation Permits Issuance Branch 1823 14th Street Sacramento, CA 95811-7119 OFFICE HOURS: 8 AM - 5 PM, Monday-Friday (Closed State Holidays; OPEN ML King Day, Cesar Chavez Day & Veterans Day) WALK-IN COUNTER SERVICE: 8 AM - 3 PM Monday-Friday (Closed on all State Holidays) AFTER HOUR EMERGENCY: Emergency Permit Procedures
For information on non-Caltrans permits, such as, trip permits, motor carrier permits, and fuel tax permits, see the purple "Topics" table, Topic #1 "Truck Operations" on the "Legal Truck Access" website.	

Caltrans is proud to release **STARS2**, its new web-based permit application system. [Read more about it here in the formal announcement \(.pdf\)](#). [Go to the new STARS2 webpage for more information.](#)

Do you need a Motorsport Permit? [Find out online with a simple 3-step Q&A.](#)

Effective January 01, 2015, SB 1175 will extend the current motorsports exemption and would require a permit issued by the Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

The bill language is posted on the California Legislative Information website at: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov>, or view [SB1175 here](#).

HOW TO APPLY FOR AN OVERSIZE OR OVERWEIGHT PERMIT:

1	ELIGIBILITY	To be eligible for an oversize or overweight (or "extralegal") permit, the main criterion is that the load be non-reducible, that is, that it cannot be reduced down and transported in a legal vehicle.
2	SINGLE-TRIP PERMIT APPLICATION	1 - Click on " Application Forms and Accompaniments ." 2 - Select the single-trip application and the appropriate accompaniments. 3 - Click on " Interactive Application Instructions " and open the single-trip instructions.

		<p>4 - Fill out the application electronically or by hand. 5 - Fax the application to the fax number to the right.</p> <p>Single-Trip Contact Info: Phone: (916) 322-1297, Fax: (916) 322-4966</p>
3	ANNUAL PERMIT APPLICATION	<p>1 - Click on "Application Forms and Accompaniments." 2 - Select the annual application and the appropriate accompaniments. 3 - Click on "Interactive Application Instructions" and open the annual instructions. 4 - Fill out the application electronically or by hand. 5 - Fax the application to the fax number to the right.</p> <p>Annual Contact Info: Phone: (916) 322-4958, Fax: (916) 445-0469</p>
4	STARS	The Caltrans Single-Trip Application and Routing System (STARS) is an automated method for customers to obtain single-trip extralegal permits. Permit users are eligible to receive the STARS software. The STARS program significantly improves turnaround time for customers.
5	VARIANCE LOADS	<p>Variance permits are for vehicles over 15 feet in width, 17 feet or more in height, over 135 feet in length, or on special hauling equipment which exceeds the Department's standard method of weight classification.</p> <p>Variance Contact Info: Phone: (916) 323-2893, Fax: (916) 322-1505</p>
6	QUESTIONS	<p>For questions about oversize and overweight permits, you may call the Permits office or click on: Permits Office Contacts.</p> <p>Permits Info: Phone: (916) 322-1297</p>
7	LEGAL (NON-PERMITTED) SIZE & WEIGHT	<p>If it's determined that you are not eligible for an extralegal permit, you may contact Caltrans Legal Truck Access Branch staff to discuss legal truck size and weight requirements.</p> <p>Legal Truck Access Contact Info: Phone (916) 654-5741</p>

TRAVEL ALERTS

1	PERMANENT TRUCK BAN ON SR 2 : Rte 2 between I-210 (City of La Canada Flintridge) and County Route N4 (Big Pines Highway).
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EMERGENCY CLOSURES

WEEKLY SHORT TERM RESTRICTIONS

[12-14-2015 Weekly Short Term Restrictions Update for Annual Permit Holders \(.pdf\)](#)

[12-07-2015 Weekly Short Term Restrictions Update for Annual Permit Holders \(.pdf\)](#)

RELATED DOCUMENTS

[Request for Policy Exception \(.pdf\)](#)

[Route Classification Checklist \(.pdf\)](#)

[Red Route Summary Table Revision Checklist \(.pdf\)](#)

[Request for Equipment Review \(.pdf\)](#)

[Route Classification Guide \(.pdf\)](#)

Forms to Change Clearances or Bridge Weight Rating: (forms can be filled out electronically using Adobe Acrobat)

[TR-0019: Notice of Change of Clearance or Bridge Weight Rating -- Divided Highway \(Including K-RAIL\) \(Revised 11/2014\) \(.pdf\)](#)

[TR-0029: Notice of Change of Clearance or Bridge Weight Rating -- Non-Divided Highway \(Including K-RAIL\) \(Revised 11/2014\) \(.pdf\)](#)

[TR-0020: Notice of Change in Vertical or Horizontal Clearance \(OVERHEAD SIGNS ONLY\) \(Revised 11/2014\) \(.pdf\)](#)

POLICY CLARIFICATION NOTICE: PLATFORM TRAILERS AND REPETITIVE PERMITS:

Over the last couple of years, there seems to be some confusion about the application on two of the California Department of Transportation's (Department's) policies: use of platform trailers and Repetitive Permit. The following is provided to clarify these policies and ensure consistent interpretation and application.

Platform Trailers

The California Department of Transportation's long standing policy is conventional trailers must be used when possible on California highways. This policy was discussed and agreed to by representatives of the trucking industry through the Caltrans Advisory Committee (CAC), more than 10 years ago.

However, platform trailers may be allowed only as the last resort in situations where conventional hauling equipment cannot be used. Approval to use platform type trailers requires a policy exemption. The customer is responsible for explaining why conventional hauling equipment cannot be used and providing supporting documentation.

Policy exemptions are considered on a case-by-case basis. If an exemption to use platform trailers is approved, the customer will be required to mitigate the impacts that platform trailers may have on California highways. This may include the following costs:

1. Perform and assess current roadway condition (e.g. coring sample)
2. Provide pavement analysis (stamped by a registered civil engineer)
3. Provide restitution for the reduction in pavement service-life
4. Provide protection for highway and bridge facilities (e.g. steel plating, blanket of asphalt concrete, etc...)
5. Provide monitoring of pavement conditions during the move
6. Restore state facilities to pre-move condition

To request a policy exemption, please refer to the following link:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/permits/pdf_documents/policy/excreqchk.pdf.

All requests must be supported with documentation detailing or outlining the steps that the customer has taken to comply with California's laws and the Department's oversize and overweight policies.

Repetitive Permit

Repetitive trip permits are available for hauling non-reducible loads up to the following dimensions:

Height = 14' - 6" max.
Width = 12' - 0" max.
Length = 90' - 0" max.

Repetitive permits hauling loads are only valid for one-way travel from Point A to Point B.

Another permit might be required for the return trip if the unladen vehicle is of extralegal size.

Repetitive permits are valid for **90** days.

Repetitive permits are not available for variance loads.

Contact [Permits staff](#) for questions about transportation permits.

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