## LEGAL LIMITS

NOTE: Ministry insisted on a range rather than a specific amount of weight be given. Specific amount would have to be predicated on amount of axle spacing, as well as the tire ratings and sizes.

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The maximum load authorized for an axle class is the lowest of the three following values:

- The total capacity of all tires in the same axle class,
- The front-axle capacity (PNBE),
- The load limit of the axle class, depending on the time of the year (normal or spring thaw).

The authorized total loaded mass for a truck or a combination vehicle is the lower of the two following values:

- The sum of the maximum loads authorized for each axle class, depending on the time of the year (normal or spring thaw),
- The maximum total loaded mass limit for the class of vehicle or combination vehicle.

## PERMIT LIMITS

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5 axles 145,500 lbs. (66,000 kg)
6 axles 158,730 lbs. (72,000 kg)
7 axles 163,140 lbs. (74,000 kg)
PERMIT RESTRICTIONS

General - Permits are valid for 7 consecutive days excluding Sunday. In Québec, two sets of regulations apply to trucking: Québec legislation applies to movements within Québec's borders and federal legislation applies to movements extending beyond its borders.

The Ministère des Transports du Québec is responsible for the following:

Operation of trucks on the road network
Infractions
Load and size limits
Special permits (Authorization)
Norms for securing loads
Transport of dangerous substances
Transport of bulk materials
The Act respecting owners and operators of heavy vehicles
Harmonization of trucking regulations in North America

Refer to the Vehicle Load and Size Limits Guide for additional information.

Insurance - Required of vehicle and load, but does not need to be on file with the provincial office.

Weekend/Night Travel – Weekend moves are allowed for all permit types with certain restrictions on dimensions. Weekend moves also have restrictions during summer months.

Saturdays and Sundays:
Moves Allowed
Oversize/overweight moves are allowed all day Saturday and Sunday for dimensions that do not exceed the following dimensions:
width of 3.70 m on two lane highways and 3.85 m on multi-lane highways
length no greater than 25 m for combination vehicles and 12.5 m for single vehicles
height maximum 4.26 m
weight no greater than 63,500 kg.
Sunday Restrictions in Summer Months
Sunday travel is not permitted between noon and midnight during the restricted summer months of June, July, August (Southern Ontario) and July and August (Northern Ontario) for any oversize/overweight vehicles and/or loads.

Fridays:
Moves Allowed
Overdimensional moves are allowed all day for all dimensions except during summer restrictions.
Friday Restrictions in Summer Months
Travel is not permitted between 3:00 pm and midnight during the restricted summers months of June, July, August (Southern Ontario) and July and August (Northern Ontario) for any oversize/overweight vehicles and/or loads.

Exceptions
Travel between 3:00 pm and midnight on Fridays during summer restrictions may be permitted for vehicles and/or loads with heights up to, and including, 4.26 m and overall weight not exceeding 63,500 kg.

Night moves are allowed for all permit types with certain restrictions provided that all conspicuity requirements are met.
Criteria 1: Overlength/Overwidth
Moves allowed: Night moves are allowed for vehicles and loads up to, and including, 3.05 m wide and 25 m long.
Routes: Night moves are restricted to multi-lane controlled access highways with a median. The lane width on these types of highways is 3.75 m.

Criteria 2: Overheight/Overweight
Moves allowed: Night moves are allowed for vehicles and loads up to, and including, 4.26 m high and 63,500 kg.
Routes: All King's highways.

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Conditions For Both Criteria Night moves are allowed for all permit types with certain restrictions provided that all conspicuity requirements are met.

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Conspicuity Requirements: Conspicuity requirements must be met during a night move. These requirements consist of the extremities being marked with a solid amber lamp(s) visible in the front and rear, conforming to SAE Code P2 or P3 with markings to appear on the lamp(s), and a retro-reflective "D" sign must be present.

Weather Conditions: Night moves are restricted when inclement weather conditions prevail. Inclement weather is described as the following:

**Holiday** – Oversize/overweight moves are allowed for all permit types on statutory holidays, and the preceding day of a statutory holiday, with restrictions.

Statutory Holiday:
New Year’s Day
Family Day
Good Friday (Easter)
Victoria Day
Canada Day
August Civic Holiday
Labour Day
Thanksgiving
Christmas Day
Boxing Day

Preceding day means the day before a statutory holiday restriction. If the statutory holiday is a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, the preceding day is the Friday. If the statutory holiday is on any other day of the week, the preceding day is the day before the holiday.

Oversize/overweight moves are allowed all day on the preceding day of a statutory holiday for dimensions that **do not exceed** the following dimensions:
width of 3.70 m on two lane highways and 3.85 m on multi-lane highways
length no greater than 25 m for combination vehicles and 12.50 m for single vehicles
height maximum 4.26 m
weight no greater than 63,500 kg.

**Inclement Weather** - "No travel is allowed when road conditions, weather conditions, or visibility make traveling hazardous to the operator or to the driving public. Conditions shall be deemed to be hazardous upon any accumulation of ice or snow on the roadway or if the continuous use of windshield wipers is required. Vehicles that are underway when inclement weather occurs shall exit the road at the first available location and park in a safe place until the weather and road conditions clear."

Authorized load limits are reduced during the spring thaw period in order to take into account the weaker load bearing capacity of the road network during that period.

**Permit Information Required** - Name and address of carrier; tractor year, make, license number, state registered; trailer year, make, license number, state registered; overall width, length, height, and weight; if overweight — axle weights, spacings, and tire size; origin and destination of load; routes to be traveled; owner of tractor; owner of load.

**PERMIT TYPES**

General Permit – good for one month to a year with no specific route.

Specific Permit – good for 7 consecutive days with a specific route including the return trip on the same route.
Project – A project permit is issued to allow contractors to move similar loads, objects and structures over the same specified route for a period of up to, and including 6 months, depending on the duration of the contract.

Special Vehicle Configuration - Special Vehicle Configuration permits are issued for vehicles that vary from the requirements of the HTA and regulations. The purpose of Special Vehicle Configuration permits is to harmonize configurations, weights and dimensions applicable to a class of vehicles with those of any other jurisdiction; to allow for a trial of a vehicle; or to allow for a variance from a limit within a specific geographical area.

FEES

The ministère des Transports wishes to inform holders of special travel permits issued under section 633 of the Québec Highway Safety Code that the costs of the permits will slightly increase as of January 1, 2012.

The Financial Administration Act provides for an adjustment, on January 1 of each year, of fees set by the Government, a government body or a government department, when the said fees were not set or otherwise increased during the preceding year. Consequently, on November 9, 2011, the ministère des Finances du Québec announced that the indexing rate applicable to the fees subject to indexing as of January 1, 2012, would be 2.66%. This indexing rate corresponds to the change (expressed as a percentage) in the Québec consumer price index, as calculated by Statistics Canada.

As of January 1, 2012, permit and administration fees will increase. The rounding off rule that was selected to adjust the costs is as follows:
• When the fee is equal to or greater than $10, but lower than $25, it is rounded to the closest multiple of $0.10;
• When the fee is equal to or greater than $100, it is rounded to the closest multiple of $1.

For example, a permit which costs $152, plus $10.10 in administration fees, will cost $162.10. For a total of $166.40. The enclosed schedule details the costs for permits in 2011 and the adjusted costs for 2012.

For more information on special permits or on load and size limits for vehicles, consult the website of the ministère des Transports du Québec at www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca.

$300
$200
prices vary, see below
$50

$100
$150
$200
$500

refer to HTA s110.1 (10)
A $5.00 fee is applied to each single trip permit that is faxed long distance.

See the Guide to the Regulation Respecting Special Permits for more specific information.
ESCORTS AND SIGNS

Labeling — As indicated on special hauling permit.

Escort Vehicles and Personnel —

Width: 12'3" 1 escort required; over 14'6" 2 required
Length: 55'9" 1 escort required; 90'1" 1 escort required; 27.5m for 90'2" for 2 vehicles; 30m for 98'5" for combination of 3 vehicles.
Height: 14'9" (4m50) 1 escort required
Weight: no provisions

Night travel may require 1 escort.

One escort is to precede load on any two or four lane highways, and one escort is to follow load on any main highway. Should any escorts be required for length, height, or weight, provisions will be so indicated on permit.

Police Escort Requirements —

Police escort is required when the outsized vehicle or combination of outsized vehicles is in one of the following situations:

The width:
_ exceeds 5.55 metres and the vehicle travels during the day on the whole network or 5 metres if the vehicle travels at night on the whole network;
_ exceeds 6 metres and the vehicle travels at night on the whole network. In this case, an escort of at least two police vehicles is required.

The length:
_ exceeds 49 metres and the vehicle travels during the day and at night on the whole network or 40 metres if the vehicle travels at night on roads other than autoroutes;
_ is between 45 and 49 metres and the outsized vehicle travels during the day on uneven or winding roads that have only one traffic lane in the direction travelled by the vehicle;
_ exceeds 55 metres and the vehicle travels during the day on the whole network (in this case an escort of at least two police vehicles is required);
_ exceeds 40 metres, the rear overhang is over 6 metres and the vehicle travels during the day and at night on roads other than autoroutes.

The height:
_ exceeds 5 metres.

Other circumstances:
_ the weight requires a significant reduction of speed on certain structures;
_ the vehicle travels in convoy.

An additional front escort vehicle equipped with a signal arrow light is required when the outsized vehicle or combination of outsized vehicles is in one of the following situations:

The width:
_ exceeds 5 metres and the vehicle travels on the whole network, but not on undivided autoroutes.

The length:
_ exceeds 40 metres and the vehicle travels on the whole network, but not on divided autoroutes;
_ the load or equipment exceeds 6 metres at the rear of the vehicle, and the vehicle travels on the whole network, but not on autoroutes.

Other circumstances:
_ the vehicle travels in convoy.

An additional rear escort vehicle equipped with a signal arrow light is required when the outsized vehicle or combination of outsized vehicles is in one of the following situations:
The width:
_ exceeds 5 metres and the vehicle travels on the whole network.

The length:
_ exceeds 40 metres and the vehicle travels on the whole network;
_ the load or equipment exceeds 6 metres at the rear of the vehicle, and the vehicle travels on the whole network.

Other circumstances:
_ the weight requires a significant reduction of speed on certain structures;
_ the vehicle travels in convoy on the whole network.

**NOTE**
Further to the feasibility analysis, the Ministère reserves the right to require one or more police or private escort vehicles in situations other than those mentioned above. Justification for the requirement will be provided to the permit applicant. In exceptional cases or very specific circumstances, the Ministère can decide not to request the police or private escort vehicles that would normally have been required.

**FINES**
As indicated in Highway Safety Code.

**RESTRICTED TRAVEL**
Vehicles and/or loads travelling under a single trip or project permit are subject to a congested traffic condition when travelling in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).
The condition below applies to all single trip and project permits with dimensions that exceed the following dimensions:

width of 3.70 m on single highways, 3.85 m on multi-lane highways
length exceeding 25 m
height exceeding 4.26 m
weight in excess of 63,500 kg.

Condition:
This permit is not valid for vehicles travelling in the directions entering the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) between the hours of 7:00am to 9:30am and vehicles travelling in the directions exiting the GTA between the hours of 3:30pm to 6:30pm in the area described as being west of Thickson Rd (Hwy 401); south of King Road (Hwy 400) or Stouffville Road (Hwy 404); and east of Trafalgar Road (Hwy 401), Hwy 8 (Hwy403) to junction 403/407ETR/QEW (QEW).

This permit is not valid for vehicles travelling in the directions exiting the GTA between the hours of 7:00 to 9:30 am, and vehicles travelling in the directions entering the GTA between the hours of 3:30 to 6:30pm in the area described as being west of Whites Road (Hwy 401); south of King Road (Hwy 400) or Stouffville Road (Hwy 404); and east of Hwy 10 (Hwy 401) or Bronte Road (QEW).

Designated Area

G.T.A. Restrictions
Outlined Area — Inbound A.M. and Outbound P.M.

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South Limit  Highway 2 (Lakeshore Road) All travel restricted on:  Highway's 427, 410, 403 (Mississauga Loop)

A.M. time restrictions are 7:00 - 9:30 a.m. P.M. time restrictions are 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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**PORTS OF ENTRY**

Not noted

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**PERMIT ORDERING**

Application forms must be completed in full and may be submitted by fax, e-mail, mail or in person at an Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Permit Issuing Office. [Permit application forms and guidelines](#) for completing the application are available on the ministry website. You can also visit an Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) [Permit Issuing Office](#).

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**SPECIAL NOTES**

**Recent Changes** – None noted.

**Pending Changes** – None noted.