

**INFORMATION RELATING TO
MOVING OVERSIZE LOAD/OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES
ON BRUCE COUNTY ROADS**

The Highways Traffic Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P. 50, limits the size and weight of loaded vehicles traveling on Highways including County Roads. Under certain conditions and circumstances permits may be issued permitting the moving of loaded vehicles, which exceed the legal size and/or weight. (Bruce County By-law #2630).

The following information is to assist persons wishing to make application to County of Bruce for permission to travel Bruce County roads with an oversize load/overweight vehicle. The information below applies only to Bruce County roads and it is the responsibility of the Owner and/or Mover to obtain approval from the Ministry of Transportation Ontario and or local road authorities where moves require travel on Provincial Highways and/or local roads.

Overweight Permits WILL NOT be issued during MARCH-APRIL or other periods when road bases are potentially soft.

Generally, the Highway Traffic Act requires that a permit be obtained for widths in excess of 2.6 m (8'6").

Application forms are available in person, by fax or email by contacting the Bruce County Highways Department, 30 Park Street, Walkerton.
Tel. 519-881-2400 Fax 519-507-3030 or email your request for a permit application to cthibaudeau@brucecounty.on.ca

A. SINGLE TRIP OVERSIZE LOAD/OVERWEIGHT APPLICATION AND PERMIT: (FORM M1) For loads and vehicles **NOT** greater than 3.75m (12.3 ft) in width

1. The application and permit is contained on Form M1.
2. Police escort NOT required but wide load signs must be used and possibly escort vehicles should be used.
3. A \$50.00 Permit Fee is required.
4. Moving times – daylight hours only – Monday to Friday, and not on Statutory Holidays.
5. Where heights exceed 4.15 meters (13.6 ft) approval is required from utility companies. (See reverse side of permit)

B. SINGLE TRIP OVERSIZE MOVING APPLICATION AND PERMIT (FORM M2) For loads and vehicles in EXCESS of 3.75 meters (12.3 ft) in width

1. The application is made on the front of Form M2 and upon receipt of the application and necessary information the County shall prepare the permit on the back of Form M2.
2. A \$50.00 Permit Fee is required.
3. Depending on the width of the load, private escort vehicle (s) or Police escort(s) will be required. For loads between 3.75 meters (12.3 ft) and 4.9 meters (16.0 ft) the Mover must provide either a Police escort(s) or a private escort vehicle(s) as follows:

- a) The escort vehicle(s) must not be operated by a person less than 18 years of age.
 - b) The escort vehicle(s) shall have a wheelbase length of not less than 2.65 meters and shall be equipped with an amber flashing roof light visible from the front and rear for a distance of at least 150 meters and shall precede on a two lane highway at a distance of 60 to 150 meters and shall bear a sign clearly visible for a distance of at least 150 meters. This sign shall read **“CAUTION OVERSIZE LOAD FOLLOWS”** in black letters at least 200mm high with lines forming the letters at least 30mm wide on a yellow background. The sign to be removed or covered when not in use.
 - c) All units, including the escort vehicle(s) will be operated with headlights on, when traveling on a highway.
4. For loads in excess of 4.9 meters (16.0 ft) a written statement from the O.P.P. verifying the Police escort is available must accompany this application. It is the applicant’s responsibility to notify the O.P.P. and arrange the Police escort at least 7 days in advance of the move.
 5. Moving times may be made during daylight hours, except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, and except when in congested areas between the hours of 7:00 A.M. TO 9:30 A.M. or between the hours of 4:00 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M. Moves must not be carried out in periods of limited visibility.
 6. Where heights exceed 4.15 meters (13.6 ft) approval is required from Utility companies. (See reverse side of permit)
 7. Mover must provide written proof of liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000.00.
 8. Changes in moving dates will require a new date approval from the Police and Utility companies if they are involved.
 9. It is the mover’s responsibility to ensure the route selected is suitable.

C. ANNUAL OVERSIZE LOAD APPLICATION AND PERMIT (Form M1)

For loads and vehicles **NOT** greater than 3.75 meters (12.3 ft) in width

1. The application and permit is contained on Form M1.
2. Police escort is NOT required but wide load signs must be used and possibly escort vehicles should be used.
3. A \$150.00 Permit Fee is required.
4. Moving Times – Daylight Hours Only.
5. Height must not exceed 4.15 meters (13.6 ft).

D. ANNUAL OVERSIZE LOAD APPLICATION AND PERMIT (Form M2)

For loads and vehicles **greater** than 3.75 meters (12.3 ft) and **NOT** greater than 4.9 meters (16.0 ft) in width.

1. The application is made on the front of Form M2 and upon receipt of the application and necessary information the County shall prepare the permit on the back of Form M2.
2. A \$250.00 Permit Fee is required.
3. Only allowed on certain pre-selected County roads.
4. The Mover must provide either a Police escort(s) or a private escort vehicle(s) as follows:

- a) The escort vehicle(s) must not be operated by a person less than 18 years of age.
 - b) The escort vehicle(s) shall have a wheelbase length of not less than 2.65 meters and shall be equipped with an amber flashing roof light visible from the front and rear for a distance of at least 150 meters and shall precede on a two lane highway at a distance of 60 to 150 meters and shall bear a sign clearly visible for a distance of at least 150 meters. This sign shall read **“CAUTION OVERSIZE LOAD FOLLOWS”** in black letters at least 200mm high with lines forming the letters at least 30mm wide on a yellow background. The sign to be removed or covered when not in use.
 - c) All units, including the escort vehicle(s) will be operated with headlights on, when traveling on a highway.
5. Moving times shall be made during daylight hours only, except on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, and except when in congested areas between the hours of 7:00 A.M. TO 9:30 A.M. or between the hours of 4:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Moves must not be carried out in periods of limited visibility.
 6. Where heights exceed 4.15 meters (13.6 ft) approval is required from Utility companies. (See reverse side of permit form)
 7. Mover must provide written proof of liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000.00
 8. It is the mover's responsibility to ensure the route selected is suitable.

For clarification of any of the above information, contact

Bruce County Highways Department
(519) 881-2400