

Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability

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**Current Overweight Truck
Regulations/2009 Introduced Legislation**



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HB 1752 Weight limits for gravel trucks, coal haulers, etc.; extends sunset provision thereon.

Weight limits for gravel trucks. Extends until July 1, 2010, the sunset on the statute granting trucks hauling gravel, sand, or crushed stone no more than 50 miles from origin to destination in counties that impose a severance tax on coal and gases the same weight limits prescribed for coal trucks. The bill also allows the same overweight permits for trucks hauling coal and coal byproducts to electricity-generation facilities as trucks hauling coal to a loading dock or railroad. The bill also sets an annual overweight vehicle fee for tank wagons. This bill incorporates [HB 1622](#) and HB 2185.

HB 1622 Weight limits for gravel trucks; repeals sunset provision on statute.

Weight limits for gravel trucks. Repeals the July 1, 2009, sunset on the statute granting trucks hauling gravel, sand, or crushed stone no more than 50 miles from origin to destination in counties that impose a severance tax on coal and gases the same weight limits prescribed for coal trucks. This bill was incorporated into [HB 1752](#).

HB 2185 Weight limits for gravel trucks; extends sunset provision on.

Weight limits for gravel trucks. Extends for two more years the July 1, 2009, sunset on the statute granting trucks hauling gravel, sand, or crushed stone no more than 50 miles from origin to destination in counties that impose a severance tax on coal and gases, the same weight limits prescribed for coal trucks. This bill was incorporated into [HB 1752](#).



Current overweight truck regulations/2009 introduced legislation

HB 2319 Overload and overweight permits; revises fees.

Overload and overweight permits; fees. Revises the fees for vehicle overload and overweight permits to conform to recommendations of the Virginia Transportation Research Council.

SB 1048 Temporary vehicle registrations and overload and overweight permits; revises fees.

Temporary vehicle registrations; overload and overweight permits; fees. Revises the fees for temporary vehicle registrations and vehicle overload and overweight permits.

SB 1500 Overload and overweight permits; to establish a new schedule of fees.

Overload and overweight permits; fees. Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board, in consultation with the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, to establish a new schedule of fees for issuance of overweight and overload vehicle permits. Such fees shall not apply to all vehicles hauling cargoes subject to a coal or gas severance tax.



Size/Weight Permits in Virginia

- Overload Permits
- Exempt Hauling Permits
- Irreducible Load Hauling Permits

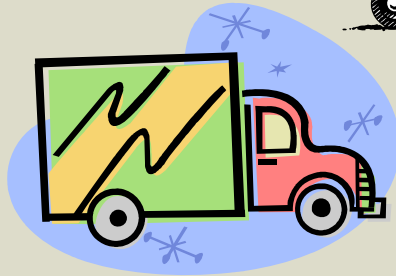


Statutes regarding overload and overweight vehicles

- § 46.2-1128 allows an owner of a motor vehicle to purchase an overload permit to exceed legal weight limits by up to 5%
 - Fees, based on a percentage of the vehicle's legal axle weight, range from \$35 to \$200
 - § 46.2-1129 allows growers of Virginia-grown farm or forest products to obtain an additional 5% overload permit free of charge for a total of 10% extension in weight limits
- § 46.2-1139 authorizes the issuance of over dimensional permits
- §§ 46.2-1141 through 46.2-1149.5 authorize the issuance of exempt blanket permits
- § 46.2-652 provides that certain overload and overweight vehicle operators can purchase temporary registration permits
 - \$0.10 per mile for single trips,
 - \$40 for an annual (blanket) permit



Overload Permits Issued Pursuant to Section 46.2-1128 & 46.2-1129



- Overload Permits issued under §§ 46.2-1128 and 46.2-1129 (in Article 17)
- They are offered to any vehicle that wants to haul more product and gives an extension to those vehicles that are hauling Virginia grown forest or farm products.
- These permits are purchased at any DMV Customer Service Center when the vehicle is registered.

– 1%	\$5	4%	\$160
– 2%	\$75	5%	\$200
– 3%	\$115		
- The customer gets a decal noting the percentage overload they purchased that is displayed on the truck.
- These permits are not valid on the interstate system



Legislatively Exempt Hauling Permits 46.2-1141 through 46.2-1149.5

- Permits issued for reducible loads are issued by the Hauling Permit Office at DMV's Central Office as provided in §§ 46.2-1142 through 46.2-1149.5.
- They are issued pursuant to the authority in § 46.2-1139 which gives Virginia and local authorities of cities and towns the authority to issue permits.
- These legislatively exempt permits increase the axle and gross weights of certain vehicles (guidelines determined by General Assembly).
- These extensions are not valid on the interstate highway system because they are reducible loads (see Federal and State Code reference).

Approx. 11,000 Legislative Exempt Permits issued per Year



Exempt Hauling Permits

- **§46.2-1141** Overweight permits for containerized freight.
- **§46.2-1142** Overweight permits for concrete haulers
- **§46.2-1143** Overweight permits for coal haulers; trucks hauling gravel, sand, crushed stone, or liquids produced from gas or oil wells in certain counties.
- **§46.2-1143.1** Overweight permits for haulers of excavated material.
- **§46.2-1144** Overweight permits for solid waste haulers.
- **§46.2-1144.1** Overweight permits for tank wagons. (Currently \$45 Admin plus \$265 road damage fee)
- **§46.2-1145** Overweight permits for certain trucks operated by Arlington County.
- **§46.2-1146** Excess height and length permits for haulers of certain imported goods.
- **§46.2-1147** Permits for excessive size and weight for articulated buses.
- **§46.2-1148** Overweight permits for hauling Virginia-grown farm produce.
- **§46.2-1149** Unladen, oversize and overweight, rubber-tired, self-propelled haulers and loaders; permits; engineering analysis; costs.
- **§46.2-1149.1** Excess tandem axle weight permits for cotton module haulers.
- **§46.2-1149.2** Permits authorizing transportation of tree-length logs.
- **§46.2-1149.4** Overweight permits for specialized mobile equipment.
- **§46.2-1149.5** Overweight permits for underground pipe cleaning, hydro-excavating, and water blasting equipment. (Currently \$45 Admin fee)





Containerized Freight
46.2-1141



Solid Waste
46.2-1144



Cotton Module
46.2-1149.1



Concrete
46.2-1142



Excavated Material
46.2-1143.1





**Specialized Mobile
Equipment**
46.2-1149.4



**Trucks Hauling Liquids
Produced for a Gas or Oil Well**
46.2-1143



**Coal Truck or Sand &
Gravel Truck**
46.2-1143



Tank Wagon
46.2-1144.1



Irreducible Vehicle or Load Hauling Permits

- Permits issued for irreducible Vehicle or Load are issued by the Hauling Permit Office at DMV's Central Office.
- They are issued under **§ 46.2-1139** (in Article 18) for vehicles transporting irreducible loads on the Interstate (§ 46.2-1141 because containerized cargo is considered to be irreducible) which complies with Federal Code.
- Irreducible vehicle and load type permits can be for over width, over height, over length and over weight or a combination of all dimensions.
- They are issued for a variety of items and vehicles that travel on and off interstate.
- The travel time, safety requirements, route of travel, etc. are determined by the Hauling Permit Office using the guidelines of the Hauling Permit Manual and engineering analysis performed by VDOT.



A list of some of the items we permit that typically **do not** involve weight:

- Military Vehicles (width)
- Portable Offices (Width)
- Tree length logs (Length)
- Modular Homes (Height and Width)
- Horse barns (Height and Width)
- Wall Panels (Width)
- Duct Work (Width)
- Gear Grinding Machines (Width)
- Ship Propellers (Height and Width)
- Boats (Width)
- Pools (Width)
- Roof Trusses (Length and Width)
- Steel Trusses (Length and Width)
- Electronic Breakers (Height and Width)
- Military Equipment (Width and Length)
- Military Transporters (Width and Length)
- Empty Steel Tanks (Width and Height)
- Crane booms (Width and length)
- Empty oversize trailers (Length and Width)
- Airplanes (Width) - Ship to museums and bases for static displays
- Radar Shields (Width)
- Storage Sheds (Width)

Note - items moved for width up to 28 feet wide, Length up to 275 feet and height up to 19 feet.



A list of some of the items we permit that typically **do** involve weight:

- Construction Equipment (bulldozers, backhoes, etc.)
- Storage Tanks
- Cranes
- Manufacturing Plant machinery
- Bridge beams
- Jail cells
- Items coming to and from the Ports of Virginia
- Electrical Transformers
- Large Boats
- Military Items
- Containerized Cargo
- Specialty Items





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Permit Type	Authorizing Statute	Count	Statutory Fee	FY08 Fees Collected (1)
Single	46.2-652	28,302	\$0.10 per mile	\$1,075,965.55
Blanket	46.2-652	4,573	\$40	\$674,458.33
Overload	46.2-1128	16,115	\$35-200 (2)	\$3,223,053.00
Farm products	46.2-1129 46.2-1148	52	\$0	\$0.00
Containerized cargo overweight	46.2-1141	7,386	\$0	\$0.00
Concrete haulers overweight	46.2-1142	1,589	\$0	\$0.00
Concrete haulers plus 5%	46.2-1142.1		\$35-200 (2)	Included in overload totals
Coal, sand and gravel	46.2-1143	857	\$0	\$0.00
Excavated material	46.2-1143.1	361	\$0	\$0.00
Solid waste	46.2-1144	1,071	\$0	\$0.00
Tank wagons	46.2-1144.1	53	\$800 (3)	\$44,785.00
Arlington County trucks	46.2-1145	no data	\$0	\$0.00
Articulated buses	46.2-1147	no data	\$0	\$0.00
Self propelled hauler	46.2-1149	no data	\$0	\$0.00
Cotton haulers	46.2-1149.1	24	\$0	\$0.00
Specialized equipment - well drilling	46.2-1149.4	28	\$0	\$0.00
Underground pipe cleaning, hydro-excavating	46.2-1149.5	12	\$40	\$1,580.00
Total		60,423 (4)		\$5,019,841.88

Notes:

(1) Total fees include authorized administrative fees collected by DMV. Blanket permits are issued for 3, 6, 12, and 24 month periods. Underground pipe cleaning and hydro-excavating vehicle permits are issued for one- or two-year periods. Total fees reflect permit fees collected for partial year and multi-year permits.

(2) Fees are assessed on a sliding scale based on percentage overload/overweight (e.g., 1% overload/overweight is \$35, 5% is \$200).

(3) The tank wagon fee was \$800 from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, but was reduced to \$265 on July 1, 2008.

(4) Of the 60,423 overload and overweight permits issued by DMV, approximately 10,500 were issued at no cost.

Data Source: DMV permits database.

