



Cork City Council
Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí

Transportation Division

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Abnormal Load Permit Application

(May 19)

Name of Applicant: _____

Address of Applicant: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Date of Move: _____

Description of Proposed Route: _____

Please be advised that Cork City Council reserves the right to refuse/amend the proposed route.

Particulars	Vehicle	Trailer/Load
Description		
Registration Number		
Overall Width		
Overall Height		
Overall Length		
Overall weight		
No. of Axles		
Max Axle Load		

Axle Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No. Of wheels								
Weight on Axle (T)								
Axle Spacing (m)								

I/we wish to apply for permit to use the above vehicle on the date set out, on public roads maintained by the Cork City Council as set out in this application and I/We undertake to refund to Cork City Council the amount of any damage caused to any public road or to any Council property on a public road by the use of the vehicle or trailer under the permit which may be granted as a result of this application. I/we further undertake to indemnify Cork City Council for any damage caused to property belonging to third parties and adhere to the conditions set out overleaf.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Duration of Permit Required	Fee	Please tick as appropriate
One off	€60	
One Month	€150	
Six Month	€600	

*****Please Note: If a new Reg No, Route or any details change on the original permit, a new permit will need to be applied for. This will be deemed a new permit application and the above fees will apply again.*****

Types of Permits

Garda Permit

Garda Permit applies only to designated routes, as set out under the Road Traffic (Specialised Vehicle Permits)(Amendment) Regulations 2010, i.e. major inter-urban routes and to Cork, Rosslare and Ringaskiddy ports, but subject to the following limitations, namely that;

- the combined weight of the vehicle and load does not exceed the maximum limits set out in the Road Traffic (Construction and Use of Vehicles) Regulations 2003, as amended,
- The vehicle/load does not exceed 27.4m in length
- The vehicle/load does not exceed 4.3m in width
- The vehicle/load does not exceed 4.65m in height

Further information is available on the Garda website www.garda.ie

Local Authority Permit

A Local Authority Permit is required for all roads, (including roads designated under the Road Traffic (Specialised Vehicle Permits)(Amendment) Regulations 2010 for Garda Permits, for vehicles and loads which do not qualify under the Garda Permit Scheme, and in either or all of the following cases:

- the weight and dimensions of the vehicle exceed the maximum permissible limits set out in the Road Traffic (Construction & use of Vehicles) Regulations 2003, as amended and/or
- The vehicle/load exceeds 4.65m in height

Conditions

Statutory Bodies:

1. Prior to making an application for a Permit, the applicant shall give to the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána, at least five clear working days notice of such application as per S.I. No 147 ROAD TRAFFIC (SPECIALISED VEHICLE PERMITS) REGULATIONS 2009. The notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the application for the permit and can be emailed to traffic_abloads@garda.ie
2. Applicants shall give four days notice to Anglesea Street Garda Station via email (Anglesea.Street.Traffic@Garda.ie) and 2 hours notice to Garda Communication Centre by phone before the journey commences.
3. Applicants shall be required to liaise with the Council Area Office, The Local Gardai, Factories/Businesses and local residents in the area to which the load will pass.
4. Applicants are required to make application to Iarnród Éireann in which a load proposes to transverse any railway bridges. Iarnród Éireann will advise of their requirements for each application. The Irish Rail depot which deals with railway bridges in southern Ireland is based at Limerick Junction Station, Co. Tipperary, Ph: 062-51086, fax: 062-52219, e-mail: info@irishrail.ie
5. The applicant / licensee must satisfy themselves, Cork City Council, the Garda Síochána & relevant utility companies that the proposed route is capable of accommodating the load in terms of width, length, height & weight envisaged and that no delays, hold-ups or disruption will be caused to other traffic
6. The applicant shall comply with any requirements of ESB/Eircom in relation to overhead wires and any such arrangements shall be adequately planned in advance to avoid any unexpected delays.

Permitted Hours of Travel:

7. Permitted hours of travel: 2000hrs to 0700hrs Saturday to Thursday & 2200hrs to 0700hrs Friday, unless otherwise agreed or stated on the issued permit.

Load Extremities:

8. A route survey must accompany any application form where the vehicle load exceeds 30.0m in length, 5.0M in width or 4.80M in height
9. For any loads greater than 4m wide or greater than 30m long, the applicant shall notify, in advance the Garda District HQ Office, through which the load will pass and accept any assistance, direction or advice provided by An Garda Síochána, when making the journey. (Contact details are available via www.garda.ie)
10. The extremities of the load shall be adequately marked with either reflective strips or flashing lights, front & rear, to warn oncoming traffic:
 - Any side overhangs > 0.300M shall be marked with reflective strips or other warning devices.
 - Any rear overhangs > 1.0M must be fitted with a suitable warning device.
 - Rear Overhang shall not exceed 3.0M.

Escort Vehicles:

11. Warning vehicle(s)/Escort(s) if required should comply with European Best Practice Guidelines for Abnormal Road Transports (Chapter 7 / Annex 7).

Proposed Route:

12. Responsibility for ensuring that the route indicated on the permit application is suitable lies solely with the applicant/licensee and they are responsible for any damage caused and for the repairs resulting.
13. The Applicant shall use the highest class of road available between the origin and destination to avoid travelling along lower classes of road in so far as practicable.
14. The applicant should confine journeys to National Primary routes/motorways in so far as practical and should only use secondary routes for the initial/final leg of the journey along short a length as possible, where a National Primary alternative is available
15. The applicant shall assess the width and condition of any narrow side roads before entering and shall ensure that adequate traffic management is available to cater for oncoming traffic
16. Applicants are responsible for the clearing up of any branches of trees/verge debris knocked down by the vehicle(s), for which a following vehicle may be required.

N40 Jack Lynch Tunnel:

Tunnel Authorities shall be notified a minimum of 24hrs prior to the journey and 15mins prior to entering the Jack Lynch Tunnel.
Jack Lynch Tunnel Limits:

- Height: 4.6m or 15ft 1inch
- Width: 3.5m single lane
- Max speed: 15mph/24kph for vehicles exceeding a single lane width and shall be accompanied by a Tunnel escort Vehicle.

Bridges/Culverts:

17. The applicant is responsible for damage to any bridge/ culvert or structure crossed. The applicant should drive the route in advance to check for possible weak structures along the proposed route.
18. The applicant shall avoid any bridges where repair works are being undertaken, which might indicate that the bridge is deficient and requiring remedial action
19. If any axle loading exceeds 14 tonnes, and the proposed route traverses any bridges, underpasses or bridge-like culverts along the route, a structural engineers report shall accompany this application, outlining the load bearing capacity of such structures to withstand the load.

Traffic Management:

20. Applicant shall put in place a safe system (possibly by the use of flagmen adequately kitted out in visible PPE), for warning oncoming motorists, well in advance of any location whereby the full width of the road is likely to be taken up by the load manoeuvring at junctions/bridges etc. to avoid the scenario of a motorist unexpectedly encountering a blocked road. Such warning system shall extend to any side road, in the vicinity of the location.
21. A sufficient number of persons with appropriate PPE shall accompany the load to control traffic and pedestrians at locations where difficult manoeuvres are to be undertaken at junctions/entrances etc.
22. If a road closure is required to facilitate the movement of an abnormal load, a separate road closure application will be required. Applications can be made through a R1 Application Form at least five weeks in advance of the proposed closure. A copy of the R1 application form can be obtained at <https://www.corkcity.ie/en/council-services/services/roads-and-traffic-management/licences-and-forms/>

Road Signage & Street Furniture:

23. Any road signage removed to facilitate this load shall be erected as soon as possible after the series of loads has passed through. Regulatory and warning signs shall be re-erected by the end of the day either in a permanent or temporary capacity.
24. Care will be taken when passing through traffic calming signage, to avoid any damage and such restrictions shall be surveyed in advance and if necessary signs shall be temporarily removed and replaced immediately afterwards, but only after consultation with the relevant Engineer.
25. Any items of street furniture removed to facilitate the load shall be replaced within one day of its removal.

Miscellaneous:

26. A permit shall at all times be carried on the vehicle to which it relates, or on the vehicle drawing the trailer to which it relates, available for inspection if required. A permit shall be valid for the period as stated in the permit and only for the route (s) specified on the permit.

Please Note: Cork City Council reserves the right to include any additional conditions / stipulations or time constraints to each individual application that is seen fit in the interest of safety for road users.

Data Protection:

- “Cork City Council is committed to fulfilling its obligations imposed by the Data Protection Acts 1988 to 2018 and the GDPR. Our privacy statement and data protection policy is available at <https://www.corkcity.ie/en/council-services/public-info/gdpr/>

We request that you read these as they contain important information about how we process personal

- Tá Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí meáite ar a cuid oibleagáidí faoi na hAchtanna um Chosaint Sonraí 1988 go 2018 agus faoi GDPR a chomhlíonadh. Tá Ráiteas i leith Príobháide agus Beartas Cosanta Sonraí le fáil ar <https://www.corkcity.ie/en/council-services/public-info/gdpr/> Iarrtar ort na cáipéisí sin a léamh toisc go bhfuil eolas tábhachtach iontu faoin tslí a ndéanaimid sonraí pearsanta a thugtar dúinn a phróiseáil.