



Texas Department  
of Motor Vehicles

## **Suspension of Motor Carrier Vehicle Registration and Size and Weight Requirements under Disaster Declaration Regarding Novel Coronavirus**

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In accordance with the disaster declaration issued by Governor Greg Abbott on March 13, 2020, and as amended, the following vehicle registration requirements and size and weight requirements are suspended, effective March 13, 2020, for operators of commercial vehicles to travel in and through the state of Texas to provide disaster assistance in Texas, subject to the restrictions listed in this notice:

- the International Registration Plan (IRP) vehicle registration requirements under Transportation Code Section 502.091 and Title 43, Section 217.56 of the Texas Administrative Code, to the extent the vehicle is not already registered under the IRP and as long as the vehicle is registered in one of the 48 contiguous states of the United States;
- the 72-hour and 144-hour temporary registration permit requirements under Transportation Code Section 502.094 and Title 43, Section 217.40(b)(3) of the Texas Administrative Code, as long as the vehicle is registered in one of the states of the United States; and
- the oversize and overweight permitting requirements under Transportation Code, Chapters 621 through 623, as well as Title 43, Chapter 219 of the Texas Administrative Code, for all divisible and non-divisible vehicles and loads.

These suspensions apply to the transportation of supplies, medical equipment, and similar materials that are necessary for preparing for, responding to, and mitigating the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The suspensions do not apply to any requirement not specifically listed in this notice, including safety and insurance requirements. Also, operators are responsible and liable for safely routing their vehicles and obtaining current information concerning hazardous road conditions prior to movement.

The operator of the commercial vehicle must keep the following documentation in the cab of the vehicle and provide the documentation to any Texas peace officer upon request:

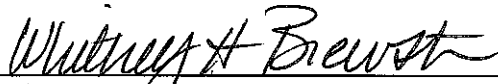
1. a copy of this notice; and
2. a copy of the Governor's disaster declaration, including any amendments.

The following conditions and exceptions apply to the suspension regarding size and weight permitting requirements:

1. The suspension only applies to vehicles and loads for which the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized by Transportation Code, Chapters 621 through 623, as well as Title 43, Chapter 219 of the Texas Administrative Code, to issue a permit.
2. When the vehicle is traveling on the national system of interstate and defense highways (interstate) the vehicle and any load may only exceed legal weight if the vehicle and any load would be eligible to obtain an overweight permit under

3. Transportation Code, Chapters 621 through 623, as well as Title 43, Chapter 219 of the Texas Administrative Code.
4. When the vehicle is traveling on the interstate or on a highway that is part of the federal aid primary highway system, the vehicle and any load may only exceed legal width or length if the vehicle and any load would be eligible to obtain an oversize permit for the width or length, as applicable, under Transportation Code, Chapters 621 through 623, as well as Title 43, Chapter 219 of the Texas Administrative Code.
5. All permitting requirements are suspended, except vehicle escort requirements and restrictions on nighttime movement.
6. Operators are responsible for obtaining current restrictions (excluding curfews) prior to movement.
7. Vehicles may not travel across load-posted bridges when exceeding the posted capacity for gross or axle weights, unless the bridge provides the only public access.
8. Operators moving vehicles and/or loads that are over legal dimension(s) without a permit must use the free Bid Route feature in the Texas Permitting and Routing Optimization System (TxPROS) to obtain a route: <https://TxPROS.TxDMV.gov/>.
9. Suspension of permitting requirements does not imply that a road, highway, or bridge can safely accommodate the movement of an oversize/overweight vehicle and load.
10. This suspension notice serves as a permit under Transportation Code, Chapters 621 through 623; 23 U.S.C 127(a)(2), 49 U.S.C. 31112(b), and 49 U.S.C. 31113(c).

These suspensions remain in effect until terminated by the Office of the Governor or until the March 13, 2020 disaster declaration is lifted or expires.



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If you have any questions, please call the toll-free number, 1-800-299-1700 (1-512-872-8090 local).