

Oversize/Overweight Permit Enhancements



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Oversize Overweight Permits - Background

- The Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) Oversize/Overweight Permit program facilitates the movement of large loads by commercial motor vehicles in an efficient manner, while safe-guarding highway infrastructure and keeping road users safe.
- The ministry issues approximately 40,000 oversize/overweight permits annually, including permits for:
 - Large road construction machinery
 - Wind turbine components
 - Other over-dimensional items that support key infrastructure projects and facilitate economic growth.
- Oversize/Overweight loads contribute to the economy and are an important mode of transportation in every jurisdiction throughout North America. The average permit cost in Ontario is under \$200.

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- Ontario's 2015 Fall Economic Statement committed to streamlining Superload permits by amending the *Highway Traffic Act* to provide more options for escorting of loads, consideration of a streamlined and more efficient approval process including exploring enhanced permitting options, a coordinated permitting service and creating Superload corridors.
- Subsequently, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation drafted legislation to amend sections 110 and 110.1 of the *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA) to provide the Minister the ability to designate the authority to direct traffic when escorting an over-dimensional vehicle.

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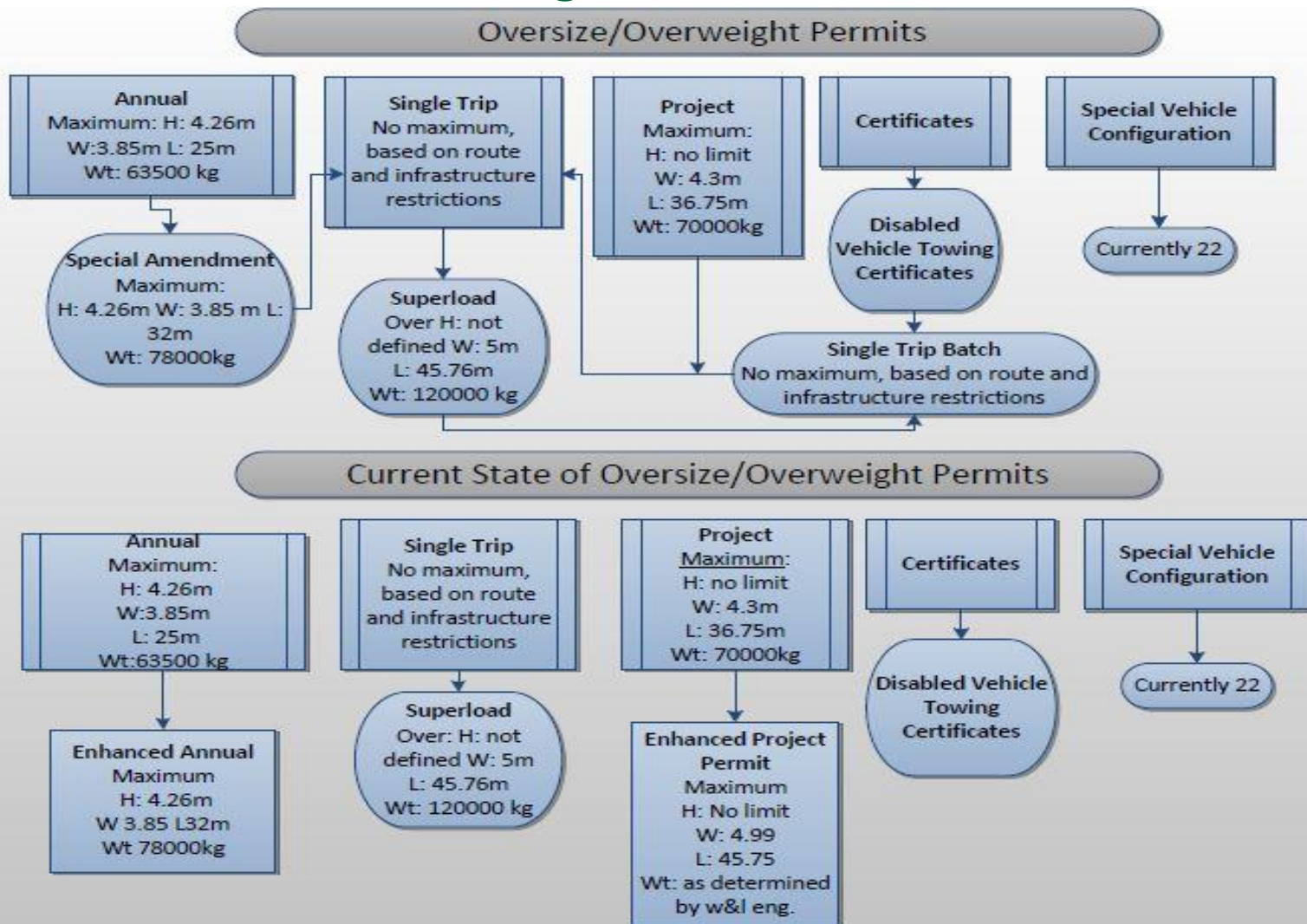
- The ministry in consultation with industry, is developing a streamlined approach to the permitting of oversize/overweight loads, exploring enhancement opportunities that will improve client services and support business growth. Based on stakeholder consultations and feedback the following initiatives have been successfully implemented:
 - ❑ **The Single Trip Application Form is now printable, saveable and available on the Ministry's website.**
 - ❑ **The Ministry has established an internal and external process to allow concurrent issuance of loaded and return empty permits.**
 - ❑ **Increasing the duration of a Single Trip Permit from 4-5 days to 7 days.**
 - ❑ **Permit weekend travel for all loads exceeding annual dimensions (except loads requiring Police Escort)**
 - ❑ **Electronic carry and surrender of single trip permits**

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- On January 1st, 2018 the ministry introduced two new permits types; Enhanced Annual and Enhanced Project permits.
- The new enhanced annual and project permits increase dimensions allowed for these permit types. They also allow for multiple trips using the same permit, significantly reducing the number of single trip permits required by carriers.
- The below chart details the new dimensions and applicable fees of each permit:

	Annual Permit		Project Permit	
	Current (Basic)	Enhanced	Current (Basic)	Enhanced
Height (m.)	4.26	4.26	No limit	No limit
Width (m.)	3.7 – 3.85	3.7-3.85	4.3	4.99
Length (m.)	25	32	36.75	45.75
Weight (kg.)	63,500	78,000	70,000	As Determined by MTO Engineer
Fee	\$440	\$730	\$286	Fee based per number of trips

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