

## Newport Pell and Mount Hope Bridge Application for Overweight/Overwide Vehicle Crossing 2023

### Guidelines for Application for Overweight Vehicle Crossing

1. Prior to crossing, an application must be submitted for all overweight / overwide vehicles by using the RITBA Permit Application for Overweight / Overwide Vehicles. The application must be submitted to the RITBA a *minimum* of 2 business days prior to the crossing.
2. Applications can be downloaded from the RITBA website, at [www.ritba.org](http://www.ritba.org), or emailed to the requesting party by calling the RITBA business office at (401) 423-0800.
3. Completed applications should be faxed to the RITBA business office at (401)-423-0830, emailed, or completed online.
4. RITBA will review the application, and if the application is approved, we will collect the permit cost to be paid based on the weight. RITBA will identify whether an escort or other special crossing conditions are required (maximum travel speed, travel lane to be used, timing of crossing, etc.).
5. If the evaluation of the loads and axle configuration identifies that the application cannot be approved or the load is too wide, RITBA will advise the applicant. The applicant may submit a revised application with reduced axle loads and/or changes in axle configurations for consideration by the RITBA.
6. Permit will be approved once the proper fee is collected.

**Overwide load:** \$40.00      **Annual Blanket Fee:** \$400.00

#### **Overweight load: Newport Bridge Only**

<b>Pounds:</b>	80,000 – 130,000	130,001 and Over
<b>Fee:</b>	\$40.00	\$300.00

7. If an escort is required by the RITBA for the crossing, the escort must be provided and coordinated by the applicant.
8. It is imperative that Overwide vehicle drivers with a blanket permit call *at least* 24 hours in advance of crossing to ensure that there are no lane closures on the bridge. Additionally, please call the Traffic Management Center *at least* 30 minutes prior to arrival. They can be reached at (401) 423-0803.
9. Payment by Credit Card is subject to a 3% administrative charge. Payments not paid within 30 days is subject to an additional \$25.00 processing fee.

### Guidelines for Newport Pell Bridge Axle Loads and Configuration Limitations for Overweight Vehicle Crossing Applications

The governing effects of vehicles on the bridge are the axle loads, the spacing of the axles, and the number of axles spaced closely together (axle groups). Therefore, a heavier gross weight vehicle with more axles may be within the capacity of governing bridge elements, whereas a lighter vehicle with fewer axles may not be. The axle configuration is always required with the overweight permit application. Heavier axle loads can be permitted to cross the bridge under restrictions on speed and isolation from other live loads through the use of escorts. Impact loads of the vehicle (associated with the speed of travel) and the proximity of other live load(s) on the bridge are significant factors to be considered.

*Guidelines for axle groups that identify the maximum axle load for the number of axles at a given spacing are provided for use, on the next page, for the Overweight Vehicle Crossing Permit application.* The maximum axle loads indicated on the sketches and table guidelines are based on the reduced capacity of some of the roadway support elements that are currently under repair. There is a column in the table indicating the maximum axle load for an escorted vehicle keeping traffic 500 feet behind and traveling at a maximum speed of 10 MPH. Another column shows the maximum axle loads for an unescorted vehicle traveling at the posted speed limit of 40 MPH. These tables are intended as a guideline only to aid applicants in distributing their loads in configurations that meet the requirements to obtain an Overweight Vehicle Crossing Permit from the RITBA. However, each application is unique and will be examined individually by the RITBA before approval.