

Road and Bridge Postings

The PA Vehicle Code (Pa 75 C.S. §4902) provides the Commonwealth and Local Posting Authorities the ability to post public roads and bridges with restrictions. These restrictions improve safety and reduce the risk of damage that would make the road unusable or unable to last the expected design life without significant maintenance.

PennDOT has the authority to restrict the vehicles on state roads and bridges. Municipalities can pass local ordinances to place similar restrictions on roads and bridges they own.

Only the Posting Authority can post a road. A Traffic and Engineering (T&E) Study provides the engineering justification for a posting. Once the posting process is complete and enforcement begins, the restrictions remain in place indefinitely. Signs must be posted in the affected direction of travel for penalties to be applied.

If the road is improved, the Posting Authority may complete a new T&E Study to determine whether the restriction can be removed. Most haulers that need to drive a restricted vehicle on a posted state road need to apply to PennDOT for a hauling permit.

3 REASONS TO POST PUBLIC ROADS AND BRIDGES:

- Older roads and bridges were not designed to handle the heavy loads of today's commercial vehicles and are at risk of being damaged.
- Aging infrastructure needs to be protected from heavy use as it nears the end of its useful life.
- Vehicles of a certain weight, length, or width create a safety hazard if operated on the road or bridge.

WEB VIEWER

A map of posted and bonded roads is available online. **Scan the QR code below to view it.**



QUESTIONS ABOUT A POSTING?

Contact the local PennDOT District Office or Local Posting Authority.

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PENNDOT POSTED AND BONDED PROGRAM

<https://tinyurl.com/Posted-Bonded>






A Guide to Posting Roadways

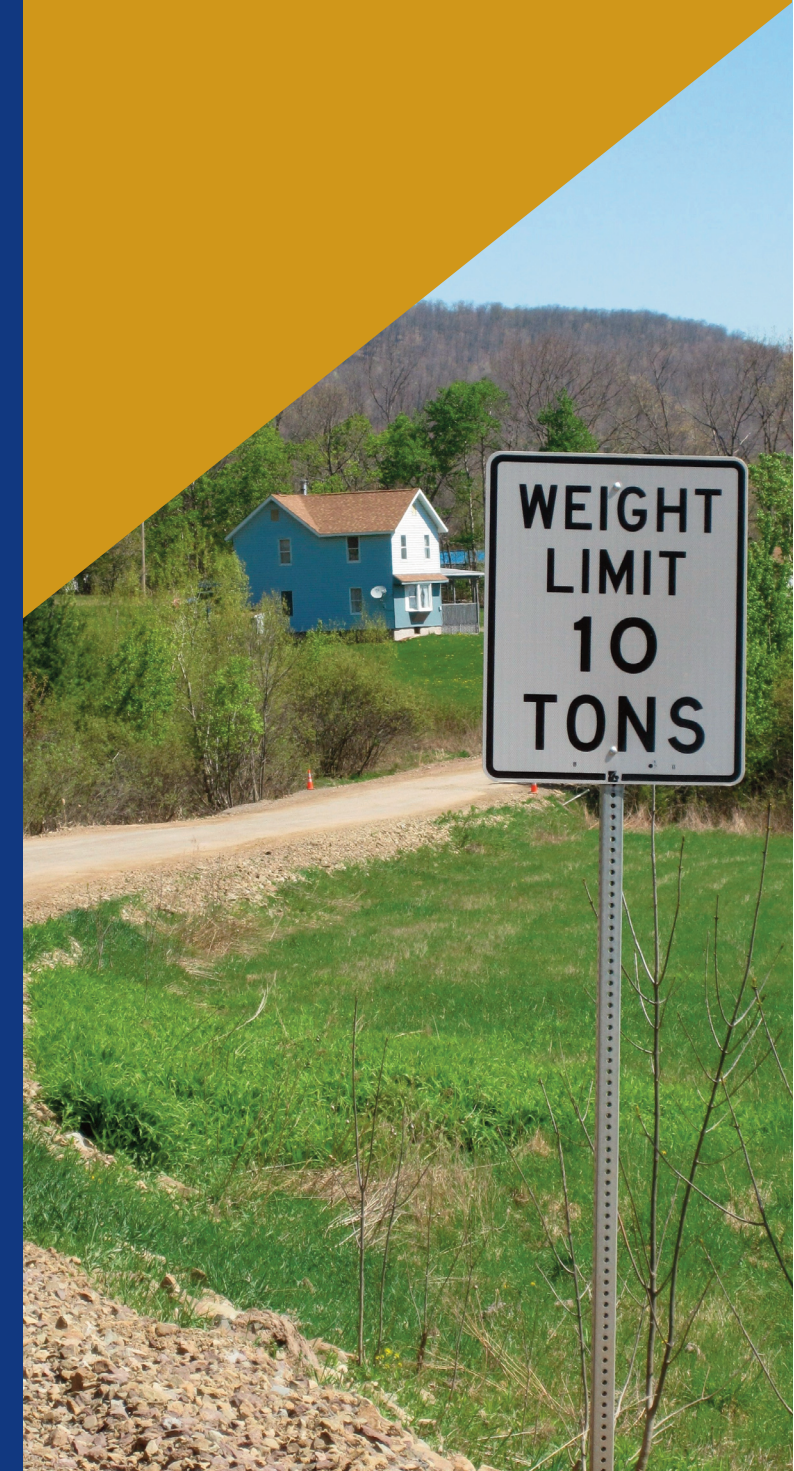
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Types of Postings Allowed in §4902

4902(a) Protecting the Facility	4902(b) Protecting the Public
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The road or bridge is at risk of failing under loads of certain weight or configuration. • Typically a weight restriction • T&E Study by a licensed engineer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazardous traffic conditions are created when vehicles of certain weight, size, or cargo are present • Typically a vehicle length or width restriction • T&E Study by a licensed engineer

Signs

Weight Restriction	Weight Restriction	Length Restriction
		





Violations and Fines

4902(a) Violation

When a hauler violates a 4902(a) posting by operating a vehicle over the posted weight limit, the fine is variable depending on weight. The hauler will receive a fine of \$150 for the first 3000 pounds overweight plus \$150 for every additional 500 pounds overweight.

EXAMPLE:

An unpermitted hauler travels on a road with a weight posting of 10 tons (20,000 pounds). The hauler's vehicle weighs 32,250 pounds. The hauler would be cited for a gross weight violation for being 12,250 pounds over the posted weight. Below is the fine calculation.

\$150 Base fine for the first 3,000 pounds overweight

+ **\$2,850** Fine for the additional 9,250 pounds overweight











\$3,000 Total fine amount

4902(b) Violation










Haulers violating a 4092(b) posting will receive a fine up to \$500.

Permits

Four types of permits are available to haul on posted roads. Three permits require bonds and are used on 4902(a) posted roads. A fourth, unbonded permit is available for use on 4902(b) posted roads. A 4902 permit does not authorize loads over the legal road limits.

	4902(a) Permits <i>PA Title 67, Chapter 189</i>			4902(b) Permits <i>PA Title 67, Chapter 193</i>
	Type 1 Permit	Type 2 Permit	Type 3 Permit	
Definition	One Truck, One Route, Single Destination  	Multiple Trucks, One Route, Single Destination   	One Truck, Multiple Routes, Multiple Documented Destinations   	One Vehicle, One Driver, One Route –For a single trip or unlimited trips within 12 months  
Example	A large Aggregate Quarry that owns its own vehicles	Unconventional Oil and Gas Development Sites that contract companies to haul	A coal company that gets their raw material from several different mines in a day	A delivery truck that is of legal size and weight but exceeds the posted 4902(B) size or weight limit for that road.
Documentation Needed	Route-specific permit issued to the hauler is carried in each vehicle	Route-specific permit posted at a site and each hauler carries a copy	Copy of the county or municipal permit with specific roadways documented and is carried in each vehicle	Route-specific permit is issued to hauler and is carried in the vehicle as proof that the driver has a thorough knowledge of the hazardous conditions imposed by the vehicle
Expense	Bond Amount			Permit Fee
	\$6,000 per mile for unpaved roads or \$12,500 per mile for paved roads maintained at a level consistent with the type of road OR \$50,000 per mile for any road maintained below the level consistent with the type of road		\$10,000 for each county or municipality covered under the permit	\$15 for a single trip and \$50 for unlimited trips within 12-months




Who is Exempt from Permit Requirements?

4902(a) - Roads
School buses, emergency vehicles, local traffic     
4902(b) - Roads
Emergency vehicles, school buses, vehicles conducting government business related to construction, maintenance, or utilities along the restricted roadway    

What is Local Traffic?

Vehicles coming from or going to a location that can only be reached via the posted road are generally considered local traffic. The following operations are considered local traffic for 4902(a) and (b).

4902(a)

Local Traffic			Not Local Traffic
Hauling logs to a permanent sawmill 	Hauling coal to or from a processing plant 	Hauling related to livestock or food production 	Hauling in or out of resource extraction sites such as quarries, coal mines, or well development sites

4902(b)

Vehicles and combinations going to or coming from a residence, commercial or industrial establishment, or farm located on or within the immediate vicinity of a posted road or which can only be reached by a posted road. Local traffic is not exempt from the permit requirement for 4902(B) restrictions.