



2009 NEVADA LEGISLATIVE CHANGE NOTIFICATION

With the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 372, effective July 1, 2009, carriers defined as commercial with a combined gross vehicle weight rating of 10,001 pounds or greater must obtain a 24-hour temporary registration trip permit prior to traveling in or through Nevada.

Vehicles may no longer travel in Nevada to the first available vendor to purchase trip permits. This includes all carriers entering Nevada and then purchasing permits from in-state vendors.

AB372 also contains provisions for administrative fines, which shall be imposed, in addition to any applicable criminal penalties, if a vehicle or combination of vehicles is determined to weigh greater than its registered weight.

If a vehicle is cited, it must be re-registered at its maximum weight, as specified by the vehicle's manufacturer. Subsequently, the account will be referred to the Motor Carrier Division's Audit Team for the assessment of an appropriate administrative fine.

The administrative fines are as follows:

- First offense, \$500;
- Second offense, \$1,000;
- Third offense, \$1,500; and
- Fourth or subsequent offense, \$2,500.

If you have any questions concerning these changes, please contact the Licensing Team of the Motor Carrier Division at (775) 684-4711, option #1.



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Trip Permit Requirements

FAQ's

- 1) I have a commercial vehicle registered in Nevada; do I need to purchase a permit? ANSWER: No
- 2) I have a commercial vehicle that is registered through the International Registration Plan (IRP) and apportioned to travel in Nevada; do I need to purchase a permit? ANSWER: No
- 3) My vehicle weight rating is over 10,000 lbs, but my vehicle is used for private recreation, such as hauling a travel trailer or a boat; do I need to purchase a permit? ANSWER: No
- 4) I am renting a truck to move my household goods; do I need to purchase a permit? ANSWER: No
- 5) I am a towing company and register at an unladen weight under 10,000 lbs, but my combined vehicle weight rating exceeds 10,000 lbs; do I need to purchase a permit? ANSWER: If your declared (unladen) weight is less than 10,000 lbs you are not required to get a permit. However, if your unladen or declared weight is greater than 10,000 lbs, you must get a permit or obtain Nevada registration.
- 6) I have an exempt plate (Fed, State, local municipalities) do I need to purchase a permit? ANSWER: NO, however if you have a registration exemption for a reason other than Fed, State, or Local Municipalities, you will be required to obtain a permit or obtain Nevada registration.
- 7) I have a commercial vehicle in Nevada that I move occasionally, but it is not registered; do I need to purchase a permit? ANSWER: Yes
- 8) I have a commercial vehicle that is registered through the International Registration Plan but Nevada is not on the cab card; do I need to purchase a permit? ANSWER: Yes

- 9) My vehicle weight rating is over 10,000 lbs and is used to haul my stock car or horse trailer for income or other prizes; do I need to purchase a permit? ANSWER: Yes
- 10) I am renting a truck to haul items for sale at a swap meet, street fair, parking lot sale, etc.; do I need to purchase a permit? ANSWER: Yes
- 11) What constitutes a “Commercial Motor Vehicle”?
ANSWER: A Commercial Motor Vehicle is any vehicle used for business purposes which exceeds 10,000 lbs. This includes (but is not limited to) a pickup hauling a trailer with tools or equipment; a cargo van/truck transporting commodities that will be sold to consumers; or any other vehicle or combination of vehicles weighing more than 10,000 lbs and used in a commercial capacity.
- 12) What is the difference between a gross vehicle weight rating, a combined gross vehicle weight rating, and the declared weight? ANSWER:
- a. The gross vehicle weight rating is specified by the Manufacturer and is generally denoted on the inside plate of the drivers’ side door. This is the weight the vehicle and the total contents, including passengers, can be safely operated.
 - b. The combined gross vehicle weight rating is the weight rating of the vehicle and all contents, plus any trailer or other equipment (vehicle) being pulled/towed by the main vehicle.
 - c. The declared weight is the maximum combined weight the registered owner claims the vehicle will be operated at.
 - i. Example A: A ½ ton pickup truck may have a gross vehicle weight rating of 6,001 – 10,000 lbs. This means the truck and all cargo, including passengers, contained within the truck itself, cannot exceed 10,000 lbs. This vehicle could have a

declared weight between 6,001 lbs and 10,000 lbs and would not require a trip permit or other Nevada registration even if the vehicle is used in commercial operations. Again, the declared weight is the maximum weight the vehicle is registered to operate at.

- ii. Example B: If you haul a trailer, you must add the gross vehicle weight rating of the trailer (loaded) to the gross vehicle weight rating of the truck to get the combined gross vehicle weight rating. If you haul a trailer or other equipment with your commercial motor vehicle, you must register the vehicle at the combined gross vehicle weight to ensure proper registration fees are paid. Again, the declared weight is the maximum weight the vehicle or combination of vehicles is registered to operate at.

- 13) What is “dual registration”? ANSWER: If you have a commercial motor vehicle between 10,001 and 26,000 lbs and conduct business in two different jurisdictions, you have the option to pay full registration fees for both jurisdictions and display two license plates, in lieu of purchasing trip permits or registering the vehicle through the International Registration Plan. Dual registration must be issued through the Motor Carrier Division if you are a resident in a state other than Nevada.

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