



Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Under Article 59 of the Road Traffic (Construction and Use of Vehicles) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No. 5 of 2003).

APPLICANTS SHOULD NOTE THE FOLLOWING

1. Permits under Article 59 are intended to deal with
 - a) Vehicles normally used in places other than a public road and used on a road only occasionally when travelling to or from such places
 - b) Vehicles carrying an **INDIVISIBLE** article of such dimensions as to contravene the Regulations.
2. Before making an application for a permit, the applicant must give to the commissioner of the Garda Síochána (In this Regulation referred to as the "Commissioner") 4 clear days' notice of such application, and such notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the application for the permit. Saturday, Sunday and any public holiday (within the meaning of the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997 (No. 20 of 1997)) is not included in the reckoning of the 4 days' notice.
3. **ANY APPLICATION TO DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A NOTICE FROM THE COMMISSIONER ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION, WITH ATTACHED LIMITATIONS OR CONDITIONS.**
4. The application shall contain an undertaking by the applicant to refund to Donegal County Council the amount of any damage caused to any public road by use of the vehicle under the permit which may be granted as a result of the application, provided that a claim for such refund is made by Donegal County Council before the expiration of twelve months from the last date when a vehicle is driven on the public road under the permit.
5. The applicant may be required, as a condition to the issue of the permit, either to deposit with the application, a sum sufficient to cover the amount of any such damage, or to furnish other sufficient security.

6. Donegal County Council may attach to the permit any limitations, restrictions or conditions (including particular conditions as to weight, dimensions, speed, number of trailers, springs, tyres and wheels) which they consider advisable to prevent unnecessary damage to public roads or which, after review and/or consultation with the Commissioner, they consider expedient to protect other road users.
7. A permit shall at all times be carried on the vehicle to which it relates, or on the vehicle drawing the trailer to which it relates.
8. A permit is valid for the period of 12 months from the DATE OF ISSUE of the permit or for such lesser period as may be stated in it.
9. Where a vehicle, in respect of which a permit has been issued, is being used in contravention of any condition attached to the permit, Donegal County Council may withdraw it. Where Donegal County Council proposes to withdraw a permit it shall give 21 days' notice of such intention to withdraw it to the holder and shall consider any representations made by the holder within that period.
10. Applicants should note that an incorrect or incomplete application form will result in the permit application being refused. Further details may be requested by Donegal County Council to substantiate details submitted in the application form. If requested, this must be furnished before a permit is granted.

11. For guidance of applications, the maximum vehicle weights permitted by the Regulations are set out below:

MAXIMUM LADEN VEHICLE WEIGHTS (including vehicle description reference)

(Ref a)	2 Axle Rigid Truck (axle spacing less than 3 m)	16t
(Ref b)	2 Axle Rigid Truck (axle spacing not less than 3 m)	18t
(Ref c)	3 Axle Rigid Truck	25t
(Ref d)	3 Axle Rigid Truck (twin tyres and air suspension)	26t
(Ref e)	4 Axle Rigid Truck	30t
(Ref f)	4 Axle Rigid Truck (twin tyres and air suspension)	32t
(Ref g)	2 Axle Trailer (axle spacing less than 3 m)	16t
(Ref h)	2 Axle Trailer (axle spacing not less than 3 m)	18t
(Ref i)	3 Axle Trailer	25t
(Ref j)	2 Axle Tractor Unit + 1 Axle Trailer	26t
(Ref k)	2 Axle Tractor Unit + 2 Axle Trailer	35t
(Ref l)	2 Axle Tractor Unit + 2 Axle Trailer (air suspension + ABS brakes)	38t
(Ref m)	2 Axle Tractor Unit + 3 Axle Trailer (valid until 2008)	42t
(Ref n)	3 Axle Tractor Unit + 2 Axle Trailer	40t
(Ref o)	3 Axle Tractor Unit + 2 Axle Trailer (twin tyres, air suspension + ABS)	42t
(Ref p)	3 Axle Tractor Unit + 3 Axle Trailer	40t
(Ref q)	3 Axle Tractor Unit + 3 Axle Trailer (twin tyres, air suspension + ABS)	44t
(Ref r)	2 Axle Rigid Truck + 2 Axle Trailer (A* less than 3 m)	30t
(Ref s)	2 Axle Rigid Truck + 2 Axle Trailer (A* not less than 3 m)	36t
(Ref t)	2 Axle Rigid Truck + 3 Axle Trailer (A* less than 3 m)	34t
(Ref u)	2 Axle Rigid Truck + 3 Axle Trailer (A* not less than 3 m)	40t
(Ref v)	3 Axle Rigid Truck + 2 Axle Trailer (A* less than 3 m)	34t
(Ref w)	3 Axle Rigid Truck + 2 Axle Trailer (A* not less than 3 m)	42t
(Ref x)	3 Axle Rigid Truck + 3 Axle Trailer (A* less than 3 m)	34t
(Ref y)	3 Axle Rigid Truck + 3 Axle Trailer (A* not less than 3 m)	40t
(Ref z)	As above + (twin tyres, air suspension + ABS)	44t

"t" = tonne (metric)

"m" = meter

"A*" = distance between rear axle of rigid truck and front axle of trailer

- (Ref aa) None of the above (for use in completing question 1 of application form.

12. For guidance of applicants, the maximum dimensions permitted by the Regulations are set out below.

MAXIMUM VEHICLE WIDTH

Overall width of vehicle or trailer	2.5m
Overall width of Large Tractor	2.75m
Overall width of Refrigerated/ Conditioned vehicle	2.6m
Design Gross Weight > 3.5t/ passenger number > 8	2.55m
Width of vehicle/ trailer + load	2.9m

MAXIMUM VEHICLE LENGTH

Rigid truck or trailer	12m
Articulated bus	18m
Articulated vehicle (other than an articulated bus)	16.5m
Semi-Trailer (maximum distance from king pin to rear of trailer)	12m
Semi-Trailer (maximum distance from king pin to any point to the front)	2.04m
Rigid truck + 1 trailer	18.75m
Large Tractor + 2 trailers	22m

MAXIMUM OVERHANG OF LOAD

Projection beyond extreme projection point of side of vehicle/ trailer	0.305m
Projection beyond rearmost point of vehicle/ trailer	1m
Projection beyond rearmost point of vehicle/ trailer with warning device	3m

11. For guidance of applicants, the maximum weights permitted to be transferred to the road surface by the Regulations are set out below.

MAXIMUM WEIGHTS TRANSMITTED TO ROAD SURFACE

Wheel (whether with single tyres or twin tyres)	5.75t
Single axle	10t
Sole driving axle	10.5t
Sole driving axle (air suspension or double-drive axles < 9.5t)	11.5t
Tandem axles of a vehicle or trailer:	
Less than 1.0 m	11.5t
Not less than 1.0 m	16t
Not less than 1.3 m	18t
Not less than 1.8 m (for trailer of semi-trailer only)	20t
Tandem axles of a vehicle with one or both axles driven	
≥1.3 m and < 1.8m (air suspension or double-drive axles < 9.5t)	19t
Triaxle (take A** as smallest distance between axles)	
A** less than 1.3 m	21t
A** not less than 1.3 m	24t
Four axle bogie	24t



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APPLICATION FORM FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT

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1. Description of Vehicle (**N.B. Include reference listed in section 11 of notes. e.g. 3 axle air articulated vehicle with 3 axle low loader = Ref p**)

2. Registration Number of Vehicle: _____

3. Year when Vehicle Registered: _____

4. Overall Length of Vehicle, (**INCLUDE LOAD**)
(meters to one decimal place) _____

5. Overall Width of Vehicle/ Trailer, (**INCLUDE LOAD**)
(meters to one decimal place): _____

6. Overall Height of Vehicle/ Trailer, (**INCLUDE LOAD**)
(meters to one decimal place): _____

7. Unladen Weight of Vehicle, (tonnes to one decimal place): _____

8. Number of Axles: _____

9. Distance Between Axles, (meters to one decimal place):
From Leading Axle to Second:2 _____
From 2 to 3 _____
From 3 to 4 _____
From 5 to 6 _____
From Sixth to Seventh: _____
From Seventh to Eighth: _____

10. Laden Weight of Vehicle, (tonnes to one decimal place): _____

11. Laden Weight Per Axle, (tonnes to one decimal place):

Leading Axle:

2nd Axle:

3rd Axle:

4th Axle:

5th Axle

6th Axle

7th Axle:

8th Axle:

12. Description of Load:

13. For Indivisible Load State dimensions and weight of load (meters/ tonnes to one decimal place) (**N.B. LOAD ONLY, DO NOT INCLUDE VEHICLE DIMENSIONS**)

Load Length:

Load Width:

Load Height:

Load Weight:

Sideways Projection Overhang (Left Side/ Right Side):

Rear Projection Overhang:

14. Route(s) for which Permit is Required (fully describe with names of towns and villages and road numbers)

15. Date(s) for which Permit is Required

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16. For "OFF-ROAD DUMPERS" State

- a) in what respects does the vehicle not comply with the requirements of the 2003 Regulations. (Note: The 2003 Regulations contains stipulations as regards weight, marking of weight, distribution of weight, width, length, trailers, rear overhang, springs, wheels, tracks and tyres):

b) Unladen Weight, (tonnes to one decimal place):

c) Design Gross Vehicle Weight (tonnes to one decimal place):

d) Design Axle Weights, (tonnes to one decimal place):

Leading Axle:

Second Axle:

Third Axle:

Fourth Axle:

If granted a permit, I hereby undertake to pay Donegal County Council the cost of repairing all damage to roads resulting from the passage of the load described above.

Signature of Applicant:

Name of Firm:

Contact Person:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Date:

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