

2018 Tax and Fee Changes



Your motor carrier fees, such as registration fees and weight-mile taxes, help support Oregon's transportation system – statewide and at the city and county levels.

The increased fees starting in 2018 are part of a major Oregon funding package to improve our state's transportation system and to enhance our economy.

The Oregon Legislature and Gov. Kate Brown approved House Bill 2017 to provide Oregonians with improved roads and bridges, more transportation options, and enhanced safety throughout the transportation system. Here are some investments into the system that your fees are helping pay for:

- The bill will send the additional money to highway maintenance, preservation, seismic upgrades and safety, including specific projects across the state. It will increase the amount of money going to small cities and counties.
- It will create a Safe Routes to School infrastructure program in Oregon to reduce barriers and hazards to children walking or bicycling to and from school.
- It also will add accountability measures for the Department of Transportation, including additional requirements of the Oregon Transportation Commission. The bill also creates a permanent legislative joint committee on transportation responsible to oversee the department, including its policies and budget.

Along with improving Oregon's transportation system for travelers, this transportation package will support Oregon's economy by sustaining jobs, keeping freight moving, and providing a boost to local communities across the state. For more information on the transportation package, visit http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Pages/HB2017.aspx.

Impacts on Motor Carriers, <u>effective January 1, 2018:</u>

The transportation funding package and other legislation passed by the Legislature will result in fee increases and other changes for motor carriers. Look for updated forms, tax tables and fee schedules to be posted on our agency website (www.oregon.gov/ODOT/MCT/Pages/Index.aspx) and on Oregon Trucking Online (go to www.oregontruckingonline.com and click on the "Forms" tab.).

Oregon Highway Use Tax Increases:

- Weight-Mile Tax (Tables A and B): Mileage tax rates will increase for vehicles subject to weight-mile tax; primarily those with a tax declared weight of 26,001 pounds or more. For example, effective January 1, 2018, a truck with a declared combined weight of 80,000 pounds will pay 20.48 cents per mile; compared to the current rate of 16.38 cents.
- Flat Monthly Fees: Flat Fees will increase for carriers electing flat monthly reporting for hauling certain commodities. For example, effective January 1, 2018, flat monthly rates for log haulers will increase from 63 cents to 76 cents per 100 pounds of declared combined weight.
- Road Use Assessment Fees: See Over-Dimension Fee Increases next page.

Credential Fee Increase:

• **Oregon Weight Receipts:** The fee for an Oregon Weight Receipt (for vehicles subject to weight-mile tax) will increase from \$8 to \$8.50 per weight receipt issued.

Over-Dimension Permits Fee Increases:

- **Single Trip Permits:** The fee for a single-trip permit will increase from \$8 to \$8.50. County fees for a single-trip permit (if any) may increase up to \$8.50 per county.
- **Continuous Trip Permits** (CTP- annual permits that only authorize state highways): The fees for these permits will also increase from \$8 to \$8.50.
- **Road Use Assessment Fees:** Fees will increase for heavy loads over 98,000 pounds that cannot be divided (such as a large piece of machinery).

Other Fee Increases and changes:

- Heavy Motor Vehicles Registration: Registration fees will increase for vehicles registered between 8,000 to 26,000 pounds (trucks, buses and tow vehicles used to haul other commodities).
- **Tow and manufactured structure toter fee increase:** Registration fees will increase for vehicles used exclusively to haul manufactured structures, or used exclusively as tow and recovery vehicles.
- **Bus weight calculation change:** The tax declared weight and the registration weight will be based on a bus's combined weight (the weight of the bus and the maximum load it carries). The current weight calculation method will no longer be used.
- Farm vehicle registration fee increases: Registration fees will increase for Oregon vehicles certified to register as farm vehicles. Motor Carrier certifies farm accounts and Oregon DMV issues farm registration credentials. Find information on farm trucking, including a guide to farm trucking in Oregon at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/MCT/Pages/FarmTrucking.aspx. DMV-related questions may be directed to (503) 945-5000 or (503) 299-9999 (Portland Metro Area), or visit the DMV website at www.oregondmv.com.

Common Fees that will NOT increase on January 1, 2018:

- Temporary Passes: Fees for temporary passes will remain unchanged at \$9.
- Heavy Vehicle Trip Permits: Fees for trip permits will remain unchanged at \$43.
- Continuous Operation Variance Permits (COVP Authorizes State and County Roads): Fees for these annual over-dimension permits, such as the Extended Weight Permit, will remain unchanged next year.

Have questions? Contact Motor Carrier staff:

Salem Registration Services: 503-378-6699 Over-Dimension Permits: 503-373-0000 Farm Desk: 503-378-5203 Portland Bridge Registration: 971-673-5900 Apportioned Registration: 503-378-6643