

## **Guidelines on Application for Wide Load Permit**

According to Regulation 55 of the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374G), no driver shall drive on a road a vehicle that is so loaded that the load:

- (a) in the case of a vehicle other than a trailer, extends forwards more than 1.5 m from the foremost part of the vehicle;
- (b) extends backwards more than 1.4 m behind the rearmost part of the vehicle;
- (c) extends sideways so that the total width of the load is in excess of 2.5 m; or
- (d) rises to such a height in excess of 4.6 m or to such lesser height as may cause damage to any object or wires lawfully erected above the road.

2. Road users must apply for a Wide Load Permit (WLP) from the Transport Department's (TD's) Licensing Office for delivering a load of width exceeding 2.5 m by vehicle. A vehicle may be driven loaded within the limits prescribed in the WLP issued under Regulation 54 of the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374E).

3. The vehicle under application shall be a medium goods or heavy goods vehicle, whether or not articulated with a trailer, the total length of which shall not be less than 9.1 m.

4. An application form TD 290<sup>1</sup> should be duly completed and submitted to TD's Licensing Offices for the WLP application. The information and documents required by TD 290 for the WLP application include the following:

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<sup>1</sup> TD 290 can be downloaded at [https://www.td.gov.hk/en/public\\_forms/td\\_forms/permit/index.html](https://www.td.gov.hk/en/public_forms/td_forms/permit/index.html) or [https://www.td.gov.hk/tc/public\\_forms/td\\_forms/permit/index.html](https://www.td.gov.hk/tc/public_forms/td_forms/permit/index.html)

- (a) Particulars of Applicant
  - (i) Name of the registered owner of the vehicle under WLP application;
  - (ii) Identity document / Certificate of Incorporation of the registered owner;
  - (iii) Residential / Company and correspondence address with acceptable proof of address issued not more than three months from the date of application<sup>2</sup>; and
  - (iv) Contact phone number.
  
- (b) Particulars of Vehicle
  - (i) Registration mark, class, make, overall width and length of vehicle; and
  - (ii) Vehicle Registration Document of the vehicle under WLP application.
  
- (c) Valid third party insurance certificate or cover note in respect of the vehicle in the name of the registered owner for the entire period of the permit being sought.
  
- (d) Particulars of Operation
  - (i) Reason for application;
  - (ii) Projection of loads: front projection, rear projection, overall projection beyond both sides, total width of loads, total weight of loads, and total length of loads; and
  - (iii) Details of routes, including delivery period and time schedule.

5. Width of traffic lane in Hong Kong is typically 3.3 m, but may be less than 3 m at some local road sections. Vehicle delivering a load of width not exceeding 3 m may generally be accommodated within a single traffic lane. In the contrast, vehicle delivering a load of width exceeding 3 m may encroach upon the adjacent

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<sup>2</sup> For a full list of acceptable proof of address, reference should be made to [https://www.td.gov.hk/en/public\\_services/licences\\_and\\_permits/proof\\_of\\_address/index.html](https://www.td.gov.hk/en/public_services/licences_and_permits/proof_of_address/index.html)

or opposite traffic lane, which will impose significant traffic impact and road safety concern. Applicant should critically review if the width of load exceeding 3 m is essential for his purpose.

6. In order to facilitate consideration by TD, the following supporting information will usually be required for the WLP application, in particular for the case of load width exceeding 3 m:

- (a) Swept path analysis to demonstrate the maneuverability of the vehicle at critical road section such as narrow road segments, sharp bends, junctions, vehicular ingress and egress to destination, etc.;
- (b) Traffic impact assessment or traffic review to demonstrate the practicability of the delivery proposal, particularly on the time of delivery and its impact on road and junction capacities;
- (c) Temporary traffic management schemes for the modulus transportation, if any, to illustrate the escort and road / lane closure arrangement, temporary loading bay, and contingency parking place, etc.; and
- (d) Contingency plan to handle emergency situation, including the rescue arrangement for breakdown of transportation vehicle, evacuation proposal when delivery route being blocked by other vehicles, and procedures for reporting incidents to relevant personnel, etc.

7. The TD will inform the applicant of the application result in writing within 25 working days upon receipt of the duly completed application with all required documents. The application fee for Wide Load Permit is \$240.

8. Subject to the approval conditions, trial runs may be required to substantiate the practicability of the delivery proposal.

9. For general enquiries on the application for WLP in relation to transportation of modular integrated construction modules, please feel free to contact Transport Department by:

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