



## **TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **Section 13 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 and the Road Traffic (Construction and Use of Vehicles) Regulations 1963 – 2018 as amended & Road Traffic (Special Permits for Particular Vehicles) Regulations 2007.**

*Please read these instructions in advance of completing the application form on pages 3 and 4*

### **Procedure relating to application for abnormal loads**

Where it is proposed to carry a load, which is such that the gross weight or axle weights are in excess of the legal limits or the dimensional or projecting limits are breached, a permit must be obtained from the relevant local authority or authorities through whose functional area(s) the load will be carried.

Tipperary County Council requires that the following procedure is adhered to when applying for a permit for an abnormal load:

1. Before making an application, the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána must be informed and given a copy of the application form **at least 4 CLEAR WORKING days before the Application is submitted to the Local Authority**. Email [traffic\\_abloads@garda.ie](mailto:traffic_abloads@garda.ie) and [abnormalload@mtcc.ie](mailto:abnormalload@mtcc.ie)
2. Completed application form must be submitted **at least 4 clear days** prior to movement of load.
3. Any permit issued is on the basis of the Vehicle Registration Number and is not transferable to any other Vehicle Registration Number.
4. The applicant must contact TII's Motorway Traffic Control Centre on email [abnormalload@mtcc.ie](mailto:abnormalload@mtcc.ie) a minimum of 72 hours (3 days) in advance of the journey, where the load width is greater than 3m, to obtain clearance to travel on the Motorway/National Dual Carriageway Network. The Motorway Traffic Control Centre will confirm if any roadworks are planned along the route that will impact the abnormal load journey.

## Schedule of fees for Abnormal Loads Permits

Permit Type	Amount €
Single Journey	€60
1 Month	€100
3 Months	€150
6 Months	€300

**Please Note:** The appropriate fee must be received by Tipperary County Council in advance of the permit being issued.

## Procedure for Payment

- (1) Roads Department will not take any credit/debit card information from customers. This information may only be provided to Cash Office staff.
- (2) On receipt of a valid permit application, Roads Department will assign a permit number. This permit number and Revenue Code number (RDS010) will be required when making payment to our cash office (0818) 06 5000.
- (3) The cash office opening hours are 09:30 to 16:30. Mon – Fri excluding Bank Holidays.
- (4) An official receipt will issue to you in the post.
- (5) Please ensure payment is made in advance of the permit issue date.
- (6) Should you wish to pay via Bank transfer please note that the onus rests with the applicant to ensure that Tipperary County Council have received the relevant payment in adequate time to allow the permit to be issued.

## Types of Permits

### **Garda Permit**

Garda Permit applies only to designated routes, as set out under the Road Traffic (Specialised Vehicle Permits)(Amendment) Regulations 2010, i.e. major inter-urban routes and to Cork, Rosslare and Ringaskiddy ports, but subject to the following limitations, namely that;

- the combined weight of the vehicle and load does not exceed the maximum limits set out in the Road Traffic (Construction and Use of Vehicles) Regulations 2003, as amended,
- The vehicle/load does not exceed 27.4m in length
- The vehicle/load does not exceed 4.3m in width
- The vehicle/load does not exceed 4.65m in height

Further information is available on the Garda website [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie)

### **Local Authority Permit**

A Local Authority Permit is required for **all** roads, (including roads designated under the Road Traffic (Specialised Vehicle Permits)(Amendment) Regulations 2010 for Garda Permits, for vehicles and loads which do not qualify under the Garda Permit Scheme, and in either or all of the following cases:

- the weight and dimensions of the vehicle exceed the maximum permissible limits set out in the Road Traffic (Construction & use of Vehicles) Regulations 2003, as amended and/or
- The vehicle/load exceeds 4.65m in height

**Terms and Conditions:**

1. The use of Dumpers to haul loads along public roads will not be permitted.
2. Route Survey Report may be requested to accompany Application Form where vehicle / load >30m in length or >5m in width or >5.0m in height

**NOTE:** An Exceptional Abnormal Load is defined as a real vehicle not conforming to the Construction & Use Regulations and heavier than 180 Tonnes. In the case of an application for an Exceptional Abnormal Load, please contact [customerservices@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:customerservices@tipperarycoco.ie), quoting Exceptional Abnormal Load Proposal.

### **Garda Escorts**

Garda Escorts are generally required for :-

- (a) Loads greater than 4m wide travelling along sections of National / Regional / local roads, where such roads are generally less than 7m wide;
- (b) For all loads greater than 32.5m in length;
- (c) Other occasions when the Local Authority Abnormal Load Assessor deems that a Garda escort is warranted.
- (d) Other occasions where the Applicant / Haulier feels that a Garda escort is necessary to complete the operation safely.

### **Escort Categories**

TYPE OF ROAD	NO ESCORT NECESSARY	TYPE A ESCORT	TYPE B ESCORT
<b>WIDTH (W)</b> Motorways	W < 3.50 m	3.50m < W < 4m	W > 4m
Others Roads	W < 3.25 m	3.25m < W < 3.50m	W > 3.50m
<b>LENGTH (L)</b> Motorways	L < 30 m	30m < L < 50m	L > 50m
Other Roads	L < 27.5 m	27.5 m < L < 32.5 m	L > 32.5 m
<b>Weight ( Not applicable to Denmark)</b>	All Roads	No Specific Requirementd	

### **Undertaking**

An application for a permit shall contain an undertaking by the applicant to indemnify and refund to Tipperary County Council the amount of any damage caused to any public road or Bridge or any fixture(s) thereon by the use of the vehicle(s) and/or trailer(s) under the permit.

Tipperary County Council may for this purpose require the applicant as a condition of the permit either to deposit with the Council a sum sufficient to cover the amount of such damage, or to furnish other sufficient security.

Completed applications to be submitted to:

Roads Department  
Tipperary County Council  
Civic Offices  
Nenagh  
Co. Tipperary  
Tel No: (0818) 065000  
Email: customerservices@tipperarycoco.ie

Single Journey €60	One Month €100	Three Months €150	Six Months €300

Please tick appropriate box.

Permit number: AB 2026/\_\_\_\_\_

**TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL**

***AN IRISH VERSION OF THIS FORM IS NOW AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST***

**APPLICATION FORM** for permit to authorise the use of a vehicle on Public Roads maintained by Tipperary County Council where such vehicle contravenes **Section 13 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 and the Road Traffic (Construction and Use of Vehicles) Regulations 1963 – 2018 as amended & Road Traffic (Special Permits for Particular Vehicles) Regulations 2007.**

**APPLICANT'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILS OF PROPOSED ROUTE** (No abnormal load applications will be granted over the Shannon bridges at Ballina/Killaloe and O'Briensbridge/Mountpelier due to the restricted widths available at both locations. This policy is also being implemented by Clare and Limerick City & County Councils.

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(Please enter Road Numbers i.e. N52, N24, R445 etc)

**DATE(S) OF PROPOSED JOURNEYS:** \_\_\_\_\_

***PARTICULARS OF VEHICLES:***

**REG. NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**(The term “Substitute” may not be used. Only one registration may be inserted)**

**DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(e.g. 2 Axle tractor, single axle, semi-trailer)*

**DESCRIPTION OF LOAD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OVERALL LENGTH OF VEHICLE & LOAD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OVERALL WIDTH OF VEHICLE & LOAD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF VEHICLE & LOAD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**UNLADEN WEIGHT OF TRACTOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**UNLADEN WEIGHT OF TRAILER (IF ANY):** \_\_\_\_\_

**WEIGHT OF LOAD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REAR OVERHANGING:** \_\_\_\_\_

	Axle 1	Axle 2	Axle 3	Axle 4	Axle 5	Axle 6	Axle 7	Axle 8	Axle 9	Axle 10	Axle 11	Axle 12	Axle 13
No of Wheels per axle													
Approx weight on axle (tonnes)													
Distance of next axle (metres)													

24. Please tick ☒ as appropriate, the proposed Escort\* arrangements to accompany the Vehicle/Load:

	No Escort required
	Type A Escort required (At least one escort vehicle)
	Type B Escort required (Two escort vehicles, or one escort vehicle and a police escort or equivalent)

\* Note: The minimum standard for escort shall be that outlined in Chapter 7 of European Best Practice Guidelines for Abnormal

Road Transports, published by European Commission Directorate- General for Energy & Transport

**Note:**

Applicants are required to give **FOUR CLEAR** days notice of this application to the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána and such notice shall be accompanied by a copy of this application.

A copy of the notification to An Garda Síochána should be submitted with this form to Tipperary County Council

I/We wish to apply for a permit to use the above specified vehicle on the date(s) set out above on the public roads maintained by Tipperary County Council and I/We agree to indemnify the County Council against any damage to roads or bridges within the County, caused directly or indirectly to this transport, and of which notice is given within twelve months of the date of the said transport.

I/We confirm that the required notice of four days has been given to the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána.

**DATE GARDA COMMISSIONER NOTIFIED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note the Gardai have specified that Tipperary County Council does not issue permits until the notification period of 4 clear days to Garda Commissioner has elapsed.**

**Applicants signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Permit Number : AB 2026/**\_\_\_\_\_

**Approval Granted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senior Engineer  
Roads Department**

***ROADS DEPARTMENT, CIVIC OFFICES, LIMERICK ROAD, NENAGH, CO. TIPPERARY.  
TEL. NO. 0818 06 500 FAX NO. (067) 33134***