



PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the issuance of custom harvest permits for nonresidents and residents engaged in custom harvesting in North Dakota.

POLICY STATEMENT

As authorized by sections 39-04-18(2.h) and 39-04-19(6) NDCC, the NDHP will issue custom harvest permits to nonresidents custom harvesting in North Dakota. Resident farmers with farm registered vehicles may also purchase custom harvest permits in lieu of commercial truck registration.

The following procedures outline the requirements and benefits of North Dakota custom harvest permits.

PROCEDURE

- A. Custom harvesters with current custom harvest permits in possession are not required to obtain oversize permits, except when towing oversize mobile homes.
- B. Nonresident Custom Harvest Permits
  - 1. The fee for the nonresident custom harvest permit is \$50 per vehicle and is valid from **June 1 through December 31**.
  - 2. All accompanying vehicles must be temporarily registered for a minimum period of six consecutive months. Accompanying vehicles include passenger vehicles, pickup trucks, and motor homes. Temporary registration will also exempt the carrier from overwidth and overheight permits, except when towing oversize mobile homes.
    - a. When the power unit or accompanying vehicle is pulling a trailer (or towed vehicle), the registered weight on the power unit must be for the combined weight of the power unit, trailer, and load (or for the combined weight of the power unit and towed vehicle).
  - 3. Temporary registration is not issued on a semitrailer, trailer, or towed vehicle.
  - 4. The temporary registration fee schedule is shown below. A \$10 permit fee is also assessed for each temporary registration issued.

Vehicle Type	Weight	6 Month Fee	12 Month Fee
Passenger vehicle, pickup, van, truck	Less than 20,001 lbs.	\$60	\$120
Motorcycle		\$30	\$60
Truck/Combination	20,001-42,000 lbs.	\$220	\$440
Truck/Combination	42,001-62,000 lbs.	\$380	\$760
Truck/Combination	62,001-82,000 lbs.	\$530	\$1,060
Truck/Combination	82,001-105,500 lbs.	\$900	\$1,800

- 5. If a nonresident custom harvester has a current IRP cab card with North Dakota listed, they would not need a custom harvest permit; however, oversize permits would be required. An IRP carrier has the option to purchase a custom harvest permit.
- 6. Nonresident custom harvesters traveling through North Dakota outside of the harvest period or during the harvest period without custom harvest permits in possession are subject to 72-hour trip permits, fuel permits, and oversize permits.
- 7. Nonresident custom harvesters entering North Dakota are subject to the \$15 fuel permit even if they obtain a custom harvest permit, although they would not have to purchase another fuel permit if they leave the state and come back again.
- 8. A nonresident custom harvest permit or temporary registration authorizes the movement of combine headers side by side up to 12 feet in width.

9. A nonresident custom harvest permit or temporary registration authorizes the transportation of two combines on a semitrailer or trailer if the overall length of the semitrailer or trailer, including the load, does not exceed 60 feet.
10. Overwidth mobile homes being towed by nonresident custom harvesters **are** subject to mobile home single trip permits. A nonresident custom harvester may obtain a mobile home single trip permit at [www.statepatrol.nd.gov](http://www.statepatrol.nd.gov) or from the NDHP permit office by calling (701) 328-2621.
11. General travel restrictions.
  - a. A custom harvest permit or temporary registration shall not be issued for overdimensional movements from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise unless:
    - 1) Twelve feet or less in width and one hundred twenty feet or less in length, or
    - 2) Approved by the superintendent.
  - b. A custom harvest permit or temporary registration for overwidth movements exceeding 16 feet shall not authorize travel on Saturday after 1200 hours (noon), all day Sunday, nor on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.
    - 1) No overwidth permit exceeding 16 feet will be valid from 1200 hours (noon) the day before the holiday until sunrise the day after the holiday.
  - c. A custom harvest permit or temporary registration shall not authorize movement when inclement weather prevails, highways are slippery, nor when visibility is poor.
  - d. A custom harvest permit or temporary registration does not authorize travel on the shoulder of a road.
12. General safety requirements.
  - a. All overdimensional vehicles and loads shall have red or bright orange flags, a minimum of 18 inches by 18 inches, displayed on the traffic side front and rear.
  - b. When the overall length of an overdimensional movement exceeds 75 feet in length and/or 8 feet 6 inches in width, there shall be at least one 12 inch by 60 inch (304.8 mm by 1524 mm) **OVERSIZE LOAD** or **WIDE LOAD** sign on the front and rear. The lettering shall be black on yellow background. Letters shall be at least 8 inches high (203.2 mm) with a 1-inch brush stroke (25.4 mm).
  - c. Authorized oversize movements made from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise require:
    - 1) Clearance lights visible from the front, rear, and side marking the outermost portion of the vehicle and load which extend beyond 8 feet 6 inches.
    - 2) One rotating or two flashing amber lights mounted above the cab visible at a distance not less than 500 feet.
      - a) When lights on the cab are not visible to the rear, additional flashing amber lights are required at the rear.
    - 3) Lights shall be SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) approved Class 1 lights and reflectors.
    - 4) Vehicles must be capable of traveling at the posted highway speed.
  - d. All loads must be loaded and secured to prevent the shifting or falling of the load.
  - e. Towing vehicle must have two mirrors to reflect a rear view of 200 feet for the driver.

#### C. Resident Custom Harvest Permits

1. Resident custom harvesters with farm registered vehicles may purchase \$25 resident custom harvest permits in lieu of registering their vehicles as commercial trucks.
2. Resident custom harvesters with commercial truck registration shall be exempt from oversize permits during the harvest season.
3. Resident custom harvest permits **may be issued** at **any time** and are valid **through December 31**.
4. General safety requirements.
  - a. Marking and flagging vehicles and loads that do not exceed 14 feet 6 inches in width.
    - 1) Any overwidth vehicle or load must display red or bright orange flags that shall be mounted on the most practical outside dimension on the traffic side of the overwidth vehicle or load, front and rear. If one flag is visible from both the front and rear, only one flag would be required. All flags shall be made of red or bright orange cloth or other suitable material and shall be at least 18 inches by 18 inches in size; or

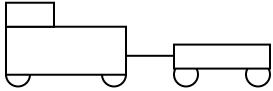
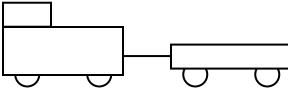
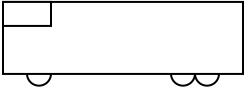
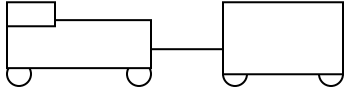
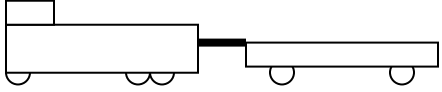
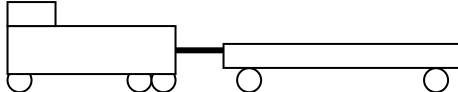
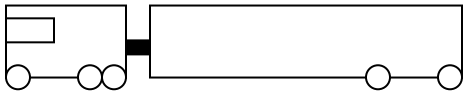
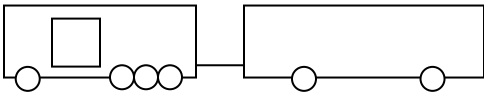
- 2) The overwidth vehicle or load may be followed by a vehicle with lighted flashing lights that are visible from the rear for a minimum 500 feet; or
  - 3) The overwidth vehicle itself, or the vehicle towing or hauling an overwidth load, may be equipped with a lighted rotating or flashing amber light(s) that is visible from the rear for a minimum 500 feet.
- b. Marking and flagging vehicles and loads that exceed 14 feet 6 inches in width.
- 1) A red or bright orange flag that is at least 18 inches by 18 inches in size shall be mounted on a pole showing the extreme outside width and height on the traffic side of the load. If one flag is not clearly visible from the front and rear, then flags must be mounted on both the front and rear of the vehicle; or
  - 2) The overwidth movement shall be preceded and followed by pilot cars equipped with lighted rotating or flashing amber lights mounted on top of the highest part of the vehicle that is visible for a minimum 500 feet; or
  - 3) The overwidth vehicle itself, or the vehicle towing or hauling an overwidth load, shall be equipped with a lighted rotating or flashing amber light(s) that is visible from the front and rear for a minimum 500 feet.

#### D. Application Procedure

1. Nonresidents may obtain custom harvester permits online at [www.statepatrol.nd.gov](http://www.statepatrol.nd.gov) or by contacting the NDHP permit office, a trooper, or a motor carrier inspector.
  - a. A Receipt/Permit (SFN 3507) and window sticker shall be required for each vehicle (power unit) issued a custom harvester's permit.
    - 1) The window sticker prints at the time the permit is issued.
2. Temporary registration is available on the NDHP website, [www.statepatrol.nd.gov](http://www.statepatrol.nd.gov). Scroll down and click on "Purchase a Temporary Registration".
  - a. A temporary registration permit shall be issued for the power unit.
  - b. The NDDOT Motor Vehicle Division will mail the applicant a window sticker.
3. When it is necessary to issue a handwritten receipt/permit:
  - a. A Receipt/Permit (SFN 3507) must be completed for each vehicle issued a custom harvest permit or temporary registration.
  - b. A temporary registration (SFN 3060 or SFN 59992) window sticker must also be completed for each custom harvest permit or temporary registration issued.
    - 1) When completing the window sticker for a custom harvest permit, **do not** include the permit fee.
    - 2) When completing the window sticker for temporary registration, include a \$10 permit fee. (On SFN 3060, the permit fee was increased from \$3 to \$10.)
4. When a custom harvester has more than one vehicle, one Receipt/Permit (SFN 3507) may be issued to cover all the custom harvest permits and temporary registrations issued.
  - a. Information for each vehicle shall be written on the receipt/permit in the remarks section.
  - b. A temporary registration window sticker shall be completed for each vehicle.
  - c. The temporary registration permit number(s) shall be written in the remarks section of the receipt/permit.
5. Nonresident custom harvest permits are available to purchase online seven days prior to June 1.
6. Resident custom harvest permits are available year around.
  - a. One Receipt/Permit (SFN 3507) and window sticker shall be issued for each vehicle.
  - b. When it is necessary to issue a handwritten receipt/permit, a temporary registration (SFN 3560 or SFN 59992) window sticker shall also be completed for each power unit (truck or truck-tractor).
7. A legible electronic or paper copy of the permit must be in possession prior to entering North Dakota or starting movement.
  - a. The applicant/driver is responsible for complying with the travel restrictions and safety requirements listed on the receipt/permit.

E. Examples of Vehicle Combinations

1. Examples of vehicle combinations for custom harvesters. Custom harvest (CH) permits are \$50.00. For temporary registration motor vehicles fees, see page 1. Temporary registration will be issued for a minimum period of 6 or 12 months. Temporary registration is not issued on a semitrailer, trailer, or towed vehicle.

 <p><b>Straight truck pulling trailer w/headers</b></p> <p>Truck gets custom harvest permit or temporary registration</p>	 <p><b>Straight truck/pickup pulling a camper/office</b></p> <p>A truck gets CH permit or temporary registration. If legal size, the travel trailer requires nothing.</p>
 <p><b>RV used for sleeping or office</b></p> <p>RV gets temporary registration.</p>	 <p><b>Straight truck/pickup pulling service/repair RV</b></p> <p>Truck gets CH permit or temporary registration.</p>
 <p><b>Truck-tractor w/flatbed carrying a combine</b></p> <p>Truck-tractor gets CH permit.</p>	 <p><b>Truck-tractor w/combine trailer carrying a combine</b></p> <p>Truck-tractor gets CH permit. Combine trailer requires nothing because it is an implement of husbandry.</p>
 <p><b>Truck-tractor pulling a grain trailer</b></p> <p>Truck-tractor gets CH permit.</p>	 <p><b>Straight grain truck pulling grain trailer</b></p> <p>Straight truck gets CH permit or temporary registration.</p>