



New NYS Oversize/Overweight Permitting System

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is pleased to announce that a new, state of the art oversize/overweight (OS/OW) permitting system is being launched by the NYSDOT on February 20th, 2019. The system, called HOOCS (Highway Oversize/Overweight Credentialing System), will include a number of improvements designed to make it easier to apply for OS/OW permits in New York State (NYS).

NYSDOT evaluated its Special Hauling and divisible Load OS/OW permitting process to identify strategies to reduce costs to taxpayers, improve customer service, and streamline agency operations. Among the recommendations were the need to improve the delivery time of the permits to the freight and trucking industries, automate existing agency manual systems for issuing permits and to integrate those systems to improve the customer experience and their ability to do business in NYS.

This new on-line system will allow the trucking industry to apply, route, and pay for OS/OW Permits using an enhanced web based application. HOOCS features a convenient, user-friendly customer interface, tools for the customer for managing fleets and accounts, and map based automated routing tools.

HOOCS has been designed to improve the process for Special Hauling and Divisible Load permits customers and will, for the first time, allow NYSDOT to offer Divisible Load permits online via the One Stop Shopping Credentialing and Registration (OSCAR) system. Using state-of-the-art technology, HOOCS will enable permit types to be auto-issued, reducing permit issuance delays, time spent by agencies processing permits, and increase industry and government efficiencies.

To further improve the permitting process across NYS, industry customers will also be able to apply for “one stop shopping” permits involving other NYS jurisdictions. Under the first phase of this effort, NYSDOT is partnering with the New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA) and New York State Bridge Authority (NYSBA) to advance integrated permitting partnerships. These partnerships will allow an OS/OW permit customer to apply, route and pay online once to get any combination of these jurisdictions’ OS/OW permits. Using a single system and application process to obtain and pay for permits from multiple jurisdictions all at once will further improve customer service to the trucking and freight industries, while reducing costs for taxpayers and enhancing coordination among agencies to improve safety and reduce impacts to the highway infrastructure. After the initial launch of HOOCS, NYSDOT will continue pursuing integrated partnerships with other OS/OW permitting jurisdictions to grow the one stop shopping concept.

OSCAR is the existing NYS one-stop shopping website which allows the trucking industry a single point of contact to apply, change, pay for, and receive the operating credentials for OS/OW as well as Highway Use Tax (HUT), International Fuel Tax (IFTA), and International Registration (IRP). To enroll in OSCAR, a NYS Tax Identification Number and a USDOT Number (USDOT#) are required. The OSCAR website can be reached at <https://www.oscar.ny.gov/>