

***Can the selectboard delegate the authority to issue overweight permits?***

Yes. In 2003, the Legislature amended 23 V.S.A. § 1400a(a) to allow the selectboard to designate someone who can issue overweight permits. Typically, this is someone who is routinely available in the town offices, such as the clerk, or someone who has particular knowledge of and expertise in the local roads such as the road commissioner, town manager, etc. Note, however, that towns may only charge \$5.00 for an individual permit or \$10.00 for a fleet permit, unless they follow the procedure outlined in 23 V.S.A. § 1400a(c)(1). This procedure requires consideration of amount of weight allowed in excess of normal limit, the configuration and number of axles, the number and length of trips, and the condition of the highway before and after use, and any costs associated with repairs.

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