

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

These guidelines provide general guidance for practitioners involved in delivering long and / or wide loads, such as Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) units, in construction projects.

2. 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.

3. Road users must apply for a Long / Wide Load Permit (L/WLP)<sup>1</sup> from the Transport Department's (TD's) Licensing Office for delivering a load of length exceeding the front and the rear of the vehicle by 1.5 m and 1.4 m respectively or a load of width exceeding 2.5 m. A vehicle may be driven loaded within the limits prescribed in the L/WLP issued under Regulation 54 of the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374E).

4. The "Conditions of Issue" of a L/WLP specify that, the vehicle under

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<sup>1</sup> The application form (TD 290) can be downloaded at the TD's homepage via "[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)".

application shall be a medium goods vehicle or heavy goods vehicle, whether or not articulated with a trailer, the total length of which shall not be less than 9.1 m. Loads should normally be positioned on the vehicle so that they do not overhang more than 2 m to the front, and/or more than 3 m to the rear, of the vehicle. However, where this cannot be avoided, the vehicle on which the load is being carried shall not be less than 10 m in length.

5. The applicant should duly complete the application form (TD 290) and submit it to the TD's Licensing Offices. The information and documents required by TD 290 for the L/WLP application include the following:

- (a) Particulars of Applicant
  - (i) Name of the registered owner of the vehicle under L/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.
  
- (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;

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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 "[https://www.td.gov.hk/tc/public\\_services/licences\\_and\\_permits/proof\\_of\\_address/index.html](https://www.td.gov.hk/tc/public_services/licences_and_permits/proof_of_address/index.html)".

- (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.

6. 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 contrast, vehicle delivering a load of width exceeding 3 m may encroach upon the adjacent 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.

7. In order to facilitate consideration by the TD, the following supporting information will usually be required for the L/WLP application, such as for delivering MiC units, in particular for the case of a load of length exceeding 16m and / or of 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.

8. 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 L/WLP is \$240.

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

10. For general enquiries on these guidelines, please feel free to contact the TD by:

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