

DOT Automates Motor Carrier Permitting Process

Beginning June 14, the Department of Transportation's Office of Motor Carrier Services will no longer accept applications for oversize/overweight loads and trip permits over the phone, but will still accept completed applications online, via fax, and in person at the department's office. This will improve office efficiency since taking applications over the phone is very time consuming.

Companies that would like to set up an online EZ Permit account need to contact the Office of Motor Carrier Services at 515-237-3264 during office hours, and staff will assist you in getting started by setting up a user identification and initial password. The office hours are Monday through Friday, 8am to 4:30pm. There is a \$100 escrow fee for setting up an online account, and account holders are billed monthly. The department is asking companies to register 48 hours in advance of requesting a permit.

Once the account is set up, you can access the EZ Permit service at www.ezpiamcs.iowadot.gov. Companies that would prefer to fax or bring a completed form to the Office of Motor Carrier Services can download forms at www.iowadot.gov/mvd/omcs/ and select "motor carrier forms."