

Attention: Motor Carriers

What's new?

A change to the penalties for weight violations took effect on September 1, 2013. In an effort to ensure businesses are well informed, we have prepared this Quick Reference Guide for you.

What does it mean to me?

Compliance with permit requirements and vehicle weight limitations will prevent Any impact to you or your business. Ensure your shippers provide you with a Certificate of Weight prior to seeking an overweight permit.



What are the new penalties?

Third offense penalties within a year, doubles the penalties on a single axle and tandem axle up to a maximum of \$2,500.

Single and tandem axle weight penalties are:

Amount Over Legal Weight Limit (lbs)	Fine Range
1 to 2,500	\$100 - \$500
2,501 to 5,000	\$500 - \$1,000
5,001 and over	\$1,000 - \$2,000

More information

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles website, www.TxDMV.gov, offers a wealth of information and is the first place to go to stay up-to-date on state law, forms and to find useful publications. Be sure to visit the Motor Carriers section to become familiar with everything it has to offer.

On gross weight penalties the third offense within a year of the previous conviction doubles the penalty up to a maximum of \$20,000.

Gross weight penalties are:

Amount Over Legal Weight Limit (lbs)	Fine Range
1 to 2,500	\$100 - \$500
2,501 to 5,000	\$500 - \$1,000
5,001 to 10,000	\$1,000 - \$2,500
10,001 to 20,000	\$2,500 - \$5,000
20,001 to 40,000	\$5,000 - \$7,000
40,001 and over	\$7,000 - \$10,000

