

# ***Module 11***

## ***Special Permit – Commercial Vehicles Other than Oil Well Service Vehicles***



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### Things to think about ...

In some situations, a driver may not be able to reach a destination, deliver perishable goods, or handle a temporary increase in passengers or goods without exceeding the daily limits. In these situations, a motor carrier can apply for a special permit for commercial vehicles other than oil well service vehicles.

What is a special permit for commercial vehicles other than oil well service vehicles?

How does a motor carrier apply for this permit?

What are the conditions for this permit?

### What will I learn in this module?

- Special permit for commercial vehicles other than oil well service vehicles
- Application for a special permit for commercial vehicles other than oil well service vehicles
- Conditions for a special permit for commercial vehicles other than oil well service vehicles



## What is a special permit for commercial vehicles other than oil well service vehicles?



### **Legislative References:**

- *Federal Commercial Vehicle Drivers Hours of Service Regulations (SOR/2005-313) Section 1 Interpretation*
- *Federal Commercial Vehicle Drivers Hours of Service Regulations (SOR/2005-313) Section 62 Permits for Commercial Vehicles Other than Oil Well Service Vehicles*

Some motor carriers need drivers to work for longer periods than the daily limits allow. Specifically, a motor carrier may need to reduce off-duty time or increase driving time to do the following:

- Allow a driver following a regular schedule to reach the driver's destination or home terminal. The home terminal is the motor carrier's place of business where the driver normally reports for work.
- Deliver perishable goods
- Accommodate a significant temporary increase in the transportation of passengers or goods by the motor carrier

In these situations, a motor carrier can apply for a special permit. If approved, the permit authorizes the motor carrier to operate under special terms and conditions for a maximum of 1 year.

Motor carriers need to apply to the provincial director for a special permit. In Alberta, the provincial director is an official with Alberta Transportation.



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## **How does a motor carrier apply for this special permit?**

The motor carrier must submit the information and documentation required for a permit application. We will discuss permit applications in detail in Module 13.

## **What are the conditions for this special permit?**

The provincial director considers the safety and health of the public, the driver and the employees of the motor carrier when reviewing the special permit application.

In Alberta, the department (Alberta Transportation) will conduct a safety review of the applicant's compliance levels and may require periodic re-verification of safety performance. The department will also need verification as to why operational changes (such as the use of more vehicles/drivers, consolidating routes, etc.) will not allow the carrier to meet the normal regulatory requirements.

If the director approves the application, the motor carrier receives a permit that authorizes the motor carrier to operate under special terms and conditions for a maximum of 1 year. The permit can only be used by the drivers and vehicles registered to the permit holder.

The special permit authorizes the driver who is operating a commercial vehicle other than an oil well service vehicle to do the following:

- Decrease daily off-duty hours by up to 2 hours if the commercial vehicle is operating south of latitude 60°N. The driver must still take the 8 consecutive hours of core off-duty time each day.
- Increase daily driving and on-duty time by up to 2 hours. In other words, a driver can drive a maximum of 15 hours and be on-duty for up to 16 hours per day.
- Use other special operating conditions

The driver can work under these special terms and conditions as long as the permit is valid. However, as soon as the special permit expires, all daily limits and requirements apply again.



## Summary of Special Permit Conditions for Commercial Vehicles Other than Oil Well Service Vehicles





## Module Self-Check Questions

If you can answer the following questions, you are ready to move to the next module. If you can't answer the questions, please review the module again before continuing.

- 1) Describe a special permit for commercial vehicles other than oil well service vehicles.

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- 2) Describe the application process for a special permit for commercial vehicles other than oil well service vehicles.

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- 3) Describe the conditions for a special permit for commercial vehicles other than oil well service vehicles.

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## Answers to Module Self-Check Questions

- 1) Describe a special permit for commercial vehicles other than oil well service vehicles.
  - Includes situations where a driver may need to reduce off-duty time or increase driving time to:
    - allow a driver following a regular schedule to reach the driver's home terminal or destination
    - deliver perishable goods
    - accommodate a significant temporary increase in the transportation of passengers or goods by the motor carrier
  - Authorizes the motor carrier to operate under special terms and conditions for a maximum of 1 year
- 2) Describe the application process for a special permit for commercial vehicles other than oil well service vehicles.
  - Motor carrier submits information and documentation required for a permit application
- 3) Describe the conditions for a special permit for commercial vehicles other than oil well service vehicles
  - Decrease daily off-duty hours by 2 hours if the commercial vehicle is operated south of latitude 60°N. The driver must still take the 8 consecutive hours of core off-duty time.
  - Increase daily driving and on-duty time by 2 hours (i.e., drive for 15 hours; on-duty for 16 hours per day).
  - Use other special operating conditions.



**Notes:**