

Step-by-Step Guide to Bonding a Posted Road

Acquiring a Permit to Exceed Posted Roadway Weight Restrictions

Situation:

A hauler that does not fall within the definition of local traffic in 67 Pa. Code §189.2 anticipates exceeding the weight limit on a weight restricted posted road. How does the hauler acquire a permit?

1 Contact PennDOT

The hauler contacts the PennDOT District [Posting and Bonding Coordinator](#).

2 Initiate Agreement

Initiate Excess Maintenance Agreement (EMA) with PennDOT. Requires hauler to provide security funds, and may require a maintenance plan.

3 Identify Roads

Identify the state owned posted road(s) on which the hauler is requesting permit(s).

4 Agreement Executed

PennDOT processes and executes EMA.

5 Maintenance Plan

Complete and submit a maintenance plan as required by the EMA and/or at the Districts request. [Contact the District](#) to obtain the proper maintenance plan for regular or heavy USERS.

6 PennDOT Inspection

PennDOT conducts initial inspection to determine roadway existing state of repair prior to hauling (hauler may participate in the inspection).

7 Permit Determination

If approved, permit(s) issued.

8a Roadway Condition Surveys

Weekly reviews of condition of roads, bonded by Heavy Users.

8b Interim Inspections

PennDOT conducts interim inspections at it's discretion.

9 Damage?

User contacted if there is damage which poses a hazard to the public. Based on option selected in EMA, hauler responsible to fix, OR Department will fix and bill hauler.

10 Prompt Repairs

When contacted, hauler must promptly perform repairs to the damage posing a hazard to the public. If no response or response not timely, hauling permit suspended. PennDOT may elect to make repairs and bill user.

11 Hauling Complete

Hauler notifies PennDOT in writing when hauling is ended and after repairs are completed.

12 Final Inspection

PennDOT conducts final inspection to verify acceptable roadway condition maintenance for which the hauler is liable under the EMA.

13 Hauler Billed

PennDOT bills hauler for any cost recovery items (damage repair, inspections, roadway condition surveys, plan reviews, construction inspection, etc.)

14 Agreement Release

All excess maintenance must be performed and all billable costs must be paid before EMA/permit can be released.

15 Funds Released

If exiting EMA/permit entirely, security funds are released.