

PUBLIC NOTICE

SEASONAL VEHICLE WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

CENTRAL REGION

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This notice is to remind the public and the trucking industry that seasonal weight/load restrictions will be imposed soon by the Department on its highway system for all vehicles over 10,000# GVW. These annual weight restrictions are utilized to reduce roadway damage caused by heavy vehicles traveling on highways weakened during spring break-up conditions. The weight restrictions are stated as a percentage of legal allowable weight and shall be applied to the maximum axle loading in accordance with 17 AAC 25.013(e).

Annual restrictions on highways within Central Region typically occur between March and June. Restrictions vary throughout all of Alaska due to weather, local soil conditions and frost depth. These restrictions may reduce the allowable gross vehicle weight by as much as 50%, it is advisable to transport as much freight as possible prior to the above months. All State routes may be subject to seasonal weight restrictions.

When imposed, these restrictions will be posted on the DOT&PF Division of Measurement Standards & Commercial Vehicle Compliance (MSCVC) webpage found here - <https://www.dot.alaska.gov/mscvc>. Select the "Commercial Vehicle" tab in the middle of the page and then "Weight Restrictions". From there choose the latest Central Region listing to view current and/or upcoming seasonal weight restriction information. There is also a link to sign up to receive notifications via email or text.

Questions regarding weight restrictions, including vehicle size, permits and fees, can be found on the DOT&PF, MSCVC Commercial Vehicle Customer Service Center website - <https://dot.alaska.gov/mscvc/pages/permits.shtml> or calling Toll Free within Alaska at 1-800-478-7636 or out of State at 1-907-365-1200.

The Department of Public Safety and the DOT&PF, MSCVC will be enforcing these restrictions.

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