



# Oregon

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Department of Transportation

Office of the Director

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**ATTN: Motor Carriers  
Oregon Wild Fire Emergency Declaration**

In accordance with the authority granted the Department in ORS 823.012, the following commercial motor vehicle requirements are suspended effective September 8, 2020, for operators of commercial vehicles to travel in and through the state of Oregon to provide assistance in the suppression and relief from the wild fire disasters in various locations in Oregon:

- ORS 825.252 Hours of service for commercial motor vehicles responding to the wild fires is waived with the stipulations noted below.

The following conditions apply to the suspension of motor carrier safety requirements under ORS 825.252:

1. Motor carriers or drivers currently subject to an out-of-service order are not eligible for these exemptions until the order expires or they have met the conditions for its rescission.
2. Nothing contained in this declaration shall be construed as an exemption from the controlled substances and alcohol use and testing requirements (49 CFR Part 382), the commercial driver's license requirements (49 CFR Part 383), the financial responsibility (insurance) requirements (49 CFR Part 387), operating authority (49 CFR Part 365).
3. These suspensions are in effect until the state of emergency is terminated as provided under ORS 401.204. These suspensions apply to the transportation of fuel, supplies, equipment, and similar materials that are necessary for, responding to and suppressing wild fires. The suspensions do not apply to any requirement not specifically listed in this notice. Operators are responsible and liable for safely routing their vehicles and obtaining current information concerning hazardous road conditions prior to movements.

Vehicles responding to emergencies are required to enter open scale facilities when a sign posted before the scale reads "All Trucks Over 20,000# GVWR Next Right", or with a GVWR of 10,000# or greater without this posted sign, unless they are operating with red warning lights and/or siren.

If stopped, be sure to let enforcement personnel know that you are responding to an emergency. As a precaution, we recommend you carry a copy of this waiver in your vehicle. The vehicle may be allowed to proceed and obtain required permits and/or credentials as soon as possible afterwards.

Thank you,

Kristopher W. Strickler  
Director