

Certified Superload Escort Program Questions and Answers

1. Why is the Ministry of Transportation using Certified Superload Escorts to control traffic around the movement of superloads?
 - The Ministry of Transportation committed to streamlining Superload permits by amending the *Highway Traffic Act*, providing more options for escorting of loads. Additionally, the Ontario Provincial Police advised MTO that it is challenging for them to continue to escort superloads given existing resource constraints. Consequently, the OPP will cease to provide paid duty escorts to assist in the movement of Oversize/Overweight Superloads as of January 1, 2019.
2. Is it mandatory for a municipality to use Certified Superload Escorts?
 - No, the regulations extend the authority of non-police escorts to permits issued by municipalities where traffic control is required; the municipality can choose whether or not to use non-police escorts for this purpose.
3. Can a municipality request the use of a Certified Superload Escort on loads that are not deemed a superload?
 - Yes, the section 110.5 of the Highway Traffic Act allows the use of non-police escorts under permit condition the authority to direct traffic; it is not specific to superload permits and can be used for any permit that requires traffic control.
4. Will there be a public education component for this program?
 - Yes, MTO has conducted stakeholder outreach through standard business channels and also announced the regulatory changes through a public announcement in the government's twice annual effective date communications in late June. Additionally, we are preparing FAQs, updating our website and social media content.
5. What is a municipality's right of refusal if there are no suitable roadways on a proposed superload route?
 - Municipalities are responsible for the permitting of the proposed route and may wish to ask the carrier to use an alternate route for verification.
6. Where do I refer carriers to if they have questions about the Certified Superload Escort Program?
 - All question on the Certified Superload Escort Program can be referred to BIT@ontario.ca