



Motor Carrier Services Division
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION Phone: (303) 205-5691, (303) 205-5683

Port of Entry Clearance

GENERAL INFORMATION

This FYI highlights the services the Colorado Ports of Entry (POE) provides the trucking industry.

LOCATION

POE has 11 stationary facilities located in key positions throughout the state. These facilities are located on most major highways that a motor carrier operator would use to either enter or exit Colorado.

There are also ten mobile units assigned to cover the less traveled highways. This is to ensure that all of the vehicles transporting cargo in, out, or through the state are in compliance with the state's statutes that pertain to motor carrier operators.

MAIN OFFICE

The Motor Carrier Services Division administrative office is located in Lakewood at 1881 Pierce Street. The main office phone number is:

(303) 205-5691
Fax: (303) 205-5764

CLEARANCE

Tractor

If a power unit is ever used as a tractor, it must be registered that way. Yellow on blue Gross Vehicle Weight (G-V-W) license plates will be issued. Apportioned plates are available if the owner chooses to prorate the vehicle's registration with other states.

All tractors are required to clear all Colorado Ports of Entry regardless of weight.

Truck—more than 16,000 pounds

If a truck weighs more than 16,000 pounds empty, it must either register according to its GVW, or apportion the registration with Colorado. This vehicle is also required to clear all ports.

Truck/Trailer

If a truck weighs between 10,001 and 16,000 pounds and a trailer is ever pulled by it, even occasionally, and the truck/trailer weight exceeds the 16,000 pound mark, the vehicle has to be registered G-V-W, or apportioned, and clear all ports.



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Truck—below 16,000 pounds

If a truck weighs less than 16,000 pounds empty, and is never used in conjunction with a trailer, then the truck can be registered according to the state’s light truck category. That vehicle will be issued white on green license plates, and will **not** have to clear the POE as long as the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of the truck or combination GVWR does not exceed 26,000 pounds.

However, these vehicles can also be apportioned. If so, apportioned license plates will be issued, and port clearance **is** required.

LADEN WEIGHT REGISTRATION PERMITS

If a commercial vehicle is not registered with Colorado, but occasionally does business here, a Laden Weight Registration Trip permit can be purchased at the first port contacted.

These permits are valid for 72 hours. The operator can make as many trips in, out, or through the state necessary in that 72 hour time limit.

Permit fees:

GVW is 10,001 - 30,000	\$60.00
GVW is 30,001 - 60,000	\$70.00
GVW is 60,001 - legal max.	\$80.00

Carriers entering Colorado with a gross weight in excess of their declared gross vehicle weight can do so if they purchase a Laden Weight Registration Trip Permit **prior** to putting the vehicle on a Colorado highway.

If a registration does not reflect the legal maximum weight for the state, but the vehicle’s load does, call the nearest POE to identify the vehicle by company name, vehicle description—unit number or vehicle identification number (VIN) and estimated time of arrival (within 24 hours of call).

To check for validity, the driver of the vehicle is required to have the officer's name upon arrival at the port.

If the vehicle is contacted by a mobile unit or State Patrol before it gets to the port, the state trooper or port officer will issue the registration permit after verifying that arrangements were made with the fixed facility.

FACSIMILE MACHINES

POE has installed Facsimile machines in the Motor Carrier Services Center and in each of the stationary port facilities throughout the state.

The Motor Carrier Services Center facsimile number is (303) 205-5766.

The numbers for the fax machines in the ports are as follows:

Ft. Collins	(970) 482-2477
Platteville	(970) 785-2427
Ft. Morgan	(970) 867-8967 (westbound)
and	(970) 396-3390 (eastbound)
Limon	(719) 775-9758
Lamar	(719) 336-1568
Trinidad	(719) 846-2408
Ft. Garland	(719) 379-3543
Cortez	(970) 565-9420
Loma	(970) 858-4922
Dumont	(303) 567-9477
Monument	(719) 481-2494

The Colorado Port of Entry Motor Carrier Services Web Site address is: http://www.revenue.state.co.us/MCS_dir/poe.htm