

The following information provides a summary pertaining to load limitations imposed on Certified Vehicles crossing posted bridges. For more detailed information, refer to the referenced State Regulations, or you may contact New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles, or the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, Bureau of Bridge Design.

DEFINITIONS – VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS

Certified Vehicle: A vehicle that has certification under:
[RSA 266:18-d Additional Certification and Registration](#); and
is registered for the weight limits in:
[RSA 266:18-b Weight on Non-interstate and General Highway System for Vehicles With Additional Registration](#); and
is traveling at a weight limit in excess of the weight limit in:
[RSA 266:18-a Weight on Non-interstate and General Highway System](#); or
[RSA 266:18 Weight on Interstate and Defense Highway System](#). (if applicable)

Single Unit Vehicle: A vehicle traveling without a trailer.

Combination Vehicle: A combination of a truck and one or more trailers.

Excluded Bridge: A bridge with a sign ‘E-1’ or ‘E-2’. These signs Exclude Certified Vehicles from crossing the bridge, and are authorized in:
[RSA 266:18-c General Weight Provisions](#);

Caution Crossing: A bridge with a sign ‘C-1’, ‘C-2’ or ‘C-3’. These signs indicate that Caution Crossing Procedures are to be used by Certified Vehicles, and are authorized in:
[RSA 266:18-b-III-h Weight on Non-interstate and General Highway System for Vehicles With Additional Registration](#) and [RSA 266:18-c General Weight Provisions](#);

RSA 266:18-b-III-(h) The commissioner of Transportation may restrict at his discretion the crossing of certain bridges or other structures, which he determines to have insufficient strength to safely carry multiple legal loads, by limiting vehicles to a caution crossing, whereby the bridge is restricted to one vehicle certified under RSA 266:18-d exceeding 37,400 pounds on the bridge at any one time. When multiple vehicles of more than 2 axles are located on the designated bridge, all loaded certified vehicles shall be required to stop and wait until other traffic passes before crossing the bridge. A bridge so restricted shall be posted according to RSA 266:18-c.

E-2 Sign: This sign indicates an Excluded Bridge. Certified Vehicles, both Single Unit and Combination Vehicles, are excluded from crossing the bridge.

E-1 Sign: This indicates an Excluded Bridge for Single Unit Vehicles only. A Certified Vehicle that is a Single Unit Vehicle is excluded from crossing the bridge.

C-2 Sign: This indicates Caution Crossing Bridge. Certified Vehicles, both Single Unit and Combination Vehicles, are required to wait until they can cross the bridge with no other trucks on the bridge.

C-1 Sign: This indicates Caution Crossing Bridge, for Single Unit Vehicles only. A Certified Vehicle that is a Single Unit Vehicle is required to wait until they can cross the bridge with no other trucks on the bridge.

C-3 Sign: This indicates an Excluded Bridge for Single Unit Vehicles only; and a Caution Crossing Bridge for Combination Vehicles only. A Certified Vehicle that is a Single Unit Vehicle is excluded from crossing the bridge. A Certified Vehicle that is a Combination Vehicle is required to wait until they can cross the bridge with no other trucks on the bridge.