



West Virginia Division of Highways Policy: **Equipment Rental/Private Sector**

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1.0 PURPOSE

Occasionally, the Division of Highways must rent equipment from the private sector. Circumstances that justify private rental of equipment include emergency conditions, such as flooding and heavy snow fall, uncommon work requirements that cannot be done without specialized equipment, such as a heavy crane, and other conditions resulting in equipment needs that the DOH fleet cannot supply.

When a need for private sector equipment arises, the policies and processes of this procedure must be followed for the rental, use, and documentation of the equipment. The REMIS Equipment Rental System (normally used to track DOH-owned equipment) will be used to record private sector equipment rentals in order to document usage.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

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| 2.1 | <u>DOH</u> | Division of Highways |
| 2.2 | <u>DOT</u> | Department of Transportation |
| 2.3 | <u>DOT 6.4</u> | Volume 6, Chapter 4 of the DOT Administrative Procedures |
| 2.4 | <u>DOT 6.6</u> | Volume 6, Chapter 6 of the DOT Administrative Procedures |
| 2.5 | <u>DOT 4.6</u> | Volume 4, Chapter 6 of the DOT Administrative Procedures |

3.0 GENERAL POLICIES

- 3.1 Rental of privately-owned equipment is permitted only when there are no like units available from other DOH organizations at the time the unit is needed. However, rental of privately-owned equipment must not be used as a substitute for good equipment fleet planning and management.
- 3.2 All rentals of privately-owned equipment, including emergencies, will be done in accordance with DOT and DOH purchasing procedures showing no favoritism to any vendor and striving for the most cost-effective rental available.
 - A. Highways' Equipment Rental Contract (REMIS Purchase Type "SCO") is the primary means of securing private sector equipment.
 - B. If the needed equipment is not available from the contract, utilize the appropriate DOT purchase type and follow the procedures, including all

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bidding and documentation requirements. See [DOT 6.4](#) on REMIS Types & Purchase Decision Making.

- 3.3 District Administrators and Division Directors are responsible and must establish internal controls and processes within their operations to ensure compliance with this procedure.
- A. Authority for non- emergency equipment rentals may be delegated to managers in the Maintenance and Equipment organizations or sections.
- B. Authority for equipment rentals during emergency situations, from lists of local owners (Form SM-105) or from the open market, remains solely with District Administrators or Division Directors or their designee.
- 3.4 The supervisor of the organization or section for whom the equipment is being rented will ensure the following:
- Rental units are safe and operational.
 - Rental units are operated by qualified and properly licensed operators.
 - The use of rental units is documented on Form [DOT-12](#), Daily Work Report, and entered to REMIS when the rental exceeds three days, except for cranes.
 - The rental is terminated when the purchased rental period is completed or whenever comparable DOH equipment becomes available to the renting organization.
- 3.5 Maintenance Division is responsible for providing assistance in arranging loans or transfers of equipment to preclude the need for rentals and will play an advisory role when private sector rental is required.

4.0 EMERGENCY POLICIES

- 4.1 Organization managers in conjunction with the District Administrator/Division Director or designee will determine the degree of urgency for emergency situations by the Division of Highways route priority and the immediate operational code as defined in Chapter 5 of the Maintenance Manual.
- 4.2 If the emergency requires equipment that is not in the organization' s inventory the manager should, but will not be required to, check with the Maintenance Division or neighboring organizations for the loan or transfer of DOH equipment.

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Additionally, neighboring organizations need not be contacted when it is already known that the emergency condition would prevent the movement of equipment.

- 4.3 Private sector rental equipment for emergency situations will be acquired:
 - A. first, from a vendor on the Equipment Rental Contract,
 - B. second, if not available from contract, from another vendor including locally owned equipment (Form SM-105 lists); and
 - C. last, if resolving the emergency is extremely urgent, such as a priority one route being impassable or closed, managers are authorized to acquire needed equipment from any available source at the asking price, but only when all other options have been exhausted.

- 4.4 Districts and their county organizations will develop and maintain Private Equipment Available for Rent — Not on Contract ([Form SM-105](#)) lists.
 - A. SM-105 lists will be updated in December and in June each year by contacting known sources for available equipment and rates.
 - B. There is no set guide for prices, however, they should be comparable to local industry and the daily rates should not exceed those in the Rental Rate Blue Book for Construction.
 - C. Copies of updated SM-105 lists will be maintained on file at the county and district and sent to the Highway Maintenance Division.

- 4.5 If the manager must procure private sector rental equipment from **any available source**, the rental must be limited to the time required to alleviate the immediate emergency condition and in no instance should the rental exceed 72 hours. Advise the equipment provider of this policy at the initial contact.

- 4.6 No rental of private sector equipment for emergency situations will be extended beyond the time required to alleviate the immediate emergency.

5.0 PROCEDURES

5.1 Acquiring Private Sector Rental Equipment

- A. First, organization supervisors or designees will check other DOH organizations' and districts' equipment inventory for availability.

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1. Review REMIS Equipment Inquiry listings for “P” – Pool or “E” – Excess,
 2. Contact the "owning" organization and arrange for use and temporary transfer of the unit, and
 3. Contact Maintenance Division for assistance, if needed.
 4. This step may be skipped if the needed equipment is not in the DOH fleet, such as a 90-ton crane or it is an emergency that imminently threatens lives and property or that will not allow movement of the equipment between districts.
- B. Second, if the needed equipment is not available within the DOH, managers will then check the Equipment Rental Contract. If the unit can be obtained from the contract, then:
1. establish a REMIS "SCO" Purchase Master and Line Item Master; and
 2. issue a Blanket Release Order, Form [WV-39](#) in accordance with [DOT 6.6](#) on Purchasing Statewide & Agency Contracts.
- C. Third, if the needed equipment is not available on contract, pursue rental from a non-contract vendor.
1. Use the appropriate REMIS Purchase Type and procedure. Refer to [DOT 6.4](#) of the DOT Administrative Procedures.
 2. Refer to Forms SM-105 for available vendors and rates and solicit and document bids as specified in DOT Purchasing Procedures.

5.2 **Inspection/Review of Private Sector Rental Equipment**

- A. When picking-up and when returning rentals without an operator, an authorized DOH representative should inspect the equipment unit (s) with the owner/vendor’s authorized representative.
- B. Defects, mechanical or not, will be noted on a Statement of Acceptance Form [SM-93](#) when picking up a rental unit in the following categories.
 1. Defects that **will not** interfere with the safe and productive operation of the equipment, and

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2. Defects that **will** interfere with the safe and productive operation of the equipment.
- C. Equipment units with defects that will interfere with its safe and productive use will not be accepted for rental.
- D. Form [SM-93](#) should be signed by the DOH representative as well as the owner/vendor's representative.

5.3 Reporting Private Sector Rental Equipment

A. **RENTALS OF 3 DAYS OR LESS OR A CHARGE OF \$1, 000 (Excluding Mobilization) OR LESS AND ALL CRANES**

Record the use of all private sector rentals on the Daily Work Report Form, [DOT-12](#), but do not enter into REMIS.

B. **RENTALS OVER 3 DAYS OR A CHARGE EXCEEDING \$1, 000 (Excluding Mobilization)**

1. Contact Equipment Division for a private sector E.D. number. Go to Private Sector E.D. Number Form.
 - Equipment Division will assign a private sector E.D. number using an appropriate class with a fourth digit of "9" followed by a three-digit unit number.
 - Equipment Division will then establish the REMIS Equipment Master File and contact the rental organization.
 - This must be completed no later than the first full day's utilization of the rented equipment.
2. Record the use of all private sector rentals on the *Daily Work Report*, Form [DOT-12](#), and enter into REMIS.
 - No rental rate is charged for private sector equipment.
 - Default reporting (idle) will occur for rental units not reported as used.
 - Status codes for private rental equipment will be limited to "A" – Active and "R" – Repair.
3. If Private Sector E.D. Numbered equipment is used by more than

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one organization, the same rules for transferring DOH-owned equipment, Form [DOT-91](#), apply. See [DOT 4.6](#) on Equipment Transfer & Status Change Reporting.

4. Upon returning private sector equipment to the owner/vendor, it is important to contact the Equipment Division and have the unit (s) retired. Go to Private Sector E.D. Number Form.
5. **DO NOT** enter Meter Readings to REMIS (HW-50, "EM", "M" Equipment Meter Readings).
6. **DO NOT CHARGE** Labor, DOT owned Equipment, Inventory (including fuel) or Purchases to Private Sector E.D. Numbered Equipment. All of these costs must be charged to the project or authorization for which the equipment was rented. IF NOT, these charges must be corrected by processing a Journal Voucher.

6.0 RELEVANT MATERIALS/DOCUMENTS

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| 6.1 | SM-105 Form | Private Equipment Available for Rent – Not on Contract. District Maintenance Engineers and county organizations have access to SM-105 lists. |
| 6.2 | DOT-12 | Daily Work Report |
| 6.3 | WV-39 | Blanket Release Order |
| 6.4 | SM-93 | Statement of Acceptance |
| 6.5 | DOT-91 | Transfer or Status Change of Equipment |
| 6.6 | E.D. Number Form | Private Sector E.D. Number Form |

7.0 CHANGE LOG

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- Section 5.3.B.5 and 6 added to policy.

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