



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE**

ANDY GIPSON
COMMISSIONER

Scale Installation Permit for over 10,000 pounds scale capacity

Section §75-27-19 states in part that “The Director shall require persons installing scales with a weight capacity of ten thousand (10,000) pounds or more to secure a permit for each such scale installed.....and require such person to supply the director with scale and foundation blueprints and specifications for each installation before installation of the scale.”

The Department adopts current Handbook 44 as published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology as the specifications, tolerances and other technical requirements for weighing and measuring devices in Mississippi, however, modifies HB 44, Section 2.20. “Scales, UR.2.6. Approaches” by: “Any slope in the remaining portion of the approach referred to in UR.2.6.1(c) shall be no more than ½ inch per foot and be constructed of concrete.”

In addition, Handbook 44, G-UR.3.3. “Position of Equipment”, requires that a device or system equipped with a primary indicating element and used in direct sales, except for prescription scales, shall be positioned so that its indications may be accurately read and the weighing or measuring operation may be observed from some reasonable “customer” and “operator” position. The permissible distance between the equipment and a reasonable customer and operator position shall be determined in each case upon the basis of the individual circumstances, particularly the size and character of the indicating element.

Section 75-27-67, states that any person so licensed shall, within three (3) days after he adjusts, repairs, services, restores to service or places in service any scale, make a report thereof to the Director or Weights and Measures on a form provided by MDAC. You may find this service report on our website at www.mdac.ms.gov and return it by mail or fax (601) 359-1175 to the Jackson office within 3 days of repair.

A check or money order made payable to the MDAC, Weights and Measures Division, P. O. Box 1609, Jackson, MS 39215-1609, must be included with the completed application, specifications, and blueprints. Following approval of the application and a scale installation inspection by the MDAC/Weights and Measures Division, a scale installation permit will be issued. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (601) 359-1149 or email wm@mdac.ms.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brent Bowman".

Brent Bowman, Director
Weights and Measures Division

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Permit No. _____

SCALE INSTALLATION PERMIT APPLICATION

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install a scale with a weight capacity of ten thousand (10,000) pounds or more as required by Section 75-27-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

Full Name of Applicant Making Application (PLEASE PRINT)		
Company, Firm Name; if Corporation or partnership; give exact title		
Company Mailing Address		Company City, State, Zip
Telephone Number	Fax Number	Email Address

Scale location information:

Location of Scale (<i>Business Name</i>)	Location Address (<i>No P. O. Box</i>)	Location City, State, Zip
Contact person at scale location	Location Telephone	Location County

Weighing device (scale and indicator) information:

Platform NTEP Certificate Number	Platform Make	Platform Model	Platform Serial Number
Platform Accuracy Class	Platform Size	Platform Nominal Capacity	Scale Division
Indicator NTEP Certificate Number	Indicator Make	Indicator Model	Indicator Serial Number
Above Ground <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical <input type="checkbox"/> Pit <input type="checkbox"/> Digital <input type="checkbox"/> Levertronic <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Hopper <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock <input type="checkbox"/> Portable <input type="checkbox"/>			

Scale test and calibration information (if different from applicant)

Name and address of Licensed Scale Service Repair Company or Service Repairman retained for scale test

Name	Address
Current Mississippi Scale Service Repair # _____	Test Weight Calibration Certificate # _____
Certified laboratory which issued calibration certificate _____	

I understand that (1.) only a scale service-repair company or scale service repairmen licensed by the Weights and Measures Division, Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce may test and calibrate a scale following installation; (2.) scale installation and testing must meet applicable requirements of NIST Handbook 44, and Mississippi Weights and Measures Laws and Regulations; and (3.) scale and scale foundation blueprints and specifications must be supplied to the Director of Weights and Measures. (4.) All certificates of calibrations on test weights must be supplied to Director of Weights and Measures Division.

The undersigned applicant hereby certifies that all statements and information contained herein and schedules attached hereto are true and correct. This the _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

Signature of Applicant	Title
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NOTE: A Check or money order in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) payable to the MDAC/Weights and Measures and scale foundation blueprints, specifications and certificates on all test weights must accompany this application. After approval of application and the scale installation inspection by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce Weights and Measures Division a scale installation permit will be issued.