



Highway Maintenance Manual
Chapter 02 Administration
Section 20 Eligible Costs
Subject 70 Winter Readiness Rates

Bureau of Highway Maintenance
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1.0 Policy Intent

This policy is intended to recognize the costs associated with winter maintenance and provide for compensation for Equipment Class 106, 118, 1118, and 1128 trucks specifically meeting the winter readiness requirements and authorized to be utilized on state routes for the winter season.

Each county is expected to notify the region office of key highway operations personnel changes.

2.0 Definitions

Winter Readiness Rate

The winter readiness rate applies to Equipment Class 106, 118, 1118, and 1128 trucks prepared to perform winter maintenance operations on the state trunk highway system from November 15th to April 15th each year. The winter readiness rate is a seasonal, lump sum payment intended to offset a portion of the insurance and depreciation costs of these trucks assigned to winter maintenance.

The **2026 Winter Readiness rates** are as follows:

Class	Lump Sum Payment
106	\$ 2,349.00
118	\$ 4,449.00
1118	\$ 4,199.00
1128	\$ 5,231.00

3.0 Policy Implementation

The regional office and the county will agree in writing as to the number and class of Class 106, 118, 1118, and 1128 trucks certified as being prepared to perform winter maintenance operations on the state trunk highway system. The number of trucks eligible for the winter readiness rate in each county will not to exceed the number of state winter routes in the county.

The Winter Readiness Certification will be completed by the county and region in Maintenance Program Management (MPM) application tool no later than November 30th of each year.

4.0 Agreement

The county agrees to ensure the truck receiving the winter readiness rate is readily available to perform winter maintenance activities on the state system and fulfill the requirements as outlined in the Highway Maintenance Manual (HMM). Specifically, trucks eligible for the winter readiness rate must meet the following criteria and remain in compliance with the HMM throughout the winter season:

- Truck conforms to truck lighting guidelines as per HMM 05-01-05 and HMM 06-20-75.
- Truck conforms to truck conspicuity marking guidelines as per HMM 05-01-06 and HMM 06-20-75.

- Truck is equipped ground speed controllers as per HMM 06-20-60.
- Truck is equipped with AVL/GPS as per HMM 06-20-52.
- Truck has calibrated infrared pavement temperature sensors in accordance with HMM 06-20-95.
- Spreader attachment on the truck is calibrated for winter season in accordance with HMM 06-20-55.

5.0 Charging Policy

The winter readiness rate reimbursement will be provided to the county in January in accordance with the terms of the completed agreement in MPM.