

Working with Adverse & Emergency Driving Statuses – BigRoad Mobile App

Overview

Adverse Driving Conditions is a Special Hours Of Service Driving condition under §395.1 (b)(1) in the U.S. and SOR/2005-313 S76 in Canada, where, If a Driver encounters Adverse Driving Conditions on a trip that will not allow them to complete their trip in the allotted Drive Time, can switch to Adverse Driving Conditions status from the BigRoad Mobile App.

The FMCSA defines **Adverse Driving Conditions** as: "snow, sleet, fog, other adverse weather conditions, a highway covered with snow or ice, or unusual road and **traffic conditions**, none of which were apparent on the basis of information known to the person dispatching the run at the time it was begun."

Emergency Driving Conditions is a Special Hours Of Service Driving condition under §395.1 (b)(2) in the U.S. and SOR/2005-313 S76 in Canada, where, If a Driver encounters an emergency while on a run, they can enable the Emergency Conditions status in the BigRoad Mobile App to give them the extra time allowed for the HOS rule they are operating under.

Emergency means any hurricane, tornado, storm (e.g. thunderstorm, snowstorm, icestorm, blizzard, sandstorm, etc.), high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, tsunami, earthquake, volcanic eruption, mud slide, drought, forest fire, explosion, blackout or other occurrence, natural or manmade, which interrupts the delivery of essential services (such as, electricity, medical care, sewer, water, telecommunications, and telecommunication transmissions) or essential supplies (such as, food and fuel) or otherwise immediately threatens human life or public welfare, provided such hurricane, tornado, or other event results in: (1) A declaration of an emergency by the President of the United States, the Governor of a State, or their authorized representatives having authority to declare emergencies; by the FMCSA Field Administrator for the geographical area in which the occurrence happens; or by other Federal, State or local government officials having authority to declare emergencies; or

(2) A request by a police officer for tow trucks to move wrecked or disabled motor vehicles

Appropriate Conditions to use the Specials Driving Statuses

The Special Driving statuses are only available for Drivers on the BigRoad Mobile App when the conditions are appropriate to select them.

Only when Adverse & Emergency Driving Conditions are enabled from the BigRoad Web Application by a Fleet Administrator/Safety manager, Drivers have the options to select the special Driving Conditions Statuses from the BigRoad Mobile App, as necessary

The Adverse & Emergency Driving Conditions Statuses can be selected initially when the current Duty Status is Driving, but the vehicle is not moving, or when the current Duty Status is On Duty, And Adverse or Emergency Driving Conditions aren't already enabled AND Personal Conveyance or Yard Move aren't already enabled on the BR Mobile App.

Switch to Emergency Driving Status

In Canada, Drivers can continue driving under the Emergency Driving Condition until they reach a location that provides Safety for the Occupants of the Vehicle, other users of the Road and the Load.

In the U.S. Drivers can continue driving under this special status until they reach their destination, if they would have been able to complete the Trip within their regularly allotted shift time without the emergency.

Note: When a Driver is operating under the Emergency Conditions status **no** violations of any HoS rules for that driver will be reported during the time the Emergency Conditions status is active. When the driver ends Emergency Conditions, regular HoS violation calculations will resume.

- 1. Log in to the BigRoad Mobile App
- 2. From the BR Mobile App Home Screen, tap the Duty Status Wheel
- 3. From the available Duty Status options, select **Begin** Emergency Conditions



Once selected, a pop-up window displays a message explaining the appropriate conditions to select this Driving Status.

4. Tap Continue



Alternatively, for Drivers that have the *Logs screen* selected as their default screen, can switch to Emergency Driving Conditions from their current duty status from this screen, as necessary:

- 1. From the BR Mobile App Home Screen, tap the **Logs** button from the bottom Navigation Panel
- 2. On the Logs screen, tap the Duty Status dropdown menu
- 3. From the available Duty Status options, select **Begin** Emergency Conditions
- 4. Tap Continue



Note: The Message displayed on the pop-up window will be different based on the HOS Rule Set the Driver is operating

under. For e.g.: A Canadian HOS Rule set is different from a U.S.HOS Rule set, or an Alaskan HOS rule set, which have different rules from other U.S. rule sets.

Drivers are required to enter a Reason for selecting this Driving Condition.

- 5. On the *Enable Emergency Conditions* screen, type a Reason for enabling Emergency Conditions.
- 6. Tap Done



Note: Once switched to the Emergency Conditions Duty Status, both the Home & Logs screens display an **On-Duty** status.

End Emergency Driving Status

As previously discussed, Drivers can operate under the Emergency Conditions Status until they have reached their destination. When they reach their Destination, they will need to manually **End the Emergency Driving Status** from the BigRoad Mobile App.

Drivers have the option to select between **On Duty** or **Off Duty** after they end the Emergency Driving conditions depending on their available drive time for their shift.

Note: Drivers driving longer than the normal hours available in a shift should choose to go **Off Duty** when they end emergency conditions, or they will be immediately in violation.



- 1. From the BR Mobile App Home screen, tap the Emergency Conditions Duty Status Wheel
- 2. From the available options, Tap End Emergency Conditions
- 3. Tap Go Off Duty



Alternatively, for Drivers that have the **Logs** *screen* selected as their default screen, can end the Emergency Driving Conditions from Logs screen Duty Status dropdown menu:

- 4. From the BR Mobile App Logs screen, tap the **Emergency Conditions** Duty Status dropdown menu
- 5. From the available options, Tap End Emergency Conditions
- 6. Tap Go Off Duty



Switch to Adverse Driving Status

In both Canada & the US, switching to Adverse Driving Status will add **Two Additional Hours** to their available **Driving time** for the work shift, other than the Alaskan HOS Ruleset. The extra drive time ends at the end of the available drive time for the day.

Note: The On -Duty time is **not** extended by the two hours. For Canada, South of 60 degrees rulesets, the daily off-duty time required can be decreased by 2 hours while Adverse Conditions is active. For the US Property Carrying Ruleset, the 30 min break before finishing 8 hours of driving time is still required.

- 1. From the BR Mobile App Home Screen, tap the Duty Status Wheel
- 2. From the available Duty Status options, select **Begin** Adverse Conditions
- 3. On the pop-up window Tap Continue



Alternatively, for Drivers that have the **Logs** screen selected as their default screen, can switch to Adverse Driving Conditions from their current duty status from this screen, as necessary:

- 1. From the BR Mobile App Home Screen, tap the Logs button from the bottom Navigation Panel
- 2. On the Logs screen, tap the Duty Status dropdown menu
- 3. From the available Duty Status options, select Begin Adverse Conditions



4. On the pop-up window Tap **Continue**



Note: The Message displayed on the pop up window will be different based on the HOS Rule Set the Driver is operating under. For e.g. : a Canadian HOS Rule set is different from a U.S.HOS Rule set, or an Alaskan HOS rule set, which have different rules from other U.S. rule sets.

Drivers are required to enter a Reason for selecting this Driving Condition.

- 5. On the *Enable Adverse Conditions* screen, type a Reason for enabling Adverse Conditions.
- 6. Tap Done



Note: Once switched to the Adverse Conditions Duty Status, the Duty Status wheel on the Home Screen starts calculating the remaining time left for the Adverse Driving Conditions. On the logs screen, the Duty Status Dropdown displays an **On-Duty** status when the special status is selected.

End Adverse Driving Status

Under all supported HOS rule sets, other than Alaska, selecting Adverse Driving Conditions extends the current available drive time by two hours.

Drivers **are not required t**o manually end Adverse Driving Conditions from the BR Mobile App.

The Special Driving Status will be deactivated when the Driver's current shift resets after the required Off-Duty time is taken.

Note: In Alaska, Drivers will follow the same steps for ending Adverse Condition Status as they are required to do for Emergency Conditions (Refer to **End Emergency Driving Condition** section of this guide)

After ending Adverse Driving Conditions in Alaska, Drivers are required to immediately go **off duty** for the required length of time to reset their shift (8 hours passenger carrying, 10 hours property carrying). Due to this, Drivers in Alaska should only select Adverse Conditions when absolutely needed. Ending Adverse Conditions before using all drive and shift time for the day will forfeit the remainder of otherwise available time.