

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]

Adopted and Filed

Rulemaking related to aircraft registration

The Transportation Department hereby rescinds Chapter 750, “Aircraft Registration,” Iowa Administrative Code, and adopts a new chapter with the same title.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 307.12(1)“j” and 328.12.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapters 17A and 328.

Purpose and Summary

This rulemaking repromulgates Chapter 750 in compliance with Executive Order 10. Chapter 750 establishes procedures for the registration and collection of aircraft registration fees and use tax for civil aircraft in Iowa. Aircraft registration fees are deposited to the State Aviation Fund for use on safety, planning, and airport development projects as recommended by the Department and approved by the Iowa Transportation Commission.

Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on November 13, 2024, as **ARC 8344C**. Two public hearings were held on the following date(s):

- December 6, 2024

No one attended the public hearings. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

Adoption of Rulemaking

This rulemaking was adopted by the Department on January 21, 2025.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 761—Chapter 11.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Effective Date

This rulemaking will become effective on March 26, 2025.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

ITEM 1. Rescind 761—Chapter 750 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 750
AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION

761—750.1(328) General.

750.1(1) Scope. This chapter establishes the procedures for registration of civil aircraft pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 328.

750.1(2) Contact. Information, instructions, and forms are available from the modal transportation bureau or on the department's website at www.iowadot.gov/aviation. Application forms may also be obtained from aircraft dealers. The mailing address for aircraft registration is the Iowa Department of Transportation, Modal Transportation Bureau, Aircraft Registration, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010.

750.1(3) Definitions. The definitions in Iowa Code section 328.1 apply to this chapter. In addition, the following definition is established for the purpose of Iowa Code section 328.21(8):

"Specified minimum level of aviation services to the general public" means the use of aircraft that provide nonagricultural aviation services, including aircraft rental, flight training, or passenger and cargo air carrier operations.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 328.

761—750.2(328) Registration. When an aircraft is registered in Iowa, the model year of the aircraft is used to determine the number of times the aircraft was previously registered, and a reduction of the registration fee is computed accordingly. "Model year," except where otherwise specified, means the year of original manufacture or the year certified by the manufacturer. For the purpose of registration, the model year advances one year each January 1.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 328.21.

761—750.3(328) First registration procedure.

750.3(1) Registration requirement. A civil aircraft that has an FAA-assigned N number is subject to registration in Iowa unless it is exempt by statute.

750.3(2) Application.

a. The owner of an unregistered aircraft is to submit to the department an application for aircraft registration on a form prescribed by the department.

b. The application is to include the registration fee and the required use tax or evidence of tax exemption.

c. Following review of the application, the department may request additional information or documents from the owner.

d. Upon receipt of a completed application, registration fee, and use tax or evidence of tax exemption, the department will issue to the applicant an aircraft registration certificate for the aircraft.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 328.20, 328.21, 328.26, 328.27, 328.44 and 328.45.

761—750.4(328) Aircraft not airworthy. An aircraft that is not airworthy is not subject to registration fees if the owner submits with the registration application a written, signed explanation of the aircraft's condition and an estimate of the date when the aircraft will be airworthy. The department will mark the record of the aircraft until the owner notifies the department that the aircraft is airworthy or until the aircraft is no longer subject to registration in Iowa.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 328.21.

761—750.5(328) Renewal notice. Thirty days before the end of the registration year, the department will send a renewal notice to the owner of each registered aircraft. The renewal notice will include the registration fee due for the upcoming registration year and the descriptive data recorded for the aircraft.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 328.20, 328.21, 328.26, 328.27, 328.37 and 328.56A.

761—750.6(328) Penalty on registration fees.

750.6(1) *Aircraft moved into Iowa.* The penalty on the registration fee accrues from the first day of the month following 30 days from the date the aircraft is moved into Iowa.

750.6(2) *When delinquency extends beyond the current year.* When the penalty on a delinquent registration fee extends beyond the current year, the penalty continues to accrue until paid. The penalty accrues only on the fee applicable at the time the delinquency accrued and is to apply to subsequent registration fees that have not been paid.

750.6(3) *Specific penalty date.* When a specific penalty date is provided by statute or rule, the penalty accrues from that date, even if the day is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 328.50 through 328.52.

761—750.7(328) Application for special certificate. When applying to the department for a special certificate, the applicant is to submit reasonable proof of bona fide status as a manufacturer, transporter or dealer. Manufacturer or dealer applicants are to verify that no aircraft have been held in a dealer special certificate inventory for a period of more than three years.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 328.28 and 328.29.

761—750.8(328) Lien. The department has the authority to record a lien against the federal aircraft title and sue to collect unpaid fees and penalties.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 328.47 through 328.49.

761—750.9(17A) Hearing and appeal process. A person who is aggrieved by a decision of the department and who is entitled to a hearing may contest the decision in accordance with 761—Chapter 13.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A.

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