

**326.14 Credentials — registration year and renewal — penalty.**

1. The department shall issue a single registration plate and registration receipt for each vehicle pursuant to apportionment agreements or provisions authorized under [this chapter](#).

2. *a.* Each registration year for a vehicle registered pursuant to [this chapter](#) is a twelve-month period commencing on the first day of a calendar month and ending on the last day of the twelfth month in that twelve-month period. Vehicles subject to registration shall be registered for a registration year as determined by the department. The department may adjust the renewal or expiration date of a vehicle's registration when deemed necessary to equalize the number of vehicles registered in each twelve-month period or for the administrative efficiency of the department.

*b.* The department may establish a procedure for the implementation of a staggered registration system for vehicles registered pursuant to the international registration plan. Procedures established under [this section](#) may provide for a one-time collection of fewer than twelve or up to eighteen months of registration fees.

3. An application for renewal of registration shall be postmarked or received in the office of motor carrier services of the department no later than the last day of the registration expiration month. A late filing penalty equal to five percent of the fees due to the state of Iowa shall be assessed to an application for renewal postmarked or received on or after the first day following the last day of the registration expiration month, with an additional five percent penalty assessed the first of each month thereafter until the application is filed. The enforcement deadline for failure to display a registration plate and registration is 12:01 a.m. of the first day following the last day of the registration expiration month.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §326.14]

[2002 Acts, ch 1063, §43](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1093, §24](#); [2015 Acts, ch 123, §40, 42](#)

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