

321.190 Issuance of nonoperator's identification cards — fee.**1. Application for and contents of card.**

a. The department shall, upon application and payment of the required fee, issue to an applicant a nonoperator's identification card. To be valid the card shall bear a distinguishing number other than a social security number assigned to the cardholder, the full name, date of birth, sex, residence address, a physical description and a color photograph of the cardholder, the usual signature of the cardholder, and such other information as the department may require by rule. An applicant for a nonoperator's identification card shall apply for the card in the manner provided in [section 321.182, subsections 1 through 3](#). The card shall be issued to the applicant at the time of application pursuant to procedures established by rule. An applicant for a nonoperator's identification card who is required by 50 U.S.C. app. §451 et seq. to register with the United States selective service system shall be registered by the department with the selective service system as provided in [section 321.183](#).

b. (1) The department shall not issue a card to a person holding a driver's license. However, a card may be issued to a person holding a temporary permit under [section 321.181](#). The card shall be identical in form to a driver's license issued under [section 321.189](#) except the word "nonoperator" shall appear prominently on the face of the card.

(2) A nonoperator's identification card issued to a person under eighteen years of age shall contain the same information as any other nonoperator's identification card except that the words "under eighteen" shall appear prominently on the face of the card.

(3) A nonoperator's identification card issued to a person eighteen years of age or older but under twenty-one years of age shall contain the same information as any other nonoperator's identification card except that the words "under twenty-one" shall appear prominently on the face of the card.

(4) A nonoperator's identification card issued to an honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United States who satisfies the requirements of [section 321.189, subsection 8](#), shall contain the same information as any other nonoperator's identification card except the word "VETERAN" shall appear prominently on the face of the card.

(5) An applicant for a nonoperator's identification card who is a deaf person or a hard-of-hearing person, as those terms are defined in [section 622B.1](#), may request that the card be marked to reflect the applicant's deaf or hard-of-hearing status on the face of the card when the applicant applies for the issuance or renewal of a card. The department may adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) establishing criteria under which a card may be marked, including requiring the applicant to submit medical proof of the applicant's deaf or hard-of-hearing status. The department, in consultation with the commission of deaf services, shall develop educational media to raise awareness of an applicant's ability to request the card be marked to reflect the applicant's deaf or hard-of-hearing status.

(6) An applicant for a nonoperator's identification card who has autism spectrum disorder, as defined in [section 514C.28](#), may request that the card be marked to reflect the applicant's autism spectrum disorder status on the face of the card when the applicant applies for the issuance or renewal of a card. The department may adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) establishing criteria under which a card may be marked, including requiring the applicant to submit medical proof of the applicant's autism spectrum disorder status. The department, in consultation with the department of health and human services, shall develop educational media to raise awareness of an applicant's ability to request the card be marked to reflect the applicant's autism spectrum disorder status.

c. The department shall use a process or processes for issuance of a nonoperator's identification card that prevent, as nearly as possible, the opportunity for alteration or reproduction of, and the superimposition of a photograph on the nonoperator's identification card without ready detection.

d. The fee for a nonoperator's identification card shall be eight dollars and the card shall be valid for a period of eight years from the date of issuance. If an applicant for a nonoperator's identification card is a foreign national who is temporarily present in this state, the nonoperator's identification card shall be issued only for the length of time the foreign national is authorized to be present as determined by the department, not to exceed

two years. An issuance fee shall not be charged for a person whose driver's license or driving privilege has been suspended under [section 321.210, subsection 1](#), paragraph "a", subparagraph (3), or voluntarily surrendered by the person in lieu of suspension under [section 321.210, subsection 1](#), paragraph "a".

2. *Cancellation.* The department shall cancel a person's nonoperator's identification card upon determining the person was not entitled to be issued the card, did not provide correct information, committed fraud in applying for the card, or unlawfully used a nonoperator's identification card.

[C77, 79, 81, §321.190]

[84 Acts, ch 1305, §65](#); [89 Acts, ch 317, §32](#); [90 Acts, ch 1230, §36, 37](#); [96 Acts, ch 1090, §2](#); [96 Acts, ch 1152, §11](#); [97 Acts, ch 74, §2](#); [98 Acts, ch 1073, §9](#); [2001 Acts, ch 132, §6](#); [2002 Acts, ch 1063, §24](#); [2003 Acts, ch 41, §2](#); [2006 Acts, ch 1068, §27](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1061, §112](#); [2011 Acts, ch 34, §80](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1091, §3](#); [2013 Acts, ch 82, §2, 5](#); [2016 Acts, ch 1011, §49](#); [2019 Acts, ch 84, §2](#); [2020 Acts, ch 1089, §2](#); [2022 Acts, ch 1026, §3](#); [2024 Acts, ch 1161, §108, 137](#)

Referred to in [§49.78, 123.48, 142C.2, 321M.1, 453A.4](#)

Voter registration, see [§48A.18](#)

Replacement of identification cards upon person attaining age twenty-one, see [§321.189](#), subsection 6

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