

CHAPTER 636
MOTORIZED BICYCLE RIDER EDUCATION

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761—636.1(307,321) Information and location. Applications, forms and information regarding this chapter are available by mail from the Motor Vehicle Division, Iowa Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 9204, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9204; in person at 6310 SE Convenience Blvd., Ankeny, Iowa; by telephone at 515.244.8725; or by facsimile at 515.239.1837.

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761—636.2(307,321) Definitions.

“*Approved course*” means the motorized bicycle rider education course approved by the department.

“*Instructor*” means a person approved by the department to instruct a motorized bicycle rider education course.

“*Program approval*” means department approval of an entity’s motorized bicycle rider education course and instructors.

“*Sponsor*” means an entity that delivers the approved course.

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761—636.3(307,321) Application, renewal and fees.

636.3(1) Application and renewal.

a. Any sponsor must apply to the department for program approval in a manner determined by the department prior to the beginning of the first class offered in the approved course and annually thereafter. An instructor of an approved course must be listed on the application and approved by the department.

b. Program approval is valid for a calendar year or remainder of a calendar year and expires on December 31 but remains valid for an additional 30 days after the expiration date.

c. Unless otherwise approved by the department, an application for renewal is due to the department within 60 days of the expiration date.

636.3(2) Fees. The initial application and annual renewal fee are \$25 for a private or a commercial sponsor. The fee is to be paid in a manner approved by the department.

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761—636.4(307,321) Course requirements.

636.4(1) Classroom instruction. The course approved by the department must include a minimum of six clock hours of classroom instruction that includes the instructional components contained in subrule 636.4(3).

636.4(2) Driving instruction. Motorized bicycle rider driving experiences in addition to classroom instruction are permissible but not required.

636.4(3) Course content. Every motorized bicycle rider education course must include the following instructional components:

a. *Operator and motorized bicycle preparation.*

- (1) Knowledge of Iowa driving laws.
- (2) Knowledge of vehicle registration requirements.
- (3) Vehicle inspection.
- (4) Protective clothing and devices.
- (5) Risk assessment.
- (6) Route selection.

b. *Basic control skills.*

- (1) Starting procedures.
- (2) Speed control.
- (3) Turning.
- (4) Stopping.

c. Safe driving practices.

- (1) Use of lights and warning devices.
- (2) Signaling.
- (3) Maintaining directional control.
- (4) Perception skills and observation.
- (5) Use of mirrors.
- (6) Recognition of hazards.
- (7) Speed control.
- (8) Lane positioning.
- (9) Concerns and conflicts regarding intersections.
- (10) Following distances.
- (11) Lateral separation.

d. Complex situations.

- (1) Limited visibility.
- (2) Adverse weather.
- (3) Critical situations.
- (4) Malfunctions.

e. Motorized bicycle care.

- (1) Inspection.
- (2) Maintenance.

636.4(4) Evaluation. Each student shall be evaluated by the instructor to determine successful completion of the course.

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761—636.5(307,321) Instructor qualifications. To qualify as an instructor of an approved course, an individual must:

636.5(1) Possess a valid driver's license allowing unaccompanied driving other than a temporary restricted license and be able to operate a motorized bicycle.

636.5(2) Have a clear driving record for the previous two years. A clear driving record means the instructor has:

- a.* Not been identified as a candidate for driver's license suspension under the habitual violator provisions of rule 761—615.13(321) or the serious violation provisions of rule 761—615.17(321).
- b.* No driver's license suspensions, revocations, denials, cancellations, disqualifications or bars.
- c.* Not committed an offense that would result in driver's license suspension, revocation, denial, cancellation, disqualification or bar.
- d.* No record of a law enforcement investigative report indicating a contributive motor vehicle accident that caused the death or serious injury of another person.
- e.* No record of a law enforcement investigative report indicating two or more contributive motor vehicle accidents in a two-year period.

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761—636.6(307,321) Cancellation or denial.

636.6(1) Cancellation. The department shall cancel program approval if the sponsor or instructor fails to comply with the applicable provisions of this chapter or if the course or instructors are no longer approved. However, an approved program that meets the applicable provisions of this chapter except for an approved instructor may retain program approval if the department approves an alternate instructor.

636.6(2) Denial. The department shall deny an initial or renewal application if the applicant does not meet the criteria for approval under this chapter.

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