

CHAPTER 602  
CLASSES OF DRIVER'S LICENSES

**761—602.1(321) Driver's licenses.**

**602.1(1) Classes.** The department issues the following classes of driver's licenses. All licenses issued, including special licenses and permits, shall carry a class designation. A license shall be issued for only one class, except that Class M may be issued in combination with another class.

- Class A—commercial driver's license (CDL)
- Class B—commercial driver's license (CDL)
- Class C—commercial driver's license (CDL)
- Class C—noncommercial driver's license
- Class D—noncommercial driver's license (chauffeur)
- Class M—noncommercial driver's license (motorcycle)

**602.1(2) Special licenses and permits.** The department issues the following special licenses and permits. More than one type of special license or permit may be issued to an applicant. On the driver's license, a restriction number designates the type of special license or permit issued, as follows:

- 1—Motorcycle instruction permit—includes motorcycle instruction permits issued under Iowa Code subsections 321.180(1) and 321.180B(1)
- 2—Noncommercial instruction permit (vehicle less than 16,001 gross vehicle weight rating)—includes instruction permits, other than motorcycle instruction permits, issued under Iowa Code subsection 321.180(1) and section 321.180A and subsection 321.180B(1)
- 3—Commercial learner's permit
- 4—Chauffeur's instruction permit
- 5—Motorized bicycle license
- 6—Minor's restricted license
- 7—Minor's school license

**602.1(3) Commercial driver's license (CDL).** See 761—Chapter 607 for information on the procedures, requirements and validity of a commercial driver's license (Classes A, B and C) and a commercial learner's permit, and their restrictions and endorsements.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.178, 321.180, 321.180A, 321.180B, 321.189, and 321.194.

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**761—602.2(321) Information and forms.** Applications, forms and information about driver's licensing are available at any driver's license examination station. Assistance is also available at the address in rule 761—600.2(17A).

**602.2(1) Certificate of completion.** Form 430036 shall be used to submit proof of successful completion of an Iowa-approved course in driver education, motorcycle rider education or motorized bicycle education.

*a.* If a student completed a course in another state, a public or licensed commercial or private provider of the Iowa-approved course may issue the form for the student if the provider determines that the out-of-state course is comparable to the Iowa-approved course.

*b.* If the out-of-state course is comparable but lacks certain components of the Iowa-approved course, the provider may issue the form after the student completes the missing components.

**602.2(2) Affidavit for school license.** Form 430021 shall be used for submitting the required statements, affidavits and parental consent for a minor's school license. See rule 761—602.26(321).

**602.2(3) Waiver of accompanying driver for intermediate licensee.** Form 431170 is the waiver described in Iowa Code subsection 321.180B(2). This form allows an intermediate licensee to drive unaccompanied between the hours of 12:30 a.m. and 5 a.m. and must be in the licensee's possession when the licensee is driving during the hours to which the waiver applies.

- a.* If the waiver is for employment, the form must be signed by the licensee's employer.

*b.* If the waiver is for school-related extracurricular activities, the form must be signed by the chairperson of the school board, the superintendent of the school, or the principal of the school if authorized by the superintendent.

*c.* The form must be signed by the licensee's parent or guardian. However, the parent's or guardian's signature is not required if the licensee is married and the original or a certified copy of the marriage certificate is in the licensee's possession when the licensee is driving during the hours to which the waiver applies.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.8, 321.178, 321.180B, 321.184, 321.189, and 321.194.

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**761—602.3(321) Examination and fee.** Rescinded IAB 8/9/00, effective 7/24/00.

**761—602.4(321) Definitions of immediate family.**

**602.4(1)** A "member of the permittee's immediate family" as used in Iowa Code subsection 321.180(1) means the permittee's parent or guardian or a brother, sister or other relative of the permittee who resides at the permittee's residence.

**602.4(2)** A "member of the permittee's immediate family" as used in Iowa Code section 321.180B, subsections 1 and 2, means a brother, sister or other relative of the permittee who resides at the permittee's residence.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.180 and 321.180B.

**761—602.5 to 602.10** Reserved.

**761—602.11(321) Class C noncommercial driver's license.** This rule describes a noncommercial Class C driver's license that is not a special license or permit.

**602.11(1) *Validity and issuance.***

*a.* The license is valid for operating:

(1) A motor vehicle that does not require a commercial driver's license or a Class D driver's license for its operation.

(2) A motorized bicycle.

(3) A motorcycle only if the license has a motorcycle endorsement.

*b.* The license is issued for either two years or eight years.

(1) A qualified applicant who is at least 17 years, 11 months of age but not yet 72 years of age shall be issued an eight-year license. However, the expiration date of the license issued shall not exceed the licensee's 74th birthday.

(2) A two-year license shall be issued to a qualified applicant who is under 17 years, 11 months of age or who is 72 years of age or older.

(3) A two-year license may also be issued, at the discretion of the department, to an applicant whose license is restricted due to vision or other physical disabilities.

**602.11(2) *Requirements.***

*a.* An applicant shall be at least 16 years of age.

*b.* Except as otherwise provided in Iowa Code subsection 321.178(3), an applicant under 18 years of age must meet the requirements of Iowa Code section 321.180B and submit proof of successful completion of an Iowa-approved course in driver education.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.177, 321.178, 321.180B, 321.189, and 321.196.

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**761—602.12(321) Class D noncommercial driver's license (chauffeur).** This rule describes a noncommercial Class D driver's license.

**602.12(1) *Validity and issuance.***

*a.* The license is valid for operating:

(1) A motor vehicle as a chauffeur as specified by the endorsement on the license, unless the type of vehicle or type of operation requires a commercial driver's license.

(2) A motor vehicle that may be legally operated under a noncommercial Class C driver's license, including a motorized bicycle.

(3) A motorcycle only if the license has a motorcycle endorsement.

*b.* The license shall have one endorsement authorizing a specific type of motor vehicle or type of operation, as listed in 761—subrule 605.4(3). The gross vehicle weight rating shall be determined pursuant to rule 761—604.35(321).

*c.* The license is issued for either two years or eight years.

(1) A qualified applicant who is at least 18 years of age but not yet 72 years of age shall be issued an eight-year license. However, the expiration date of the license issued shall not exceed the licensee's 74th birthday.

(2) A two-year license shall be issued to a qualified applicant who is 72 years of age or older.

(3) A two-year license may also be issued, at the discretion of the department, to an applicant whose license is restricted due to vision or other physical disabilities.

**602.12(2) Requirements.**

*a.* An applicant shall be at least 18 years of age.

*b.* Reserved.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.1, 321.177, 321.189, and 321.196. [ARC 1714C, IAB 11/12/14, effective 12/17/14; ARC 2071C, IAB 8/5/15, effective 7/14/15]

**761—602.13(321) Class M noncommercial driver's license (motorcycle).** This rule describes a noncommercial Class M driver's license that is not a special license or permit.

**602.13(1) Validity and issuance.**

*a.* The license is valid for operating:

(1) A motorcycle. However, the license may have a restriction which limits operation to a three-wheel motorcycle.

(2) A motorized bicycle.

*b.* The license is issued for either two years or eight years.

(1) A qualified applicant who is at least 17 years, 11 months of age but not yet 72 years of age shall be issued an eight-year license. However, the expiration date of the license issued shall not exceed the licensee's 74th birthday.

(2) A two-year license shall be issued to a qualified applicant who is under 17 years, 11 months of age or who is 72 years of age or older.

(3) A two-year license may also be issued, at the discretion of the department, to an applicant whose license is restricted due to vision or other physical disabilities.

*c.* An Iowa driver's license issued before March 15, 1968, which is still valid because of an extension, is valid for motorcycles. An Iowa driver's license issued from March 15, 1968, through June 30, 1972, which is still valid because of an extension, is valid for motorcycles unless the back of the license is stamped "Not valid for motorcycles."

**602.13(2) Requirements.**

*a.* An applicant shall be at least 16 years of age.

*b.* Except as otherwise provided in Iowa Code subsection 321.178(3), an applicant under 18 years of age must meet the requirements of Iowa Code section 321.180B and submit proof of successful completion of an Iowa-approved course in driver education.

*c.* An applicant under 18 years of age must submit proof of successful completion of an Iowa-approved course in motorcycle rider education.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.177, 321.178, 321.180B, 321.189 and 321.196.

[ARC 1714C, IAB 11/12/14, effective 12/17/14]

**761—602.14(321) Transition from five-year to eight-year licenses.** During the period January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2018, the department shall issue qualified applicants otherwise eligible for an eight-year

license a five-year, six-year, seven-year, or eight-year license, subject to all applicable limitations for age and ability. The applicable period shall be randomly assigned to the applicant by the department's computerized issuance system based on a distribution formula intended to spread renewal volumes as equally as practical over the eight-year period beginning January 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2026.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.196 and 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 104, section 2.

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**761—602.15(321) Minor's restricted license.** Renumbered as 761—602.25(321)IAB 1/8/92, effective 2/12/92.

**761—602.16(321) Temporary instruction permit.** Rescinded IAB 1/8/92, effective 2/12/92.

**761—602.17(321) Minor's school license.** Renumbered as 761—602.26(321)IAB 1/8/92, effective 2/12/92.

**761—602.18(321) Motorcycle instruction permit.** This rule describes a motorcycle instruction permit issued under Iowa Code subsection 321.180(1) or 321.180B(1).

**602.18(1) Validity and issuance.**

- a. The motorcycle instruction permit is a permit that is added to another driver's license.
- b. The permit is valid for operating a motorcycle when the permittee is accompanied by a person specified in Iowa Code subsection 321.180(1) or 321.180B(1), as applicable to the age of the permittee.
- c. The permit is not valid for operating a motorized bicycle.
- d. The permit is issued for four years and is not renewable.

**602.18(2) Requirement.** An applicant shall be at least 14 years of age.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.177, 321.180 and 321.180B.

**761—602.19(321) Noncommercial instruction permit.** This rule describes a noncommercial instruction permit, other than a motorcycle instruction permit, issued under Iowa Code subsection 321.180(1) or 321.180B(1).

**602.19(1) Validity and issuance.**

- a. The permit is a restricted, noncommercial Class C driver's license.
- b. The permit is valid for operating a motor vehicle that may be legally operated under a noncommercial Class C driver's license when the permittee is accompanied by a person specified in Iowa Code subsection 321.180(1) or 321.180B(1), as applicable to the age of the permittee.
- c. The permit is not valid for operating a motorized bicycle.
- d. The permit is not valid as a motorcycle instruction permit.
- e. The permit is issued for four years.

**602.19(2) Requirement.** An applicant shall be at least 14 years of age.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.177, 321.180 and 321.180B.

**761—602.20** Rescinded IAB 11/18/98, effective 12/23/98.

**761—602.21(321) Special noncommercial instruction permit.** This rule describes a special noncommercial instruction permit issued under Iowa Code section 321.180A.

**602.21(1) Validity and issuance.**

- a. The permit is a restricted, noncommercial Class C driver's license that is issued to a person whose application for driver's license renewal has been denied or whose driver's license has been suspended for incapability due to a physical disability.

- b. The permit is valid for operating a motor vehicle that may be legally operated under a noncommercial Class C driver's license when the permittee is accompanied by a person specified in Iowa Code section 321.180A.

- c. The permit is not valid for operating a motorized bicycle.
- d. The permit is not valid as a motorcycle instruction permit.
- e. The permit is valid for six months from the date of issuance. It is invalid after the expiration date on the permit.
- f. The permit may be reissued for one additional six-month period.

**602.21(2) Requirement.** An applicant must submit a medical report pursuant to 761—subrule 600.4(6).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.180A.

**761—602.22** Reserved.

**761—602.23(321) Chauffeur’s instruction permit.**

**602.23(1) Validity and issuance.**

- a. A chauffeur’s instruction permit is a permit that is added to a Class D license or a noncommercial Class C license that is not a special license or permit.
- b. The license with the permit is valid for operating:
  - (1) A motor vehicle that may be legally operated under the class of license (and for Class D, the endorsement) held by the licensee, including a motorized bicycle.
  - (2) A motor vehicle, other than a commercial motor vehicle or a motorcycle, as a chauffeur if accompanied by a person with a valid Class D license or a commercial driver’s license valid for the vehicle being operated.
- c. The permit is issued for two years.

**602.23(2) Requirements.**

- a. An applicant shall be at least 18 years of age.
- b. Reserved.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.1, 321.177 and 321.180.

**761—602.24(321) Motorized bicycle license.**

**602.24(1) Validity and issuance.**

- a. A motorized bicycle license is a restricted, noncommercial Class C license.
  - b. The license is valid for operating a motorized bicycle.
  - c. The license is issued for two years.
- 602.24(2) Requirements.**
- a. An applicant shall be at least 14 years of age.
  - b. An applicant under 16 years of age must submit proof of successful completion of an Iowa-approved course in motorized bicycle education.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.177 and 321.189.

**761—602.25(321) Minor’s restricted license.**

**602.25(1) Validity and issuance.**

- a. A minor’s restricted license is a restricted, noncommercial Class C or Class M driver’s license.
- b. The license is valid for driving to and from the licensee’s place of employment or to transport dependents to and from temporary care facilities, if necessary to maintain the licensee’s present employment.
- c. The type of motor vehicle that may be operated is controlled by the class of driver’s license issued. A Class C minor’s restricted license is valid for operating a motorcycle only if the license has a motorcycle endorsement. A minor’s restricted license is valid for operating a motorized bicycle only for the purposes specified in paragraph “b” of this subrule.
- d. The license is issued for two years.

**602.25(2) Requirements.**

- a. The applicant shall be at least 16 years of age but not yet 18.

*b.* The applicant shall submit to the department a statement from the employer confirming the applicant's employment.

*c.* Proof of nonattendance is required. Proof of nonattendance is receipt of notification from the appropriate school authority that the applicant does not attend school, as set out in 761—subrule 615.23(2).

*d.* The applicant shall submit proof of successful completion of an Iowa-approved course in driver education.

*e.* For a Class M minor's restricted license or a motorcycle endorsement, the applicant shall also submit proof of successful completion of an Iowa-approved course in motorcycle rider education.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 299.1B, 321.178, 321.180B, 321.189, 321.196 and 321.213B.

**761—602.26(321) Minor's school license.**

**602.26(1) *Validity and issuance.***

*a.* A minor's school license is a restricted, noncommercial Class C or Class M driver's license.

*b.* The license is valid for driving unaccompanied from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the most direct route between a licensee's residence and schools of enrollment or the closest school bus stop or public transportation service, and between schools of enrollment, to attend scheduled courses and extracurricular activities within the school district.

*c.* The license is also valid for driving when the licensee is accompanied by a person specified in Iowa Code subsection 321.180B(1).

*d.* The type of motor vehicle that may be operated is controlled by the class of driver's license issued. A Class C minor's school license is valid for operating a motorcycle only if the license has a motorcycle endorsement. A minor's school license is valid for operating a motorized bicycle only for the purposes specified in paragraph "b" of this subrule.

*e.* The license is issued for two years.

**602.26(2) *Requirements.***

*a.* An applicant shall be at least 14 years of age but not yet 18 and meet the requirements of Iowa Code section 321.194.

*b.* An applicant shall submit a statement of necessity signed by the chairperson of the school board, the superintendent of the school, or the principal of the school if authorized by the superintendent. The statement shall be on Form 430021.

*c.* An applicant shall submit proof of successful completion of an Iowa-approved course in driver education.

*d.* For a Class M minor's school license or a motorcycle endorsement, an applicant shall also submit proof of successful completion of an Iowa-approved course in motorcycle rider education.

**602.26(3) *Exemption.***

*a.* An applicant is not required to have completed an approved driver education course if the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department that completion of the course would impose a hardship upon the applicant; however, the applicant must meet all other requirements for a school license. "Hardship" means:

(1) If the applicant is 14 years old, that a driver education course will not begin at the applicant's school(s) of enrollment or at a public school in the applicant's district of residence within one year following the applicant's fourteenth birthday; or

(2) If the applicant is 15 years old, that a driver education course will not begin at the applicant's school(s) of enrollment or at a public school in the applicant's district of residence within six months following the applicant's fifteenth birthday; or

(3) If the applicant is between 16 and 18 years old, that a driver education course is not offered at the applicant's school(s) of enrollment or at a public school in the applicant's district of residence at the time the request for hardship status is submitted to the department; or

(4) That the applicant is permanently handicapped. In this rule, “handicapped” means that, because of a disability or impairment, the applicant is unable to walk in excess of 200 feet unassisted or cannot walk without causing serious detriment or injury to the applicant’s health.

b. “Demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department” means that the department has received an affidavit on Form 430021 attesting that completion of the course would impose a hardship upon the applicant. The affidavit shall be signed by the applicant’s parent, custodian or guardian and by the superintendent of the applicant’s school, the chairperson of the school board, or the principal of the applicant’s school if authorized by the superintendent.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.177, 321.180B, 321.189, 321.194 and 321.196.

**761—602.27 to 602.29** Reserved.

**761—602.30(321) Special instruction permit.** Rescinded IAB 1/8/92, effective 2/12/92.

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