

CHAPTER 601  
APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

**761—601.1(321) Application for license.**

**601.1(1) General.** In addition to the information required under Iowa Code sections 321.182 and 321.196, the information in this rule is required from an applicant for a driver's license. Additional requirements for a commercial driver's license are found in 761—Chapter 607.

**601.1(2) Name.** The applicant's full legal name shall be given on the application. Full legal name means an individual's first name, middle name(s), and last name, without use of initials or nicknames. Civilian and military titles, initials and nicknames shall not be given and shall not be used on the applicant's license or in the applicant's record. This prohibition on the use of initials does not apply where a portion of an individual's legal name, whether first, middle or last, consists of a single character, whether followed by a period or not.

**601.1(3) Out-of-state verification.** If a person is licensed in another licensing jurisdiction but does not have a current out-of-state license to surrender, the department may require an official letter from the out-of-state licensing agency before issuing a license. The official letter must verify the person's driving record to assist the department in determining whether it is safe to grant the person a license.

**601.1(4) Disabilities.** The applicant shall indicate and explain any mental or physical disabilities which might affect the applicant's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely.

**601.1(5) Physical description.** The applicant shall provide the applicant's physical description, which shall consist of the applicant's sex, height to the nearest inch, weight to the nearest pound, and eye color.

**601.1(6) Address.** The applicant shall provide the applicant's current residential address and the applicant's current mailing address, if different from the applicant's current residential address. The applicant shall not provide as a mailing address an address for which a forwarding order is in place.

**601.1(7) Signature.**

*a.* The applicant's signature shall be without qualification and shall contain only the applicant's usual signature without any other titles, characters or symbols.

*b.* The applicant's signature certifies, under penalty of perjury and pursuant to the laws of the state of Iowa, that the statements made and information provided in the applicant's application are true and correct.

*c.* The applicant's signature further certifies that the fee collected and the change returned, if any, is correct and acknowledges that the applicant is aware of the requirement to notify the department of a change in mailing address within 30 days of the change.

*d.* The applicant's signature will be captured electronically.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.182, 321.196 and 321C.1, Article V, the REAL ID Act of 2005 (49 U.S.C. Section 30301 note), and 6 CFR Part 37.  
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**761—601.2(321) Surrender of license and nonoperator's identification card.** An applicant for a driver's license shall surrender all other driver's licenses and nonoperator's identification cards. This includes those issued by jurisdictions other than Iowa. An applicant who renews a driver's license electronically pursuant to 761—subrule 605.25(7) shall destroy the previous driver's license upon receipt of the renewed driver's license.

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**761—601.3 and 601.4** Reserved.

**761—601.5(321) Proofs submitted with application.** A person who applies for a new driver's license or nonoperator's identification card or a duplicate license or card to replace one that is lost, stolen or destroyed shall submit proof of identity, date of birth, social security number, Iowa residency and current residential address, and lawful status in the United States.

**601.5(1)** *Verification of identity and date of birth.* To establish identity and date of birth, an applicant must submit at least one of the following documents. The department may require additional documentation if the department believes that the documentation submitted is questionable or if the department has reason to believe that the person is not who the person claims to be.

- a. A valid, unexpired U.S. passport or U.S. passport card.
- b. A certified copy of a birth certificate and, if applicable, a certified amended birth certificate showing a change in name, date of birth, or sex, filed with a state office of vital statistics or equivalent agency in the applicant's state of birth. The birth certificate must be a certified copy and have the stamp or raised seal of the issuing authority. A hospital-issued certificate is not acceptable. As used herein, "state" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- c. A Consular Report of Birth Abroad issued by the U.S. Department of State (Form FS-240, DS-1350 or FS-545).
- d. A valid, unexpired Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551) issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- e. An unexpired employment authorization document issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (Form I-766 or Form I-688B).
- f. An unexpired foreign passport with a U.S. visa affixed, accompanied by the approved I-94 form documenting the applicant's most recent admittance into the United States.
- g. A Certificate of Naturalization issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (Form N-550 or Form N-570).
- h. A Certificate of Citizenship (Form N-560 or Form N-561) issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
- i. A REAL ID driver's license or identification card issued in compliance with the standards established by 6 CFR Part 37.
- j. Such other documents as the U.S. Department of Homeland Security may designate as acceptable proof of identity and date of birth for REAL ID purposes by notice published in the Federal Register.
- k. An Inmate Descriptor Inquiry, Client Information Inquiry or Offender Snapshot document issued by the Iowa department of corrections or the United States District Court, Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa. The document must contain the applicant's full legal name and date of birth and be notarized. An applicant who provides only a document listed in this paragraph shall not be eligible for a driver's license or nonoperator's identification card marked as acceptable for federal purposes under 6 CFR Part 37.

**601.5(2)** *Verification of social security number.*

a. Except as provided in paragraph 601.5(2) "b," an applicant must present the applicant's Social Security Administration's account number card; or if a social security account number card is not available, the applicant may present any of the following documents bearing the applicant's social security number:

- (1) A W-2 form.
- (2) A Social Security Administration-1099 form.
- (3) A non-Social Security Administration-1099 form.
- (4) A pay stub with the applicant's name and social security number on it.

b. An applicant who establishes identity by presenting the identity document listed in paragraph 601.5(1) "f" (unexpired foreign passport with a valid, unexpired U.S. visa affixed accompanied by the approved I-94 form documenting the applicant's most recent admittance into the United States) must document the applicant's social security number as set forth in paragraph 601.5(2) "a" or demonstrate non-work authorized status.

**601.5(3)** *Verification of Iowa residency and current residential address.*

a. To document Iowa residency and current residential address, an applicant must present two documents that include the applicant's name and current Iowa residential address and that demonstrate residency in the state of Iowa. Acceptable documents are documents issued by a person, organization, or

entity other than the applicant, that include the issuer's name and address, include the applicant's name and current residential address, and demonstrate residency in the state of Iowa. The documents must be reasonable, authentic documents capable of verification by the department.

*b.* The address must be a street or highway address, and may not be a post office box. In areas where a number and street name have not been assigned, an address convention used by the U.S. Postal Service is acceptable. The current residence of a person with more than one dwelling is the dwelling for which the person claims a homestead tax credit under Iowa Code chapter 425, if applicable.

*c.* An applicant who is a member of the armed forces and is an Iowa resident stationed in another state may use the applicant's address in the state of station as the applicant's current residential address if the applicant does not maintain an Iowa residence during the applicant's deployment outside the state of Iowa. The applicant must provide official documentation confirming the applicant's residential address in the state of station and that the applicant is stationed in that state. The applicant's mailing address may be the applicant's current residential address or another address at which the applicant receives mail.

*d.* An applicant who is a dependent family member of and resides with a member of the armed forces who is an Iowa resident stationed in another state may use the applicant's address in the state of station as the applicant's current residential address if the applicant does not maintain an Iowa residence during the applicant's deployment outside the state of Iowa. The applicant must provide official documentation confirming the applicant's residential address in the state of station and that the applicant is a dependent family member of a member of the armed forces stationed in that state. The applicant's mailing address may be the applicant's current residential address or another address at which the applicant receives mail.

**601.5(4) Verification of lawful status in the United States.**

*a.* If an applicant presents one of the identity documents listed under subrule 601.5(1), the department's verification of that identity document is satisfactory evidence of lawful status.

*b.* An applicant who presents only a document listed under subrule 601.5(1), paragraph "e," "f," or "i," is not eligible to receive a driver's license or nonoperator's identification card marked as REAL ID compliant unless the applicant also provides one of the other documents listed in subrule 601.5(1), or another United States Department of Homeland Security-approved document.

**601.5(5) Verification of name change.** The name listed on the driver's license or nonoperator's identification card that is issued shall be identical to the name listed on the identity document submitted unless the applicant submits an affidavit of name change on Form 430043. The affidavit must be accompanied by the chain of legal documents necessary to show the legal change of the applicant's name from the identity document submitted to the name listed on the affidavit. The following documents are acceptable:

*a.* Court-ordered name change. A court order must contain the applicant's prior full legal name, the applicant's court-ordered full legal name, the applicant's date of birth, and the official court seal. Acceptable court orders include orders under petition for name change, orders for name change set forth in a decree of dissolution, and orders for name change set forth in a decree of adoption.

*b.* Marriage certificate. The marriage certificate must be filed with a state office of vital statistics or equivalent agency in the person's state or country of marriage. The certificate must be a certified copy and have the stamp or raised seal of the issuing authority. A church, chapel or similarly issued certificate is not acceptable. As used herein, "state" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**601.5(6) Verification of change of date of birth.** The date of birth listed on the driver's license or nonoperator's identification card that is issued shall be identical to the date of birth listed on the identity document submitted unless the applicant submits a certified amended birth certificate that documents the change of date of birth and that meets the requirements of paragraph 601.5(1) "b," or submits a court-ordered date of birth change. The court order must contain the applicant's full legal name, the applicant's prior date of birth, the applicant's court-ordered date of birth, and official court seal.

**601.5(7) Verification of change of sex designation.** The sex designation listed on the driver's license or nonoperator's identification card that is issued shall be identical to the sex designation listed on

the identity document submitted unless the applicant submits a certified amended birth certificate that documents the change of sex designation and that meets the requirements of paragraph 601.5(1) “b,” or submits a court-ordered change of sex designation. The court order must contain the applicant’s full legal name, the applicant’s date of birth, the applicant’s prior sex designation, the applicant’s court-ordered sex designation, and official court seal.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.182 and 321.189, the REAL ID Act of 2005 (49 U.S.C. Section 30301 note), and 6 CFR Part 37.

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**761—601.6(321) Parental consent.** An unmarried person under the age of 18 who applies for an Iowa license shall submit parental consent and birth date confirmation on Form 430018, Parent's Written Consent to Issue Privilege to Drive or Affidavit to Obtain Duplicate. The parent’s signature must be notarized; however, in lieu of notarization it may be witnessed by a driver’s license examiner or clerk. No exception shall be made for parental absence from Iowa. A married person under the age of 18 shall submit an original or certified copy of a marriage certificate to avoid submission of the consent form.

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**761—601.7(321) REAL ID driver’s license.** A person who seeks a driver’s license that is compliant with the REAL ID Act of 2005, 49 U.S.C. § 30301 note, as further defined in 6 CFR Part 37 (“REAL ID driver’s license”), must meet and comply with all lawful requirements for an Iowa driver’s license, and must also meet and comply with all application and documentation requirements set forth at 6 CFR Part 37, including but not limited to documentation of identity, date of birth, social security number, address of principal residence, and evidence of lawful status in the United States. Documents and information provided to fulfill REAL ID requirements must be verified as required in 6 CFR 37.13. An applicant for a REAL ID driver’s license is subject to a mandatory facial image capture that meets the requirements of 6 CFR 37.11(a). A REAL ID driver’s license may not be issued, reissued, or renewed except as permitted in 6 CFR Part 37 and may not be issued, reissued, or renewed by any procedure, in any circumstance, to any person, or for any term prohibited under 6 CFR Part 37. The information on the front of any REAL ID driver’s license must include all information and markings required by 6 CFR 37.17. Nothing in this rule requires a person to obtain a REAL ID driver’s license.

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