

CHAPTER 605  
LICENSE ISSUANCE

**761—605.1(321) Scope.** This chapter of rules applies to the issuance of all Iowa driver's licenses. Additional information on the issuance of a commercial driver's license or a commercial learner's permit is given in 761—Chapter 607.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.174.  
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**761—605.2(321) Definitions.** The definitions in Iowa Code section 321.1 and the following definitions apply to this chapter.

*“License”* means “driver's license” as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1(20A) unless the context otherwise requires.

*“Medical report”* means a report from a qualified medical professional attesting to a person's physical or mental capability to operate a motor vehicle safely. The report should be submitted on Form 430031, “Medical Report.” In lieu of Form 430031, a report signed by a qualified medical professional on the qualified medical professional's letterhead may be accepted if it contains all the information specified on Form 430031.

*“Qualified medical professional”* means a person licensed as a physician under Iowa Code chapter 148, a person licensed as an advanced registered nurse practitioner under Iowa Code chapter 152 and licensed with the board of nursing, or a person licensed as a physician assistant under Iowa Code chapter 148C, when practicing within the scope of the person's professional licensure.

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**761—605.3(321) Persons exempt.**

**605.3(1)** Persons listed in Iowa Code section 321.176 are exempt from driver's licensing requirements.

**605.3(2)** “Nearby” in Iowa Code section 321.176(2) shall mean a distance of not more than two miles.

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**761—605.4(252J,321) Persons not to be licensed.**

**605.4(1)** The department shall not knowingly issue a license to any person who is ineligible for licensing.

**605.4(2)** The department shall not knowingly license any person who is unable to operate a motor vehicle safely because of physical or mental disability until that person submits a medical report or vision report stating that the person is physically and mentally capable of operating a vehicle safely and passes the applicable examinations if required under 761—Chapter 604 or 607.

**605.4(3)** The department shall not knowingly license any person who has been specifically adjudged incompetent, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 229, on or after January 1, 1976, including anyone admitted to a mental health facility prior to that date and not released until after, until the department receives specific adjudication that the person is competent. A medical report stating that the person is physically qualified to operate a motor vehicle safely shall also be required.

**605.4(4)** The department shall not knowingly license any person who suffers from syncope of any cause, any type of periodic or episodic loss of consciousness, or any paroxysmal disturbances of consciousness, including but not limited to epilepsy, until that person has not had an episode of loss of consciousness or loss of voluntary control for six months, and then only upon receipt of a medical report favorable toward licensing.

*a.* If a medical report indicates a pattern of only syncope, the department may license without a six-month episode-free period after favorable recommendation by the medical advisory board.

*b.* If a medical report indicates a pattern of such episodes only when the person is asleep or is sequestered for sleep, the department may license without a six-month episode-free period.

*c.* If an episode occurs when medications are withdrawn by a qualified medical professional, but the person is episode-free when placed back on medications, the department may license without a six-month episode-free period with a favorable recommendation from a neurologist.

*d.* If a medical report indicates the person experienced a single nonrecurring episode, the cause has been identified, the qualified medical professional is not treating the person for the episode or a contributing health condition, and the qualified medical professional believes the episode is unlikely to recur, the department may license without the six-month episode-free period with a favorable recommendation from a qualified medical professional. As used in this paragraph, a “single nonrecurring episode” means an incident that is not caused by a health condition and there is no history of prior episodes or a health condition that may cause such an episode.

**605.4(5)** The department shall not license any person who must wear bioptic telescopic lenses to meet the visual acuity standard required for a license.

**605.4(6)** When a medical report is required, a license shall be issued only if the report indicates that the person is qualified to operate a motor vehicle safely. The department may submit the report to the medical advisory board for an additional opinion.

**605.4(7)** When the department receives evidence that an Iowa licensed driver has been adjudged incompetent or is not physically or mentally qualified to operate a motor vehicle safely, the department shall suspend the license for incapability, as explained in rule 761—615.14(321), or shall deny further licensing, as explained in rule 761—615.4(321).

**605.4(8)** The department shall not knowingly issue a license to a person who is the named individual on a certificate of noncompliance that has been received from the child support recovery unit, until the department receives a withdrawal of the certificate of noncompliance or unless an application has been filed pursuant to Iowa Code section 252J.9.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 252J.8, 252J.9, 321.13, 321.177, 321.186, 321.193, 321.210, and 321.212.

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**761—605.5(321) Contents of license.** In addition to the information specified in Iowa Code section 321.189(2), the following information shall be shown on a driver’s license.

**605.5(1) Name.** The licensee’s full legal name shall be listed as established according to 761—subrule 601.5(1) and 761—subrule 601.5(5) and shall conform to the requirements of 761—subrule 601.1(2).

**605.5(2) Current residential address.** The licensee’s current residential address shall be listed as established according to the requirements of 761—subrule 601.1(6) and 761—subrule 601.5(3).

**605.5(3) Physical description.** The physical description of the licensee on the face of the driver’s license shall include the following as established according to the requirements of 761—subrule 601.1(5):

*a.* The licensee’s eye color using these abbreviations: Blk-black, Blu-blue, Bro-brown, Dic-dichromatic, Gry-gray, Grn-green, Haz-hazel, Pnk-pink and Unk-unknown.

*b.* The licensee’s height in feet and inches.

**605.5(4) Date of birth.** The licensee’s date of birth shall be listed as established according to 761—subrule 601.5(1) and 761—subrule 601.5(6).

**605.5(5) Sex.** The licensee’s sex designation shall be listed as established according to the requirements of 761—subrule 601.5(7).

**605.5(6) REAL ID markings.**

*a.* A driver’s license that is issued as a REAL ID license as defined in 761—601.7(321) shall include a security marking as required by 6 CFR 37.17(n).

*b.* A driver’s license that is not issued as a REAL ID license as defined in 761—601.7(321) may be marked as required by 6 CFR 37.71 and any subsequent guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

c. A driver's license issued to a foreign national with temporary lawful status shall include the following statement on the face of the license: "limited term."

**605.5(7) Voluntary markings.** Upon the request of the licensee, the department shall indicate on the driver's license any of the following:

- a. The presence of a medical condition.
- b. That the licensee is a donor under the uniform anatomical gift law.
- c. That the licensee has in effect a medical advance directive.
- d. That the licensee is hard of hearing or deaf.
- e. That the licensee is a veteran.

(1) To be eligible for a veteran designation, the licensee must be an honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United States, the national guard or reserve forces. A licensee who requests a veteran designation shall submit Form 432035, properly completed by the licensee and a designee of the Iowa department of veterans affairs, or the licensee shall present certification of release or discharge from active duty, DD form 214, to the department indicating that the licensee was honorably discharged from active duty. A licensee who was a member of the national guard or reserve forces and who applies directly to the department must present a DD form 214 which indicates that the licensee was honorably discharged after serving for at least a minimum aggregate (total) of 90 days of active duty service for purposes other than training. A licensee who was a member of the national guard or reserve forces and who has a discharge document other than a DD form 214 must have the licensee's eligibility for a veteran designation determined by a designee of the Iowa department of veterans affairs and shall apply to the department for a veteran designation by submitting Form 432035, properly completed by the licensee and a designee of the Iowa department of veterans affairs.

(2) The department may consult with and defer to the Iowa department of veterans affairs regarding what constitutes a properly completed DD form 214 and veteran status in general.

(3) If the department denies issuance of a license with a veteran designation upon presentation of the DD form 214 to the department, the licensee may obtain a license with a veteran designation if the licensee submits Form 432035, properly completed by the licensee and a designee of the Iowa department of veterans affairs.

(4) If the department issues a veteran designation in error or as the result of fraud on the part of the licensee, the driver's license with a veteran designation shall be canceled, and a duplicate license without the designation may be issued to the licensee. There shall be no charge to issue a duplicate license if the license was issued in error, unless the error was the result of fraud on the part of the licensee.

f. That the licensee has autism spectrum disorder.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 142C.3 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—605.6(321) License class.** The driver's license class shall be coded on the face of the driver's license using these codes:

- Class A—commercial driver's license
- Class B—commercial driver's license
- Class C—commercial driver's license
- Class C—noncommercial driver's license
- Class D—noncommercial driver's license, chauffeur
- Class M—noncommercial driver's license, motorcycle only

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.189.

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**761—605.7(321) Endorsements.** The endorsements shall be coded on the face of the driver's license and explained in text on the back of the driver's license.

**605.7(1)** *For a commercial driver's license.* The following endorsements may be added to a Class A, B or C commercial driver's license using these letter codes:

- H—Hazardous material
- P—Passenger
- N—Tank
- X—Hazardous material and tank
- T—Double/triple trailers
- S—School bus

**605.7(2)** *For a commercial learner's permit.* The following endorsements are the only endorsements that may be added to a commercial learner's permit using these letter codes. All other endorsements are prohibited on a commercial learner's permit.

- P—Passenger
- N—Tank
- S—School bus

**605.7(3)** *For a Class D driver's license (chauffeur).* The following endorsement may be added to a Class D driver's license using this number code:

- 3—Passenger vehicle less than 16-passenger design

**605.7(4)** *Motorcycle endorsement.* A motorcycle endorsement may be added to any driver's license that permits unaccompanied driving, other than a Class M driver's license or a motorized bicycle license, using the following letter code:

- L—Motorcycle

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.1(8), 321.180 and 321.189.

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**761—605.8(321) Restrictions.** Restrictions shall be coded on the face of the driver's license and explained in text on the back of the driver's license. For purposes of this rule, "CMV" means commercial motor vehicle.

**605.8(1)** *For all licenses.* The following restrictions may apply to any driver's license:

- B—Corrective lenses required
- C—Mechanical aid (as detailed in the restriction on the back of the card)
- D—Prosthetic aid (as detailed in the restriction on the back of the card)
- F—Left and right outside rearview mirrors
- G—No driving when headlights required
- H—Temporary restricted license or permit (work permit)
- I—Ignition interlock required
- J—Restrictions on the back of card
- S—SR required (proof of financial responsibility for the future)
- T—Medical report required at renewal
- U—Not valid for 2-wheel vehicle
- W—Restricted commercial driver's license (CDL)
- Y—Intermediate license

**605.8(2)** *For a noncommercial driver's license.* The following restrictions apply only to a noncommercial driver's license:

- 8—Special instruction permit
- 9—Passenger restriction for intermediate license
- Q—No interstate or freeway driving

**605.8(3)** *For a commercial driver's license.* The following restrictions apply to a commercial driver's license:

- E—No manual transmission equipped CMV
- K—Intrastate only
- L—No air brake equipped CMV

- M—No Class A passenger vehicle
- N—No Class A and B passenger vehicle
- O—No tractor trailer CMV
- V—Medical variance
- Z—No full air brake equipped CMV

**605.8(4)** *For a commercial learner's permit.* The following restrictions apply to a commercial learner's permit.

- K—Intrastate only
- L—No air brake equipped CMV
- M—No Class A passenger vehicle
- N—No Class A and B passenger vehicle
- P—No passengers in CMV bus
- V—Medical variance
- X—No cargo in CMV tank vehicle

**605.8(5)** *Special licenses.* A numbered restriction will designate a special driver's license using these codes:

- 1—Motorcycle instruction permit
- 2—Noncommercial instruction permit (vehicle less than 16,001 gross vehicle weight rating)
- 3—Commercial learner's permit
- 4—Chauffeur's instruction permit
- 5—Motorized bicycle license
- 6—Minor's restricted license
- 7—Minor's school license

**605.8(6)** *Additional information.*

*a. Recall of current licensees.* Based on information disclosed by the applicant to the department, or the department's knowledge of a licensee's physical or mental condition, the department may issue a restriction requiring a person to complete additional examination or submit additional information at a specified time to retain a valid license. The department may require a medical report to be submitted. The department shall send Form 430511 as a reminder to submit the requested information or appear for examination.

*b. Loss of consciousness or voluntary control.*

(1) If a person is licensed pursuant to paragraphs 605.4(4) "a," "b," or "c," the department shall issue the first driver's license with a restriction stating: "Medical report to be furnished at the end of six months."

(2) If this medical report shows that the person has been free of an episode of loss of consciousness or voluntary control since the previous medical report and the report recommends licensing, the department shall issue a duplicate driver's license with a restriction stating: "Medical report required at renewal." At each renewal accompanied by a favorable medical report, the department shall issue a two-year driver's license with the same restriction.

(3) The department may remove the medical report requirement and issue a full-term driver's license if recommended by a qualified medical professional and if the latest medical information on file with the department indicates that either of the following are true:

1. The person has not had an episode of loss of consciousness or voluntary control and has not been prescribed medications to control such episodes during the 24-month period immediately preceding application for a license.

2. The person has not had an episode of loss of consciousness or voluntary control during the ten-year period immediately preceding application for a license.

*c. Financial responsibility.* When a person is required under Iowa Code chapter 321A to have future proof of financial responsibility on file, the license restriction will read: "SR required." The license shall be valid only for the operation of motor vehicles covered by the class of license issued and by the proof of financial responsibility filed.

*d. Vision restriction.* Restrictions relating to vision are addressed in 761—Chapter 604.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 321A and sections 321.177, 321.178, 321.180, 321.180A, 321.180B, 321.186, 321.188, 321.189, 321.193, 321.194, 321.215, 321J.4, and 321J.20. [ARC 9991B, IAB 2/8/12, effective 3/14/12; ARC 0661C, IAB 4/3/13, effective 5/8/13; ARC 2071C, IAB 8/5/15, effective 7/14/15; ARC 2337C, IAB 1/6/16, effective 2/10/16; ARC 4000C, IAB 9/12/18, effective 10/17/18; ARC 4586C, IAB 7/31/19, effective 9/4/19; ARC 6969C, IAB 4/5/23, effective 5/10/23]

**761—605.9(321) License term for temporary foreign national.** A driver's license issued to a person who is a foreign national with temporary lawful status shall be issued only for the length of time the person is authorized to be present as verified by the department, not to exceed two years. However, if the person's lawful status as verified by the department has no expiration date, the driver's license shall be issued for a period of no longer than one year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.196, the REAL ID Act of 2005 (49 U.S.C. Section 30301 note), and 6 CFR Part 37. [ARC 0347C, IAB 10/3/12, effective 11/7/12; ARC 4586C, IAB 7/31/19, effective 9/4/19]

**761—605.10(321) Fees for driver's licenses.** Fees for driver's licenses are specified in Iowa Code section 321.191. A license fee may be paid by cash, check, credit card, debit card or money order.

**605.10(1)** If the payment is by check, the check shall be for the exact amount of the fee and shall be payable to: Treasurer, State of Iowa. An exception may be made when a traveler's check is presented.

**605.10(2)** One payment method may be used to pay fees for several persons, such as members of a family or employees of a business firm. One payment method may pay all fees involved, such as the license fee and the reinstatement fee.

**605.10(3)** An applicant who is on federal active duty or state active duty, a veteran with a permanent service-connected disability rating of 100 percent, or a veteran who was issued an honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions is eligible for a waiver of the fees for a driver's license as provided in Iowa Code section 321.191 as amended by 2022 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2383, section 25. An eligible applicant may qualify for more than one fee waiver.

*a.* An applicant must provide proof of eligibility for the fee waiver to the department in the following ways as applicable to the applicant's active duty, veteran or disability status:

(1) An active duty service member must present an unexpired Armed Forces of the United States Geneva Conventions identification card, also known as a common access card (CAC), issued by the U.S. Department of Defense under 32 CFR Part 161. A federal or state military member who is a reservist may instead present an unexpired Uniformed Services identification card (USID) issued by the U.S. Department of Defense under 32 CFR Part 161 indicating a reserve affiliation.

(2) An applicant with a permanent service-connected disability rating of 100 percent must present proof that the applicant is the subject of a certification of disability of 100 percent from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

(3) An applicant who has been discharged from military service must present certification of release or discharge from active duty, DD form 214, indicating that the applicant received an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions.

*b.* An applicant who qualifies for the fee waiver under subparagraph 605.10(3)"a"(2) or 604.10(3)"a"(3) or both subparagraphs is required to submit proof of eligibility only once unless the proof is invalid or not accepted by the department.

*c.* An applicant who qualifies for the fee waiver under subparagraph 605.10(3)"a"(2) or 604.10(3)"a"(3) or both subparagraphs, who has presented proof of eligibility to the department during a previous license issuance transaction and who is otherwise eligible under subrule 605.25(7) or 605.25(8) to renew the applicant's driver's license electronically, will be waived from the applicable fees during the electronic renewal. An applicant who qualifies under subparagraph 605.10(3)"a"(1)

will not receive the applicable fee waivers if the applicant chooses to renew the driver's license electronically under subrule 605.25(7) or 605.25(8).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.191 as amended by 2022 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2383, section 25.

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#### **761—605.11(321) Duplicate license.**

**605.11(1) *Lost, stolen or destroyed license.*** To replace a valid license that is lost, stolen or destroyed, the licensee shall provide the licensee's full legal name, date of birth, and social security number, all of which must be verified by the department, and pay the replacement fee. A licensee subject to 761—paragraph 601.5(2)“b” shall provide the applicant's U.S. Customs and Immigration Services number, which must be verified by the department. The department may investigate or require additional information as may be reasonably necessary to determine that the licensee's identity matches the identity of record and shall not issue the replacement license if the licensee's identity is questionable, cannot be determined, or otherwise does not match the identity of record. If the licensee's current residential address, name, date of birth, or sex designation has changed since the previous license was issued, the licensee shall comply with subrule 605.11(2).

**605.11(2) *Voluntary replacement.*** The department shall issue a duplicate of a valid license to an eligible licensee if the license is surrendered to the department and the replacement fee is paid. Voluntary replacement includes but is not limited to:

- a. Replacement of a damaged license.
- b. Replacement to change the current residential address on a license. The licensee shall notify the department to establish the current residential address.
- c. Replacement to change the name on a license. The licensee shall comply with the requirements of 761—subrule 601.5(5) to establish a name change.
- d. Replacement to change the date of birth on a license. The licensee shall comply with the requirements of 761—subrule 601.5(6) to establish a change of date of birth.
- e. Replacement to change the sex designation on a license. The licensee shall comply with the requirements of 761—subrule 601.5(7) to establish a change of sex designation.
- f. Issuance of a license without the words “under 21” to a licensee who is 21 years of age or older.
- g. Issuance of a license without the words “under 18” to a licensee who is 18 years of age or older. (If the licensee is under 21 years of age, the words “under 21” will replace the words “under 18.”)
- h. Issuance of a noncommercial driver's license to an eligible person who has been disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle.
- i. Replacement of a valid license before its expiration date to obtain a license that may be accepted for federal identification purposes under 6 CFR Part 37 (a REAL ID license). The licensee shall comply with the requirements of 761—601.5(321) to obtain a REAL ID license.
- j. Replacement to add a veteran designation to the license. To be eligible for a veteran designation, the licensee must comply with the requirements of paragraph 605.5(7)“e.”

**605.11(3) *Replacement upon attaining the age of 21.*** A licensee, upon attaining the age of 21, who is otherwise eligible for a driver's license is eligible to electronically apply for a replacement driver's license under this rule for the unexpired months of the license, regardless of whether the most recent issuance occurred electronically.

a. Except for the requirements in subparagraphs 605.25(7)“a”(1) and 605.25(7)“a”(2), the licensee must meet the eligibility requirements listed in paragraph 605.25(7)“a” or paragraph 605.25(8)“a” to replace the license electronically and must also meet the following criteria:

- (1) The licensee must be at least 21 years old.
- (2) The licensee must currently hold a driver's license marked “Under 21” as provided in Iowa Code section 321.189.

*b.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, the department may accept an electronic replacement application if the licensee seeks replacement of a special instruction permit or a license with a single “J” restriction accompanied by a “9” restriction.

**605.11(4) Fee.** The fee to replace a license is \$10.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.13, 321.189, 321.195 and 321.208, the REAL ID Act of 2005 (49 U.S.C. Section 30301 note), and 6 CFR Part 37.

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**761—605.12(321) Address changes.**

**605.12(1)** A licensee shall notify the department of a change in the licensee’s mailing address within 30 days of the change. Notice shall be given by:

*a.* Submitting the address change to the Motor Vehicle Division, Iowa Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 9204, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9204, using Form 430012 or a written and signed statement listing the licensee’s full name, date of birth, driver’s license number and new mailing address; or

*b.* Completing the address change on the department’s website at [www.iowadot.gov](http://www.iowadot.gov); or

*c.* Appearing in person to change the mailing address at any driver’s license service center.

**605.12(2)** Parents or legal guardians may provide written notice of a mailing address change on behalf of their minor children.

**605.12(3)** The department may use U.S. Postal Service address information to update its address records.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.182 and 321.184.

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**761—605.13 and 605.14** Reserved.

**761—605.15(321) License extension.**

**605.15(1) Six-month extension.** An Iowa resident may apply for a noncommercial six-month extension of a license if the resident:

*a.* Has a valid license,

*b.* Is eligible for further licensing, and

*c.* Is temporarily absent from Iowa or is temporarily incapacitated at the time for renewal.

**605.15(2) Procedure.** The licensee shall apply for an extension by submitting Form 430027 to the department. The form may be obtained from and submitted to a driver’s license service center. The licensee may also apply by letter to the address in paragraph 605.12(1)“*a.*”

*a.* A six-month extension shall be added to the expiration date on the license. When the licensee appears to renew the license, the expiration date of the renewed license will be computed from the expiration date of the original license, notwithstanding the extension.

*b.* The department shall allow only two six-month extensions.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.196.

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**761—605.16(321) Military extension.**

**605.16(1) Application.** A person who qualifies for a military extension of a valid license under Iowa Code section 321.198 and who wishes to have a record of the person’s military service extension recorded in the department’s computerized issuance system shall apply to the department in person by presentation of the person’s unexpired Armed Forces of the United States Geneva Conventions identification card, also known as a common access card (CAC), or by submitting Form 430081 to the department at the address in paragraph 605.12(1)“*a.*” The form shall be signed by the person’s commanding officer to verify the military service and be accompanied by a copy of the person’s CAC or current active duty orders. Upon approval, the department shall update the department’s electronic records with the person’s



military exception status and issue the person a letter explaining the provisions of Iowa Code section 321.198 regarding military extensions.

**605.16(2) *Renewal of license after military extension.*** When an applicant renews a license after a military extension, the department may require the applicant to provide documentation of both the military service and the date of separation from military service. In accordance with Iowa Code section 321.198(1) “b,” the applicant shall pay all applicable fees to renew the license. The applicant may also be waived from the applicable knowledge or driving skills examination in accordance with the provisions of 761—paragraphs 604.21(2) “c” and 604.31(2) “e” and 761—subrules 607.27(5) and 607.28(6).

**605.16(3) *Reinstatement after sanction.*** A person with a military extension whose license has been canceled, suspended or revoked shall comply with the requirements of rule 761—615.40(321) to reinstate the license.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.198.  
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**761—605.17 to 605.19** Reserved.

**761—605.20(321) Fee adjustment for upgrading license.** The fee for upgrading a driver’s license shall be computed on a full-year basis. The fee is charged for each year or part of a year between the date of the change and the expiration date on the license.

**605.20(1)** The fee to upgrade a driver’s license from one class to another is determined by computing the difference between the current license fee and the new license fee as follows:

- a. Converting noncommercial Class C to Class D—\$4 per year of new license validity.
- b. Converting Class M to Class D with a motorcycle endorsement—\$4 per year of new license validity.
- c. Converting Class M to noncommercial Class C with a motorcycle endorsement—\$2 one-time fee.

**605.20(2)** The fee to add a privilege to a driver’s license is computed per year of new license validity as follows:

Noncommercial Class C (full privileges from a restricted Class C)	\$4 per year
Motorized bicycle	\$4 per year
Minor’s restricted license	\$4 per year
Minor’s school license	\$4 per year
Motorcycle instruction permit	\$2 per year
Motorcycle endorsement	\$2 per year

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.189 and 321.191.  
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**761—605.21 to 605.24** Reserved.

**761—605.25(321) License renewal.**

**605.25(1)** A licensee who wishes to renew a driver’s license shall apply to the department and, if required, pass the appropriate examination.

**605.25(2)** A valid noncommercial license may be renewed within 180 days before the expiration date. The department for good cause may renew a noncommercial license earlier, except the department shall not renew a REAL ID driver’s license issued under rule 761—601.7(321) earlier than 180 days before the expiration date if such a renewal would result in noncompliance under 6 CFR Section 37.5(a).

**605.25(3)** Reserved.

**605.25(4)** If the licensee’s current residential address, name, date of birth, or sex designation has changed since the previous license was issued, the licensee shall comply with the following:

*a. Current residential address.* The licensee shall notify the department to establish the current residential address.

*b. Name.* The licensee shall comply with the requirements of 761—subrule 601.5(5) to establish a name change.

*c. Date of birth.* The licensee shall comply with the requirements of 761—subrule 601.5(6) to establish a change of date of birth.

*d. Sex designation.* The licensee shall comply with the requirements of 761—subrule 601.5(7) to establish a change of sex designation.

**605.25(5)** A licensee who has not previously been issued a license that may be accepted for federal identification purposes under 6 CFR Part 37 (a REAL ID license) and wishes to obtain a REAL ID license upon renewal must comply with the requirements of rule 761—601.5(321) to obtain a REAL ID license upon renewal.

**605.25(6)** A licensee who is a foreign national with temporary lawful status must provide documentation of lawful status as required by 761—subrule 601.5(4) at each renewal.

**605.25(7)** The department may determine means or methods for electronic renewal of a noncommercial driver's license.

*a.* An applicant who meets the following criteria may apply for electronic renewal:

(1) The applicant must be at least 18 years of age but not yet 70 years of age.  
 (2) The applicant completed a satisfactory vision screen or submitted a satisfactory vision report under 761—subrules 604.10(1) to 604.10(3) and updated the applicant's photo at the applicant's last issuance or renewal.

(3) The applicant's driver's license has not been expired for more than one year.

(4) The department's records show the applicant is a U.S. citizen.

(5) The applicant's driver's license is not marked "valid without photo."

(6) The applicant is not seeking to change any of the following information as it appears on the applicant's driver's license:

1. Name.

2. Date of birth.

3. Sex.

(7) The applicant's driver's license is a Class C noncommercial driver's license, a Class D noncommercial driver's license (chauffeur), or Class M noncommercial driver's license (motorcycle) that is not a special license or permit, a temporary restricted license, or a two-year license.

(8) The applicant is not subject to a pending request for reexamination.

(9) The applicant does not wish to change any of the following:

1. Class of license.

2. License endorsements.

3. License restrictions.

(10) The applicant is not subject to any of the following restrictions:

G—No driving when headlights required

J—Restrictions on the back of card

T—Medical report required at renewal

8—Special instruction permit

Q—No interstate or freeway driving

*b.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this subrule to the contrary, the department may accept an electronic renewal application if the license contains a single "J" restriction accompanied by a "7," "I" or "Y" restriction.

*c.* The department reserves the right to deny electronic renewal and to require the applicant to personally apply for renewal at a driver's license service center if it appears to the department that the applicant may have a physical or mental condition that may impair the applicant's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle, even if the applicant otherwise meets the criteria in 605.25(7) "a."

*d.* An applicant who has not previously been issued a driver's license that is compliant with the REAL ID Act of 2005, 49 U.S.C. Section 30301 note, as further defined in 6 CFR Part 37 (a REAL ID license) may not request a REAL ID driver's license by electronic renewal.

**605.25(8)** The department may determine means or methods for electronic renewal of a commercial driver's license.

*a.* An applicant who is otherwise eligible to renew a commercial driver's license must meet the same eligibility requirements for renewing a noncommercial driver's license listed in paragraph 605.25(7) "a" to renew the license electronically, except that numbered paragraph 605.25(7) "a"(9)"3" shall not apply if the applicant is adding or removing the K restriction from the license at the time of renewal. The applicant must also meet the following criteria:

(1) The applicant is not subject to any of the following restrictions or endorsements:

H—Hazardous material

X—Hazardous material and tank

(2) The applicant does not also hold a valid commercial learner's permit under Iowa Code section 321.180(2) as documented by restriction 3 on the commercial driver's license.

(3) An applicant self-certifying to non-excepted interstate driving has a valid medical certificate on file with the department as required under rule 761—607.50(321).

*b.* The requirements in paragraphs 605.25(7) "c" and 605.25(7) "d" shall also apply to a license issued under this subrule.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.186, 321.188 and 321.196; the REAL ID Act of 2005 (49 U.S.C. Section 30301 note); and 6 CFR Part 37.

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**761—605.26(321) Graduated driver's license upgrades.** An applicant subject to the graduated driver's license requirements under Iowa Code section 321.180B who is otherwise eligible for a driver's license is eligible to electronically apply to upgrade the applicant's driver's license under this rule.

**605.26(1)** Except for the requirements in subparagraphs 605.25(7) "a"(1) and 605.25(7) "a"(2), the applicant must meet the eligibility requirements listed in paragraph 605.25(7) "a" to upgrade the license electronically and must also meet the following criteria:

*a.* The applicant must have been issued an intermediate license under Iowa Code section 321.180B(2) or a minor's school license under Iowa Code section 321.194 in person.

*b.* The applicant must otherwise be eligible to upgrade a license class privilege under Iowa Code section 321.180B or 321.194.

**605.26(2)** The requirements in paragraphs 605.25(7) "c" and 605.25(7) "d" shall also apply to a license issued under this rule.

**605.26(3)** If an applicant upgrades the applicant's driver's license electronically under this rule to a driver's license with an eight-year expiration date, the applicant is ineligible to electronically renew the applicant's full driver's license at the next renewal period.

**605.26(4)** Notwithstanding any other provision of this rule to the contrary, the department may accept an electronic application to upgrade a license containing a "J" restriction if the "J" restriction is related only to a secondary address.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.180B and 321.194.

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