

## VEHICLES

## CHAPTER 400

## VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

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**761—400.1(321) Definitions.** The definitions in Iowa Code section 321.1 are hereby made part of this chapter. In addition, the following words and phrases, when used in Iowa Code chapter 321 or this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them, except when the context otherwise requires.

*“Certificate of title”* means a document issued by the appropriate official which contains a statement of the owner’s title, the name and address of the owner, a description of the vehicle, a statement of all security interests and additional information required under the laws or rules of the jurisdiction in which the document was issued, and which is recognized as a matter of law as a document evidencing ownership of the vehicle described. The terms “title certificate,” “title only,” and “title” shall be synonymous with the term “Certificate of title.”

*“Dealer’s or manufacturer’s stock or inventory”* means a vehicle owned by a dealer which is being held for sale or trade and for which the dealer has a duly assigned ownership document as required by Iowa Code section 321.45.

*“Driverless-capable vehicle”* means the same as defined in rule 761—380.2(321).

*“Electric vehicle annual registration fee”* means an annual registration fee for a battery electric or plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle as provided in Iowa Code sections 321.116 and 321.117. Unless otherwise provided, for purposes of this chapter, any reference to a registration fee shall also include an annual registration fee for a battery electric or plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle if that vehicle is a battery electric or plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle as defined in Iowa Code sections 321.116 and 321.117.

*“Electronic”* means as defined in Iowa Code section 554D.103.

*“Electronic record”* means as defined in Iowa Code section 554D.103.

*“Electronic signature”* means as defined in Iowa Code section 554D.103.

*“End user”* means a person or entity that directly uses the services of an electronic registration and titling (ERT) service provider to submit an electronic application for certificate of title or registration of a vehicle.

*“ERT service provider”* means a person or entity authorized by the department under subrule 400.3(17) to submit electronic applications for certificate of title or registration of a vehicle on behalf of an end user to a county treasurer.

*“Farm trailer”* means a trailer used exclusively by a farmer in the conduct of the farmer’s agricultural operation. The term shall not include a “semitrailer.”

*“Final-stage manufacturer”* means as defined in Iowa Code section 322.2.

*“Half-year fee”* means the first semiannual installment of an annual registration fee but does not include an electric vehicle annual registration fee. The term “half-year registration” shall be synonymous with the term “half-year fee.”

*“Hearse”* means a motor vehicle used exclusively to transport a deceased person.

*“Lien”* means an interest in a vehicle which secures payment or performance of an obligation. The term “security interest” shall be synonymous with the term “lien.”

*“Manufacturer’s certificate of origin”* means a certification signed by the manufacturer, distributor or importer that the vehicle described has been transferred to the person or dealer named and that the transfer is the first transfer of the vehicle in ordinary trade and commerce.

1. The terms “manufacturer’s statement,” “importer’s statement or certificate,” “MSO” and “MCO” shall be synonymous with the term “manufacturer’s certificate of origin.”

2. In addition to the requirements of Iowa Code subsection 321.45(1), the certificate shall contain a description of the vehicle which includes the make, model, style and vehicle identification number. The description of a motorized bicycle shall also specify the maximum speed.

3. For 1992 and subsequent model year vehicles, the form used for manufacturers' certificates of origin shall be the universal form adopted in 1990 by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA). This requirement does not apply to trailer-type vehicles. A copy of this universal form may be obtained from the vehicle and motor carrier services bureau at the address in subrule 400.6(1).

"*Model year*," except where otherwise specified, means the year of original manufacture or the year certified by the manufacturer. For purposes of titling and registration, the model year shall advance one year each January 1.

"*Registered*" means that the appropriate registration fee has been paid for a vehicle and a registration card evidencing payment has been issued to the owner.

"*Registration card*" means a document issued to the owner of a vehicle by the appropriate agency whose duty it is to register vehicles, which contains the name and address of the owner and a description of the vehicle, and which is issued to the owner when the vehicle has been registered. The terms "registration certificate," "registration receipt" and "registration renewal receipt" are synonymous with the term "registration card."

"*Security interest*" means an interest in a vehicle which secures payment or performance of an obligation. The term "lien" shall be synonymous with the term "security interest."

"*Social security number*" means a social security number issued by the United States government.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.1, 321.8, 321.20, 321.23, 321.24, 321.40, 321.45, 321.50, 321.116, 321.117, 321.123, 321.134, 321.157 and 322.2.

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#### **761—400.2(321) Vehicle registration and certificate of title—general provisions.**

**400.2(1) *Vehicles subject to registration.*** A vehicle subject to registration under the laws of Iowa shall be required to be registered at the time the vehicle is first operated or moved upon a highway in this state.

**400.2(2) *Vehicles exempt from titling or registration.*** A certificate of title shall not be issued for a vehicle which is exempt from the titling or registration provisions of Iowa Code chapter 321, unless issuance of a certificate of title is specifically authorized in chapter 321.

**400.2(3) *Issuance of a certificate of title upon payment of registration fees.*** Except as otherwise provided in Iowa Code chapter 321 or this chapter of rules, the current year registration fee and any delinquent registration fees and penalties, if any, shall be paid prior to issuance of a certificate of title.

**400.2(4) *Trailers with an empty weight of 2000 pounds or less.*** Certificates of title shall not be issued for trailers with an empty weight of 2000 pounds or less. However, these trailers shall be subject to the registration fees provided in Iowa Code section 321.123.

**400.2(5) *Vehicles owned by the government.*** A certificate of title shall be issued for a vehicle owned by the government when the vehicle is first registered. However, vehicles owned by the government shall be exempted from registration and titling fees. Also, a certificate of title shall not be issued for a government-owned vehicle if a certificate of title would not be issued if the vehicle were owned by someone other than the government.

**400.2(6) *Vehicles leased by the government.*** Vehicles leased by the government for a period of 60 days or more are exempted from payment of registration fees. A copy of the lease agreement, certificate of lease, or other evidence that the vehicle is being leased by the government shall be required in order to obtain this exemption. However, the lessor is not exempted from the requirements for obtaining a certificate of title as set out in Iowa Code chapter 321 and these rules, including payment of the appropriate certificate of title fee.

**400.2(7) *Special mobile equipment.*** Rescinded IAB 3/7/90, effective 4/11/90.

**400.2(8) *Private school buses, fire trucks, authorized emergency vehicles, and transit buses.*** In accordance with Iowa Code sections 321.18, 321.19 and 321.22, private school buses, fire trucks not owned or operated for a pecuniary profit, certain authorized emergency vehicles owned and operated by nonprofit organizations, and urban and regional transit system buses are exempt from the payment

of registration fees. However, these vehicles are not exempt from the requirements for obtaining a certificate of title as set out in Iowa Code chapter 321, including payment of the appropriate certificate of title fee.

**400.2(9) Towable recreational vehicles.** For purposes of registration and titling under Iowa Code chapter 321 and this chapter, a towable recreational vehicle as defined in Iowa Code section 322C.2 shall be considered a travel trailer or fifth-wheel travel trailer, as those terms are defined in Iowa Code section 321.1, as applicable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.18 to 321.22, 321.24, 321.123 and 322C.2(19).

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**761—400.3(321) Application for certificate of title or registration for a vehicle.**

**400.3(1) Application form.** To apply for a certificate of title or registration for a vehicle, the owner of the vehicle shall complete an application form prescribed by the department, which may be electronic. Application shall be made in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 321, these rules, and other applicable provisions of law.

**400.3(2) Full legal name.** Full legal names shall be given on the application. Civilian or military titles and nicknames shall not be used.

**400.3(3) Information about owner, lessee and primary user.**

*a.* Iowa Code sections 321.20 and 321.109 list the information that must be disclosed by the owner, lessee and primary user on the application.

*b.* A firm, association, corporation, or trust that is not required to have a federal employer identification number shall disclose the social security number, Iowa driver's license number or Iowa nonoperator's identification card number of an authorized representative of the firm, association, corporation, or trust. The authorized representative of a trust is the trustee unless otherwise specified in the trust agreement or the certification of trust as defined in Iowa Code section 633A.4604.

**400.3(4) Plate number and validation number.** If the owner has registration plates that have been assigned to the owner and affixed to the vehicle, the owner shall list the plate number on the application form. The validation number from the validation sticker shall also be listed.

**400.3(5) Birth or registration month.** If the vehicle is owned by one individual, the individual's month of birth shall be listed on the application form and shall determine the registration year. If the vehicle is owned by two or three individuals, the month of birth of one of the individuals shall be listed and shall determine the registration year. If the vehicle is owned by a partnership, corporation, association, or governmental subdivision, the birth or registration month shall be left blank on the application; the county treasurer shall determine the month of registration.

**400.3(6) Model year.** The application shall include the model year of the vehicle.

**400.3(7) Purchase information.** The application shall include the date of purchase or acquisition and, if the vehicle was not purchased from a dealer, the purchase price.

**400.3(8) Vehicle color.** The application shall include the vehicle color.

**400.3(9) Foreign registered vehicle.** If the vehicle is registered in a foreign jurisdiction, the application shall include the date the vehicle was brought into Iowa.

**400.3(10) Signature of applicant.** The owner shall sign the application form in ink, unless submitted electronically.

**400.3(11) Dealer certification.**

*a.* If the vehicle is a new vehicle which has been sold to the owner by a dealer, as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1, the dealer shall certify the following on the application form: sale price of the vehicle, the amounts allowed for property traded in, nontaxable charges and rebates, the tax price of the vehicle, the date that a "Registration Applied For" card was issued, and the registration fee collected.

b. The certification shall include the dealer's number and name and shall be signed by the dealer or an authorized representative of the dealer. The signature may be electronic when the application form is submitted electronically in a manner approved by the department.

**400.3(12) *Weigh ticket.*** If application is being made to lower the tonnage on any motor truck, bus or truck tractor, the county treasurer may require a copy of a stamped weigh ticket issued by any public scale.

**400.3(13) *Credits.*** See rule 761—400.60(321) for:

Credit for unexpired registration fee.

Credit for transfer to spouse, parent or child.

Credit from/to apportioned registration.

Assignment of credit and registration plates from lessor to lessee.

**400.3(14) *Leased vehicle.*** As required by Iowa Code section 423.26, the lessor shall list the lease price of the vehicle on the application form.

**400.3(15) *Affidavit of correction.*** As provided in Iowa Code section 321.23A, the county treasurer or the department may accept an affidavit of correction on a form prescribed by the department.

a. The affidavit may be used only to correct those errors, erasures or alterations listed on the affidavit.

b. The affidavit must contain the signatures of all parties to the original error, erasure or alteration.

c. Only an original, notarized affidavit shall be accepted.

d. The affidavit must be surrendered with the document that contains the error, erasure or alteration to be corrected.

e. The affidavit may be accepted to correct errors, erasures or alterations on either an Iowa title or a foreign title.

**400.3(16) *Driverless-capable vehicle.*** As provided in Iowa Code sections 321.20 and 321.515 and rule 761—400.21(321), the applicant shall indicate on the application whether the vehicle is a driverless-capable vehicle as defined in rule 761—380.2(321).

**400.3(17) *Electronic applications.***

a. Applications for certificate of title or registration of a vehicle may be submitted electronically via web-based services offered and maintained by ERT service providers authorized by the department. To be authorized to serve as an ERT service provider, the ERT service provider must establish to the satisfaction of the department that the ERT service provider has the technical, financial, legal, and administrative capacity to meet the department's requirements for submission of electronic applications and must execute an agreement, in a form and content determined by the department, that authorizes and permits the ERT service provider to interact with the department's vehicle title and registration system via an application program interface established by the department and to submit electronic applications on behalf of end users that choose to use the ERT service provider's services to submit an application electronically. Agreements executed by ERT service providers under this paragraph shall include provisions that address security, financial responsibility, privacy, termination, and any other matters deemed appropriate by the department.

b. An agreement executed by an ERT service provider is a condition of authorization and permission only. An ERT service provider authorized by the department is not a contractor, vendor, employee, or agent for the department, the state of Iowa, or any county treasurer accepting electronic applications, and shall not be entitled to compensation from the department, the state of Iowa, or any county treasurer for any service, transaction, or other act rendered as an ERT service provider. The ERT service provider remains solely liable and responsible for the ERT service provider's services and activities as an ERT service provider and shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the department, any county treasurer, the state of Iowa, and its, or their agents, officers, heirs, assigns, and employees of and from any and all damages, claims, penalties, debts owed, or any other form of liability arising from or related to the ERT service provider's service, performance, errors, acts, or omissions. An ERT service provider that chooses to provide service under the department's permission and authorization does so at the ERT service provider's sole risk and has no claim or right against the department, any county treasurer, or the state of Iowa for fees, costs, profits, loss of profits, interruption of business, or

any other form of compensation, remuneration, liability, or damages arising from or related to the ERT service provider's activity as an ERT service provider or inability to serve as an ERT service provider.

*c.* An ERT service provider authorized by the department may establish web-based services to allow end users to submit applications via an electronic interface established and maintained by the ERT service provider and to submit the applications on behalf of the end user to county treasurers via the department's vehicle title and registration system and application program interface established by the department. In doing so, the ERT service provider is acting as a contractor or vendor for the end user and not the department, any county treasurer, or the state of Iowa, and remains solely responsible to the end user for any failure to perform or breach of performance or agreement. When the end user is a motor vehicle dealer licensed by the department under Iowa Code chapter 322 or 322C, "end user" includes the motor vehicle dealer and any person with an interest in the vehicle that is the subject of the application. The ERT service provider may charge the end user a fee for services rendered as an ERT service provider.

*d.* In addition to the documentary fee authorized under Iowa Code section 322.19A, an end user that is a motor vehicle dealer licensed by the department under Iowa Code chapter 322 or 322C may pass and charge to a customer the fees or costs incurred by the motor vehicle dealer to submit the customer's application through an ERT service provider's services as a third-party cost or fee under Iowa Code section 322.19A(1), provided that the motor vehicle dealer discloses the charge to the customer before submitting the application. The documentary fee charged by the motor vehicle dealer shall not exceed the amount authorized by Iowa Code section 322.19A(3). Neither the ERT service provider nor the motor vehicle dealer shall charge a customer for creation or delivery of a "registration applied for" card.

*e.* An ERT service provider authorized by the department has no authority to approve or deny applications. Acceptance of an application by an ERT service provider is not approval of the application. An application is not considered to be formally submitted until it is electronically transmitted by the ERT service provider to the county treasurer via the department's vehicle title and registration system and the application program interface established by the department. The county treasurer remains responsible for approving or denying the application and may reject the application for any reason permitted or required by state or federal law or regulation.

*f.* An authorized ERT service provider is responsible for the ERT service provider's payment solution and for all payment transaction security and compliance with all applicable standards associated with the payment solution or solutions offered by the ERT service provider. The ERT service provider shall transfer title and registration fees collected by the ERT service provider directly to an account designated by the county treasurer responsible for the transaction via automated clearing house (ACH) transfer and the fees shall be available to the county treasurer no later than three business days following the submission of a transaction for which the fees were paid. Funds received by the ERT service provider shall be held until transfer to the county treasurer's account in a bank insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The ERT service provider shall be responsible for reconciling insufficient funds from an end user.

*g.* Fees submitted electronically are not deemed to be received until deposited into the county treasurer's account via completion of the ACH transfer. The end user remains responsible for fees submitted via an ERT service provider and the end user's responsibility for payment of any required fees is not waived or excused by the ERT service provider's failure to complete the transfer. As a condition of authorization and permission to serve as an ERT service provider and before the ERT service provider may offer services, the ERT service provider shall furnish a surety bond executed by the ERT service provider as principal and executed by a corporate surety company, licensed and qualified to do business within the state of Iowa. The bond shall run to the state of Iowa, be in the amount of \$150,000 and be conditioned upon the faithful compliance by the ERT service provider of all obligations imposed upon the ERT service provider by any applicable state or federal law or regulation, including the terms of this chapter, the authorizing agreement executed by the ERT service provider under this chapter, and any terms or conditions existing between the ERT service provider and any end user using the ERT service provider's services. The ERT service provider shall indemnify any end user that uses the ERT service provider's services of and from any loss or damage occasioned by the failure of the ERT service provider to so comply, including but not limited to the complete and timely submission to the county treasurer of

the title and registration fees required for a given transaction. The bond shall be filed with the department before the ERT service provider may begin or offer services as an ERT service provider. The aggregate liability of the surety shall not exceed the amount of the bond.

*h.* The ERT service provider shall provide accounting reports of all fees received and transferred to each respective county treasurer, in a manner determined by the department.

*i.* The ERT service provider shall submit to audits by the department and the state auditor, which shall be at least yearly but may be more frequently if determined necessary by the department or the state auditor.

*j.* An application submitted electronically must meet all legal requirements for the transaction in question, and no requirement shall be excused or waived as a result of submitting the transaction electronically. However, wherever a signature is required, the signature may be an electronic signature, as determined by the department and according to methods approved by the department. Wherever an electronic solution approved by the department requires the submission of scanned documents, the scanned documents shall be of a quality and resolution determined by the department, which shall at a minimum meet any applicable state or federal standard or requirement, and shall completely capture and represent the original document. The department and any county treasurer processing an application retain the right under Iowa Code section 321.13 to determine the genuineness, regularity, and legality of the application and any scanned document submitted as part of the application and may withhold approval of the application and require presentation of the original document whenever the scanned document is of insufficient quality, content, or appearance to determine the same. An end user that submits a scan of an original document as part of an electronic application shall retain the original document for a period of six months. An end user shall make all such original documents available for inspection by the department at the department's request. An end user that is a business entity shall retain the documents at the end user's principal place of business in Iowa. Anything in this paragraph notwithstanding, lessors required to retain a damage disclosure statement under Iowa Code section 321.69(4), and authorized vehicle recyclers licensed under Iowa Code chapter 321H and motor vehicle dealers licensed under Iowa Code chapter 322 required to retain damage disclosure statements under Iowa Code section 321.69(6) shall retain the original document for a period of five years from the date of the statement, as required therein.

*k.* An end user that is a motor vehicle dealer licensed by the department under Iowa Code chapter 322 or 322C and that electronically submits an application on behalf of the person to whom the dealer is transferring the vehicle shall disclose to the person that the application will be submitted electronically and shall obtain the person's written authorization to submit the application on the person's behalf. The written authorization shall be retained at the motor vehicle dealer's principal place of business for a period of six months from the date of application and shall be available for inspection by the department at the department's request. The motor vehicle dealer shall also review with and disclose to the person all details of the application, before submitting the application, and shall provide a complete, true, and accurate copy of the application to the person immediately after submitting the application. The written authorization shall be submitted electronically as a scanned document with the electronic application.

*l.* An authorized ERT service provider shall retain all data, information, records, and electronic records associated with an electronic application or transaction submitted or transacted through the ERT service provider for a period of at least six months, or longer as required by applicable state or federal law or regulation, and shall make all such data, information, and records available to the department at the department's request. This includes but is not limited to the identity of the end user that initiated the electronic application or transaction. Identity information for end users shall be maintained at the entity and individual level, meaning that the ERT service provider must implement and maintain secure profile management that is capable of authenticating and verifying the identity of any entity that initiated the application or transaction and the individual officer, employee, or agent within the entity that was authorized by the entity to initiate the application or transaction.

*m.* The ERT service provider shall hold and protect all personal information as required by Iowa Code section 321.11 and the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act, 18 U.S.C. § 2721 et seq. (the DPPA), shall only use or release such personal information for purposes necessary to perform services as an ERT service provider, and shall release such personal information for no other purposes or use except

as required to comply with legal or administrative matters as permitted under the DPPA. The ERT service provider shall immediately advise the department of any suspected or actual unauthorized release of personal information or highly restricted personal information and shall notify the entity and individual whose personal information or highly restricted personal information was released in an unauthorized manner.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.1, 321.8, 321.20, 321.23 to 321.26, 321.31, 321.34, 321.46, 321.105A, 321.109, 321.122, 321.515, 321.519, 322.19A and 423.26. [ARC 9048B, IAB 9/8/10, effective 10/13/10; ARC 3449C, IAB 11/8/17, effective 12/13/17; ARC 3999C, IAB 9/12/18, effective 10/17/18; ARC 5893C, IAB 9/8/21, effective 10/13/21]

**761—400.4(321) Supporting documents required.** This rule describes the basic supporting documents to be submitted by an applicant for a certificate of title or registration.

**400.4(1) *New vehicle.*** If application is made for a new vehicle, a manufacturer's certificate of origin, properly assigned to the applicant, shall be submitted. A manufacturer's certificate of origin shall not be accepted if the assignment to the applicant is made by any person other than the manufacturer, importer or distributor, a licensed motor vehicle dealer franchised to sell that line-make of vehicle, or a final-stage manufacturer motor vehicle dealer licensed under rule 761—425.11(322).

*a.* The first person, including a dealer not franchised to sell that line-make of vehicle, who is assigned the manufacturer's certificate of origin shall obtain a certificate of title and register the vehicle.

*b.* An uncanceled security interest noted on the reverse side of a manufacturer's certificate of origin (MCO) shall be noted as a separate security interest on the certificate of title, in addition to any security interest acknowledged by the applicant, unless the applicant indicates in the security interest area on the title application that the security interest is the same as the one noted on the reverse side of the MCO.

*c.* If a 1980 or subsequent model year vehicle is manufactured by a person other than the original manufacturer, both the original manufacturer's certificate of origin and the final-stage manufacturer's certificate of origin shall be submitted if the vehicle's original line-make is changed by the final-stage manufacturer. All assignments or reassignments of ownership of the vehicle shall be made on the final-stage manufacturer's certificate of origin. The face of the original manufacturer's certificate of origin shall be stamped in bold type with the statement: "Final-stage manufacturer's MCO has been issued on this vehicle." The original manufacturer's vehicle identification number shall be listed on the final-stage manufacturer's certificate of origin.

*d.* If a final-stage manufacturer is a motor vehicle dealer licensed under rule 761—425.11(322), the final-stage manufacturer may reassign the original manufacturer's certificate of origin to the retail buyer.

**400.4(2) *Used vehicle registered or titled in this state.*** The last issued certificate of title, properly assigned to the applicant, shall be submitted, unless the applicant is an insurer applying for a salvage certificate of title under Iowa Code section 321.52(4). An uncanceled security interest noted on the face of the certificate of title shall be noted on the face of the certificate of title issued to the applicant, in addition to any security interest acknowledged by the applicant. If the vehicle is not subject to titling provisions, the last issued registration receipt or bill of sale, properly assigned to the applicant, shall be submitted.

**400.4(3) *Used vehicle from a foreign jurisdiction.*** If the vehicle was subject to the issuance of a certificate of title in the foreign jurisdiction, the certificate of title issued by the foreign jurisdiction to the applicant or properly assigned to the applicant shall be submitted, unless the applicant is an insurer applying for a salvage certificate of title under Iowa Code section 321.52(4).

*a.* A security interest, noted on the face of the foreign certificate of title, which has not been canceled, shall be noted on the face of the certificate of title issued to the applicant, in addition to any security interest acknowledged by the applicant.

*b.* A certificate of title issued in a foreign jurisdiction may be assigned to a motor vehicle dealer in another jurisdiction, and the dealer may reassign the certificate of title to the applicant. An assignment or reassignment form issued by a foreign jurisdiction may be used with a foreign title to complete an

assignment or reassignment of ownership from a foreign motor vehicle dealer to the applicant, provided the ownership chain is complete.

*c.* An Iowa licensed motor vehicle dealer who acquires a vehicle registered in another state or country may reassign the foreign certificate of title to the applicant, as provided in Iowa Code subsection 321.48(2) and rule 761—400.27(321,322).

*d.* A person who registers a foreign vehicle under Iowa Code subsection 321.23(3) shall be issued a nontransferable-nonnegotiable registration. To transfer ownership of the vehicle, the owner must first obtain an Iowa certificate of title except as follows: If ownership is transferred to an Iowa licensed motor vehicle dealer as provided in Iowa Code subsection 321.23(3), the foreign certificate of title may be assigned to the dealer; the owner is not required to obtain an Iowa title. The dealer may then reassign the foreign title, as provided in Iowa Code subsection 321.48(2) and rule 761—400.27(321,322).

*e.* If the vehicle was not subject to the issuance of a certificate of title in the foreign jurisdiction, the registration document issued by the foreign jurisdiction to the applicant or properly assigned to the applicant shall be submitted.

(1) If the foreign registration document is not issued in the applicant's name and does not contain an assignment of ownership form, a bill of sale conveying ownership from the owner as listed on the foreign registration document to the applicant shall be submitted with the foreign registration document.

(2) Upon receipt of the foreign registration document, the county treasurer shall issue a nontransferable—nonnegotiable registration unless the foreign registration document has been approved by the department.

(3) Acceptance of the foreign registration document shall be determined by the department on an individual basis, if the county treasurer of the county where the certificate of title is to be issued cannot determine whether the document is acceptable.

*f.* If a trailer weighing 2000 lbs. or less is exempt from the issuance of a certificate of title and registration in the foreign jurisdiction, a bill of sale conveying ownership to the applicant, if acquired by a resident from a nonresident, or an affidavit of ownership signed by the applicant, if the applicant is establishing residence in this state, shall be submitted.

*g.* If a motor vehicle is exempt from the issuance of a certificate of title and registration in the foreign jurisdiction, the bonding procedures as provided in Iowa Code section 321.24 shall be followed.

**400.4(4)** *Used vehicle acquired by a resident of this state from a government agency.* If the vehicle was acquired from an agency of the federal government, the applicant shall surrender the government bill of sale, General Services Administration Form 97, or Internal Revenue Service Form 2435, properly assigned to the applicant. If the vehicle was acquired from the state of Iowa or a subdivision of government, the applicant shall surrender the Iowa certificate of title issued in the name of the agency, properly assigned to the applicant.

**400.4(5)** *Manufactured or mobile home.* If the vehicle described on the application is a manufactured or mobile home with an Iowa title, the applicant shall submit a tax clearance form to show that no taxes are owing, unless the title has been issued to a manufactured or mobile home retailer licensed under Iowa Code chapter 103A. The form may be obtained by any owner of record of the manufactured or mobile home from the county treasurer.

**400.4(6)** *Vehicle acquired by a resident of this state by operation of law.* If the vehicle was acquired by the applicant by operation of law as specified in Iowa Code section 321.47, the last issued certificate of title shall be submitted by the applicant, or when that is not possible, presentation of satisfactory proof of the applicant's ownership and right of possession to the vehicle shall be submitted by the applicant. Proof of ownership may consist of a foreclosure sale affidavit, artisan's or storage lien affidavit, affidavit of death intestate, abandoned vehicle sales receipt, peace officers bill of sale or court order. See also subrules 400.14(4) and 400.14(5).

**400.4(7)** *Foreign ownership document issued in a language other than English.* A foreign ownership document issued in a language other than English may be required to be reproduced in writing in English and certified to be a correct translation by a person qualified to translate that particular language. The English translation and certification shall be submitted with the foreign ownership document.

**400.4(8)** *Titles from foreign jurisdictions.*



*a.* Except as provided in paragraph “*b*” of this subrule, a certificate of title issued by a foreign jurisdiction shall not be accepted if the title contains an alteration or erasure.

*b.* An affidavit of correction form issued by a foreign jurisdiction that corrects the certificate of title issued by the foreign jurisdiction shall be accepted only for the reason listed on the affidavit of correction form. However, acceptance of an affidavit of correction form that corrects an odometer statement or a designation shall be determined by the department on an individual basis.

**400.4(9) Applications in the name of trusts.** An application in the name of a trust shall be accompanied by a copy of all documents creating or otherwise affecting the trust or by the certification of trust as defined in Iowa Code section 633A.4604. The certification of trust may be signed by any trustee or the attorney for any trustee. The application shall be signed by the number of trustees as specified in the trust agreement or the certification of trust and the applicant shall provide the department with the document specifying the required signatories for the trust. If neither the trust nor the certification of trust specifies the required signatories, the application may be signed by any trustee or attorney for the trustee. Each signature on the application shall be followed by the words “as trustee” or “as attorney for the trustee.”

**400.4(10) Driverless-capable vehicles.** If an application is made for a driverless-capable vehicle, the department may require the application to be accompanied by the operational design domain.

**400.4(11) Supporting document retained by county treasurer.** All supporting documents, except those submitted pursuant to subrule 400.3(17), shall be retained by the county treasurer.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.20, 321.23, 321.24, 321.30, 321.31, 321.45 to 321.50, 321.67, 321.515, 321.519 and 322.3.

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#### **761—400.5(321) Where to apply for registration or certificate of title.**

**400.5(1)** Except as otherwise provided, application for the registration of a vehicle or a certificate of title for a vehicle, or transfers thereof, shall be made to the county treasurer as described in Iowa Code chapter 321. When none of the primary users of a non-resident-owned vehicle are located in Iowa, the vehicle may be registered by the county treasurer of any county.

**400.5(2)** Application shall be made to the department’s vehicle and motor carrier services bureau for the following:

*a.* Titling and registration of vehicles owned by the government. This requirement does not apply to manufactured or mobile homes subject to a public bidder sale as explained in Iowa Code subsection 321.46(2).

*b.* Registration of vehicles leased by the government for a period of 60 days or more.

*c.* Registration of urban and regional transit system buses.

*d.* Registration of fire trucks not owned and operated for a pecuniary profit.

*e.* Registration of certain authorized emergency vehicles owned and operated by nonprofit organizations.

*f.* Registration of private school buses.

*g.* Registration of vehicles under the provisions of Iowa Code subsection 321.23(4), relating to restricted-use vehicles.

**400.5(3)** Application for a certificate of title for a vehicle subject to apportioned registration under Iowa Code chapter 326 may be made to either the county treasurer or to the department’s vehicle and motor carrier services bureau.

**400.5(4)** Application for apportioned registration shall be made to the department’s vehicle and motor carrier services bureau. See 761—Chapter 500.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.18 to 321.23, 321.46(2), and 321.170.  
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**761—400.6(17A) Addresses, information and forms.** Assistance under this chapter is available as follows:

**400.6(1)** Information and forms for vehicle registration, certificate of title, or other procedures covered under Iowa Code sections 321.18 to 321.173 may be obtained from the county treasurer or by mail from the Vehicle and Motor Carrier Services Bureau, Iowa Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 9278, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9278; in person at Iowa Department of Transportation, 6310 SE Convenience Blvd., Ankeny, Iowa 50021; by telephone at (515)237-3264; or on the department's website at [www.iowadot.gov](http://www.iowadot.gov).

**400.6(2)** Information for investigations under this chapter may be obtained from the Bureau of Investigation and Identity Protection, Iowa Department of Transportation, 6310 SE Convenience Blvd., Ankeny, Iowa 50021; by telephone at (515)237-3050; or on the department's website at [www.iowadot.gov](http://www.iowadot.gov).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 17A.3.

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**761—400.7(321) Information appearing on title or registration.** In addition to the requirements of Iowa Code sections 321.24, 321.52, 321.69, 321.71 and 322G.12, a certificate of title or registration receipt or both shall contain the following information when applicable:

**400.7(1)** Registration expiration date.

**400.7(2)** Registration month, as explained in rule 761—400.3(321).

**400.7(3)** Name and address of last titled owner.

**400.7(4)** Description of the vehicle, including the following items. These items may be represented on the title and registration by code letters or numbers.

*a.* Vehicle identification number.

*b.* Type, such as automobile, trailer, truck, etc.

*c.* Style.

*d.* Make, model, and model year.

*e.* Number of engine cylinders.

*f.* Color.

*g.* Weight and registered gross weight.

*h.* The square footage of floor space of a manufactured or mobile home or travel trailer, as determined by measuring the exterior.

*i.* The odometer mileage and whether the mileage is “actual,” “not actual,” or “exceeds mechanical limits.”

**400.7(5)** Previous Iowa title number or the name of the foreign jurisdiction if the previous title is a foreign title.

**400.7(6)** Plate number and previous registration number.

**400.7(7)** List price or value.

**400.7(8)** Penalties and title, registration and security interest receipt numbers.

**400.7(9)** The following phrase stamped on the reassignment portion of a manufactured or mobile home title: “Dealer reassignment not authorized on this certificate of title.”

**400.7(10)** The designation required by 761—Chapter 405. A vehicle may have no more than one designation. The referenced rules explain which designation takes precedence when more than one designation could apply.

**400.7(11)** Full legal name of owner.

*a.* When the name of an owner changes from that which is printed on the title or registration issued to the owner, the owner shall submit to the county treasurer one of the following documents:

(1) Court order for a name change. The court order must contain the full name, date of birth, and court seal.

(2) Divorce decree.

(3) Marriage certificate.

*b.* This subrule does not apply to owners that are firms, associations, corporations, or trusts.

c. When the name of an owner changes from that which is printed on the registration card, the owner shall apply for a replacement registration card.

**400.7(12)** Driverless-capable vehicle indicator, which may also indicate whether operational restrictions exist.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.24, 321.31, 321.40, 321.45, 321.52, 321.69, 321.71, 321.124, 321.515, 321.519 and 322G.12.

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**761—400.8(321) Release form for cancellation of security interest.**

**400.8(1)** A secured party may use a form prescribed by the department to note the cancellation of a security interest.

**400.8(2)** The secured party may also note the cancellation in a statement written on the secured party's letterhead if the statement is notarized and contains the following information: county that issued the title; title number; security interest number; vehicle identification number; vehicle owner's name; secured party's name, street address, city, state and ZIP code; date the security interest was canceled; and signature of an authorized representative of the secured party.

**400.8(3)** The secured party shall forward the original cancellation form or statement to the department or to the county treasurer of the county where the title was issued. Facsimiles and photocopies are not acceptable.

**400.8(4)** The secured party shall note the cancellation on the face of the title, attach a copy of the release form to the title as evidence of cancellation, and forward the title to the next secured party or, if there is no other secured party, to the person designated by the owner or, if there is no person designated, to the owner.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.50.  
[ARC 4343C, IAB 3/13/19, effective 4/17/19]

**761—400.9(321) Security interest notation, 30-day limit.** Rescinded IAB 11/23/05, effective 12/28/05.

**761—400.10(321) Assignment of security interest.** A security interest noted on a certificate of title may be assigned to another secured party without losing the seniority of the security interest by complying with the procedure in Iowa Code section 321.50 or with the following procedure:

**400.10(1)** *Notice of assignment.* The secured party listed on the title certificate shall make the following notation in the cancellation portion of the certificate of title where security interest is noted "Assigned to (name of assignee)." The date, name of secured party and signature of the person noting the assignment shall be completed in the cancellation portion pertaining to the security interest.

**400.10(2)** *Application for notation of security interest.* The assignee shall complete an application for notation of a security interest on the form provided by the department. The application form shall be signed by the assignee in the space where the signature of the owner is ordinarily required. The signature of the owner shall not be required on an assignment of a security interest.

**400.10(3)** *Submission of documents to county treasurer.* The certificate of title, application for notation of security interest and appropriate notation fee shall be submitted to the county treasurer of the county where the certificate of title was issued or will be issued.

a. If there are additional security interests noted on the certificate of title, the seniority of the assignee's security interest may be preserved by issuance of a certificate of title in lieu of the original, on which the assignee's security interest shall be noted in the same seniority as the assignor's.

b. A receipt for notation of security interest form shall be processed and the new receipt number shall be listed in the appropriate space provided. The original notation date shall also be listed and the words "by assignment" shall be listed following the name of the assignee.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.50.

**761—400.11(321) Sheriff's levy, restitution lien, and forfeiture lien noted as security interests.**

**400.11(1)** A sheriff's levy may be noted as a security interest on a certificate of title if the sheriff so desires. To apply for a notation of a security interest, the sheriff or the sheriff's deputy shall complete an application form prescribed by the department. The sheriff or sheriff's deputy shall sign the application in the space where the signature of the owner is ordinarily required. The signature of the owner is not required. The appropriate notation fee shall be submitted with the application form to the county treasurer of the county where the certificate of title was issued. If the certificate of title is not surrendered with the application, the county treasurer shall notify the holder of the certificate of title in the manner prescribed in Iowa Code section 321.50.

**400.11(2)** A restitution or forfeiture lien may be noted as a security interest on a certificate of title if the county attorney so desires. To apply for a notation of a security interest, the county attorney or designee shall complete an application form prescribed by the department. The county attorney or designee shall sign the application in the space where the signature of the owner is ordinarily required. The signature of the owner is not required. A lien notation fee is not required. If the certificate of title is not surrendered with the application, the county treasurer shall notify the holder of the certificate of title in the manner prescribed in Iowa Code section 321.50.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.50 and chapter 809A.  
[ARC 9048B, IAB 9/8/10, effective 10/13/10]

**761—400.12(321) Replacement certificate of title.**

**400.12(1)** When a certificate of title is lost, destroyed or altered, the owner or lienholder shall apply for a replacement certificate of title. If a security interest noted on the certificate of title was released by the secured party on a separate form, but the secured party has not delivered the original certificate of title to the appropriate party, the owner may apply for a replacement certificate of title as provided in Iowa Code section 321.42.

**400.12(2)** Application for a replacement certificate of title shall be made on a form prescribed by the department. All owners of the vehicle as listed on the certificate of title shall sign the application form. If an owner is deceased, the signatures and documents specified in subrules 400.14(4) and 400.14(5) shall be required in lieu of the deceased owner's signature. A person entitled to vehicle ownership under the laws of descent and distribution shall sign the required forms and shall insert the words "heir at law" following the signature.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.42.

**761—400.13(321) Bond required before title issued.** An applicant for a certificate of title who cannot provide the supporting documents required in rule 761—400.4(321) shall be required to file a bond as a condition to obtaining a title and registration plates.

**400.13(1) Procedures.** This subrule describes the procedures to be followed to obtain a "bonded" certificate of title. The procedures described are in addition to the regular procedures for titling and registering a vehicle.

*a.* The applicant shall submit a bond application to the vehicle and motor carrier services bureau on a form prescribed by the department. The application shall be accompanied by evidence of ownership of the vehicle.

*b.* The department shall search the state files to determine if there is an owner of record for the vehicle and if the vehicle has been reported stolen or embezzled.

(1) If a record is found, the applicant shall complete a request for release of personal information form explaining that the applicant is the current owner and is requesting a duplicate title. The department shall mail the release by first-class mail to the owner of record, at the owner's last-known address.

(2) If the department receives no response from the owner of record within ten days after the date of mailing or the owner of record does not want the owner's personal information released, the department will continue processing the bond application.

*c.* If the department determines that the applicant has complied with this rule, that there is sufficient evidence to indicate that the applicant is the rightful owner, and that there is no known unsatisfied security interest, the department shall determine the current value of the vehicle and notify the applicant to deposit

cash or file a surety bond with the department in an amount equal to one and one-half times the current value of the vehicle.

*d.* After the cash deposit or surety bond has been deposited, a motor vehicle investigator of the department may examine the vehicle to verify the information submitted on the application is correct. The owner of the vehicle may drive or tow the vehicle to and from the examination location after completing an affidavit to drive on a form provided by the department. The form shall state that the vehicle is reasonably safe for operation, and the form must be signed by the owner. After verifying the information, the investigator shall authorize the county treasurer to issue a title for and register the vehicle. Should the vehicle not meet the equipment requirements of Iowa Code chapter 321, the investigator shall authorize the county treasurer to issue a title and registration but instruct the county treasurer to immediately suspend the registration until such time as the vehicle meets these equipment requirements. If applicable, the investigator shall also affix an assigned vehicle identification number to the vehicle.

*e.* The applicant shall then make application for a certificate of title and registration.

**400.13(2) Disapproval.** If the department determines that the applicant has not complied with this rule, that there is sufficient evidence to indicate that the applicant may not be the rightful owner, or that there is an unsatisfied security interest, then the department shall not authorize issuance of a certificate of title or registration receipt and shall notify the applicant in writing of the reason(s).

**400.13(3) Junked vehicle.** A certificate of title shall not be reinstated for a vehicle that has been issued a junking certificate unless the junking certificate was issued in error, as explained in rule 761—400.23(321), or the vehicle qualifies as an antique vehicle under Iowa Code subsection 321.115(1).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.24 and 321.52.

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**761—400.14(321) Transfer of ownership.** The following procedures shall apply for all titling and registration purposes:

**400.14(1) Transfer of vehicle owned by two or three persons.**

*a.* If the names of the owners of a vehicle on the certificate of title or on the manufacturer's certificate of origin are joined by the word "or," as in "John Doe, Jane Doe or Mary Doe," then the signature of any of these owners is sufficient to transfer title or to junk the vehicle.

*b.* If ownership of a vehicle is stated as a name or names followed by the words "Doing Business As" or the initials "DBA" and another name, only the name of an owner followed by the signature of an authorized representative of an owner is required to transfer title or to junk the vehicle.

EXAMPLE: Ownership is stated as "John Smith and Mary Smith DBA Smith Repair." Jane Doe is an authorized representative of John Smith and Mary Smith. To transfer ownership, Jane Doe may sign as "John Smith and Mary Smith DBA Smith Repair, by Jane Doe," "John Smith and Mary Smith by Jane Doe," or Smith Repair by Jane Doe."

*c.* In all other cases the signature of each named owner is required.

**400.14(2) Assignment of title to two or three persons.** If a certificate of title or a manufacturer's certificate of origin is assigned to two or three persons with their names joined by the word "or," as in "John Doe, Jane Doe or Mary Doe," then a certificate of title may be issued to any one of these persons, or to any two or all three of these persons with their names joined by the word "or." However, a certificate of title shall only be issued to persons who have signed the application for title.

**400.14(3) Organizational ownership.**

*a.* When a vehicle is owned by a partnership, corporation, association, governmental unit, or private organization, the signature of its authorized representative is required.

*b.* When a vehicle is owned by a trust, the title shall be accompanied by a copy of all documents creating or otherwise affecting the trust or by the certification of trust as defined in Iowa Code section 633A.4604. The certification of trust may be signed by any trustee or the attorney for any trustee. The title shall be signed by the number of trustees as specified in the trust agreement or the certification of

trust as defined in Iowa Code section 633A.4604 and the transferor shall provide the department with the document specifying the required signatories for the trust. If neither the trust nor the certification of trust specifies the required signatories, the title may be signed by any trustee or attorney for the trustee. Each signature on the title shall be followed by the words “as trustee” or “as attorney for the trustee.”

**400.14(4) *Death with a will.*** When ownership is transferred according to a decedent’s will, a certified copy of the court order or the letter of appointment appointing the person assigning the title as executor of the will shall be required.

**400.14(5) *Death without a will.*** When ownership is transferred from a decedent without a will and there is no administration of the estate, an affidavit of death intestate form signed by the clerk of court shall be required. When ownership is transferred from a decedent without a will but there is an administration of the estate, a copy of the court order or the letter of appointment appointing the person assigning the title as administrator shall be required.

**400.14(6) *Power of attorney.*** An attorney in fact may act for the owner(s) if the appointment is shown on a power of attorney form. Power of attorney forms are available from the department but other forms may be accepted if they contain all necessary information. The power of attorney form or a certified true copy shall be kept by the county treasurer and attached to the document to which it applies.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.20, 321.24, 321.45, 321.47, 321.49, and 321.67.

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#### **761—400.15(321) Cancellation of a certificate of title.**

**400.15(1)** The department shall cancel a certificate of title when authorized by any provision of law or when it has reasonable grounds to believe that the title has not been surrendered to the county treasurer as provided in Iowa Code section 321.52 or when the vehicle has been stolen or embezzled from the rightful owner or seized under the provisions of Iowa Code section 321.84, and the person holding the certificate of title, purportedly issued for the vehicle, has no immediate right to possession of the vehicle.

**400.15(2)** The decision to issue a new certificate of title or to allow the previous title to be reinstated through a replacement title application process or to take any other action regarding ownership of the vehicle for which the current title has been canceled shall be determined after an investigation and recommendation by a motor vehicle investigator of the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.101.

#### **761—400.16(321) Application for certificate of title or original registration for a specially constructed, reconstructed, street rod or replica motor vehicle.**

**400.16(1) *Definitions applicable to this rule.***

*a.* “*Ownership document for the vehicle*” means the certificate of title, the manufacturer’s certificate of origin, the junking certificate, or other evidence of ownership acceptable to the department.

*b.* “*Ownership documents for essential parts*” means bills of sale for all essential parts used to construct or reconstruct the vehicle. Each bill of sale shall contain a description of the part, the manufacturer’s identification number of the part, if any, and the name, address, and telephone number of the seller.

**400.16(2) *Procedures.*** This subrule describes the procedures for obtaining department approval to title and register a specially constructed, reconstructed, street rod or replica motor vehicle. The procedures described are in addition to the regular procedures for titling and registering a vehicle.

*a.* The applicant shall apply to the county treasurer for a certificate of title and registration. The county treasurer, upon receiving an application that indicates the vehicle is a specially constructed, reconstructed, street rod or replica motor vehicle, shall forward the application to a motor vehicle investigator of the department.

*b.* The investigator shall contact the applicant and schedule a time and place for an examination of the vehicle and the ownership documents. The owner of the vehicle may drive or tow the vehicle to and from the examination location by completing an affidavit to drive on a form provided by the department. The form shall state that the vehicle is reasonably safe for operation and must be signed by the owner.

The applicant, when appearing with the vehicle for the examination, shall submit to the investigator the ownership document for the vehicle, the ownership documents for essential parts, and a weigh ticket indicating the weight of the vehicle. However, a weigh ticket is not required for motorcycles, autocycles, trucks, truck tractors, road tractors or trailer-type vehicles.

c. If the investigator determines that the vehicle complies with 761—Chapter 450, that the integral parts and components have been identified as to ownership, and that the application has been completed properly:

(1) The investigator shall approve the application, affix to the vehicle an assigned vehicle identification number, and return the application and ownership documents to the applicant. The investigator shall authorize the county treasurer to issue a title and registration for the vehicle.

(2) If the vehicle is a passenger-type motor vehicle, the department shall determine its weight and value. The department shall also determine if the vehicle is subject to the electric vehicle annual registration fee. The vehicle weight shall be fixed at the next even 100 pounds above the actual weight of the vehicle fully equipped, as provided in Iowa Code section 321.162. The weight and value shall constitute the basis for determining the annual registration fee under Iowa Code section 321.109, except as provided in Iowa Code section 321.113.

(3) The applicant shall then submit the ownership document for the vehicle to the county treasurer and continue with the regular title and registration process.

**400.16(3) Disapproval.** If the department determines that the vehicle does not comply with 761—Chapter 450, that the integral parts or components have not been identified as to ownership, or that the application has not been completed properly, then the department shall not approve the vehicle for titling and registration.

**400.16(4) Model year.** The model year of a specially constructed or reconstructed motor vehicle is the year the vehicle is approved by the department as a specially constructed or reconstructed motor vehicle.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.20, 321.23, 321.24, 321.52, 321.109, 321.116, 321.117 and 321.162.

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**761—400.17(321) Remanufactured vehicle.** Rescinded IAB 11/23/05, effective 12/28/05.

**761—400.18(321)** Rescinded IAB 3/26/97, effective 4/30/97.

**761—400.19(321) Temporary use of vehicle without plates or registration card.**

**400.19(1) Temporary use of vehicle without plates.** A person who acquires a vehicle which is currently registered or in a dealer's inventory at the time of sale and who does not possess registration plates which may be assigned to and displayed on the vehicle may operate or permit the operation of the vehicle not to exceed 30 days from the date of purchase or transfer without registration plates displayed thereon, if ownership evidence is carried in the vehicle.

**400.19(2) Temporary use of vehicle without registration card.** A person who acquires a vehicle which is currently registered or in a dealer's inventory at the time of sale and who has possession of plates which may be attached to the vehicle acquired may operate or permit the operation of the vehicle not to exceed 45 days from the date of purchase or transfer without a registration card, if ownership evidence is carried in the vehicle.

**400.19(3) Ownership evidence.** Ownership evidence under this rule shall consist of the certificate of title or registration receipt, or a photocopy thereof, properly assigned to the person who has acquired the vehicle, or a bill of sale conveying ownership of the vehicle to the person who has acquired the vehicle. The ownership evidence shall be shown to any peace officer upon request.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.25, 321.33 and 321.46.

**761—400.20(321) Registration of motor vehicle weighing 55,000 pounds or more.** When applying for registration or renewal of registration for a motor vehicle weighing 55,000 pounds or more, the owner

shall present to the department or to the county treasurer proof of compliance with the federal heavy vehicle use tax required by 26 U.S.C. Section 4481 and 26 CFR Part 41.

**400.20(1)** If the motor vehicle is used exclusively in the transportation of harvested forest products, the owner may present a written statement certifying that usage and the usage will be recorded.

**400.20(2)** If the motor vehicle is used primarily for farming purposes, the owner may present a written statement certifying that usage and the usage will be recorded.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 307.30 and 321.20.

**761—400.21(321) Registration of vehicles on a restricted basis.** The department may register a vehicle which does not meet the equipment requirements of Iowa Code chapter 321, due to the particular use for which it is designed or intended, or which is a driverless-capable vehicle as defined in rule 761—380.2(321). Registration may be accomplished upon payment of the appropriate fees and after inspection and certification by the department that the vehicle is not in an unsafe condition.

**400.21(1)** Operation of the vehicle may be restricted to a roadway to which a specific lawful speed limit applies, as specified in Iowa Code section 321.285, if the maximum speed of the vehicle is such that the operation of the vehicle would impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic.

**400.21(2)** The department may also restrict the operation of the vehicle to daylight hours if operation of the vehicle during hours other than daylight would create a hazard.

**400.21(3)** A certificate of restriction shall be issued in conjunction with registration of the vehicle, listing the restrictions that apply to the operation of the vehicle.

*a.* Registration laws applicable to motor vehicles in general shall also apply to vehicles registered under a restricted registration.

*b.* The department may approve exceptions to those equipment requirements of Iowa Code chapter 321 which cannot be met due to the particular use for which the vehicle is designed or intended.

**400.21(4)** The department shall not register an all-terrain vehicle. The department shall not register a vehicle built on or after January 1, 1968, unless it was manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads and highways except a vehicle operated exclusively by a person with a disability, which may be registered if the department, in its discretion, determines that the vehicle is not in an unsafe condition. This subrule does not apply to a specially constructed, reconstructed, street rod or replica motor vehicle as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1.

**400.21(5)** When a vehicle registered in this state is modified to make it a driverless-capable vehicle as defined in rule 761—380.2(321), the person in whose name the vehicle is registered shall within 30 days notify the department upon a form prescribed by the department.

**400.21(6)** As provided in Iowa Code sections 321.515 and 321.519, the department may restrict the operations of a driverless-capable vehicle registered in this state or another state but which operates in this state. The restrictions may include but are not limited to the restrictions provided in subrules 400.21(1) and 400.21(2) and any operational restrictions based on a specific functional highway classification, weather conditions, days of the week, times of day, and other elements of operational design while the automated driving system is engaged. The department may require the vehicle owner to submit to the department the automated driving system's intended operational design domain for the vehicle on a form prescribed by the department. The department may evaluate the automated driving system's intended operational design domain for the vehicle. The department may establish additional operational restrictions to ensure safe operation of the vehicle. The department shall issue a certificate of restriction as provided in subrule 400.21(3) for any restriction established under this subrule, and the certificate shall be carried in the vehicle and made available for inspection by any peace officer upon request.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.1, 321.23(4), 321.30(2), 321.101(1), 321.234A, 321.515 and 321.519.

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**761—400.22(321) Transfers of ownership by operation of law.** When ownership of a vehicle is transferred by operation of law under Iowa Code section 321.47, the following, in addition to rule 761—400.4(321), shall apply:



**400.22(1)** The new certificate of title and registration shall be issued, upon receipt of the proper documentation, by the county treasurer of the county where the transferee resides.

**400.22(2)** If the vehicle is not currently registered in this state, the registration fee and penalties due shall be computed in accordance with the following:

*a.* If the vehicle is ordered confiscated or forfeited by a court under a judgment or forfeiture, the fee shall be computed on the remaining unexpired months in the registration year from the date of the court order.

*b.* If the vehicle is sold on a peace officer's bill of sale as an unclaimed, stolen, embezzled or abandoned vehicle, or as a vehicle seized under Iowa Code section 321.84, the fee shall be computed on the remaining unexpired months in the registration year from the date of the sale.

*c.* If the vehicle is sold or transferred under a judgment or order entered by a court in a civil action or proceeding, or is transferred under any provision of Iowa Code section 321.47 which is not covered in this subrule, the fee shall include any delinquent fees which have accrued during previous registration periods and accrued penalties. Penalties shall continue to accrue until paid.

*d.* If the vehicle was last titled or registered in a foreign state, the fee shall be based on the month the vehicle becomes subject to registration in this state, except as provided in paragraphs 400.22(2) "a" and "b" above.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.47, 321.105, 321.106, 321.134, and 321.135.

**761—400.23(321) Junked vehicle.**

**400.23(1)** *Junking certificate.* The owner of a vehicle that is to be junked or dismantled shall obtain a junking certificate in accordance with Iowa Code subsection 321.52(3).

**400.23(2)** *Retitling a junked vehicle.* The department may authorize issuance of a new certificate of title to the vehicle owner named on the junking certificate only if the department determines that the junking certificate was issued in error.

*a.* The reasons a junking certificate was issued in error include but are not limited to the following:

(1) The owner inadvertently surrendered the wrong certificate of title. The owner shall submit to the department a photocopy of the ownership document for each vehicle and a signed statement explaining the circumstances that resulted in the error.

(2) A junking certificate was obtained in error and the vehicle continues to be registered. The owner shall submit to the department a photocopy of the current registration and a signed statement explaining the circumstances that resulted in the error.

(3) The owner intended to apply for a salvage title under Iowa Code subsection 321.52(4) but inadvertently submitted an application for a junking certificate. The owner shall submit to the department a bill of sale or other documentation from the previous owner stating that the vehicle was rebuildable when purchased and a signed statement explaining the owner's original intention to obtain a salvage title. The department shall inspect the vehicle to verify the rebuildable condition.

*b.* If the department determines that the junking certificate was issued in error, the department shall authorize the proper county treasurer to issue a certificate of title for the vehicle after payment by the owner of appropriate fees and taxes, including the return of any credit or refund for registration fees paid to the owner because of the error.

*c.* If the department determines that the junking certificate was not issued in error and denies the application for reinstatement of the certificate of title for the vehicle, the owner may apply for a certificate of title under the bonding procedure in rule 761—400.13(321) if the vehicle qualifies as an antique vehicle under Iowa Code subsection 321.115(1).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 321.52(3).

**761—400.24(321) New vehicle registration fee.** The registration fee shall be computed on the month of purchase of a new vehicle, except that the registration fee on a new vehicle acquired outside of this state shall be based on the month that the vehicle was brought into Iowa.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.105 and 321.135.

**761—400.25(321) Fees established by the department.** If the department cannot obtain the retail list price and weight for a particular motor vehicle model registered under Iowa Code subsection 321.109(1), the department shall determine a list price and weight.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.109, 321.157 and 321.159.

**761—400.26(321) Anatomical gift.** Voluntary contributions collected by the county treasurer or the department to the anatomical gift public awareness and transplantation fund shall be in whole dollar amounts. The county treasurer and the department shall remit contributions collected to the department of public health quarterly.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.44A.

**761—400.27(321,322) Vehicles held for resale or trade by dealers.** A motor vehicle dealer, as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1, is authorized to hold a motor vehicle for resale or trade under the following conditions.

**400.27(1) Assignment to dealer.** The certificate of title or manufacturer's certificate of origin for the vehicle shall be assigned to the dealer by the seller. The seller shall complete the assignment portion of the form, including the date of sale or trade and the name and address of the dealer, and shall sign the form. The date of the sale or trade shown in the assignment portion of the form shall be the date the dealer acquired the vehicle.

**400.27(2) New certificate of title and registration not required.**

*a.* A motor vehicle currently registered in Iowa may be held by a dealer without obtaining a new certificate of title or a new registration if the dealer holds for that vehicle a certificate of title or a manufacturer's certificate of origin properly assigned to the dealer.

*b.* A motor vehicle may also be held by a dealer without obtaining a new certificate of title or a new registration if the dealer has a title from a state that permits its titles to be reassigned by Iowa dealers and if a vacant reassignment space is available on the title.

**400.27(3) New certificate of title required.** A dealer shall obtain a new certificate of title, but is not required to pay registration fees for a vehicle if:

*a.* The vehicle has been registered in a foreign state or country that does not permit its titles to be reassigned by Iowa dealers.

*b.* The vehicle was assigned to the dealer using an affidavit of foreclosure form prescribed by the department or issued by a foreign jurisdiction.

*c.* The reassignment area of the certificate of title has been used.

*d.* Reserved.

*e.* The vehicle registration fee was delinquent in Iowa at the time the vehicle was acquired by the dealer. The delinquent fees and penalty shall be paid by the dealer from the first day the registration was due to the month the application for title is submitted.

*f.* In accordance with 761—Chapter 405, the dealer is required to obtain a salvage certificate of title.

**400.27(4) New certificate of title and registration fee required.** A dealer shall obtain both a new certificate of title and pay a registration fee for a vehicle if:

*a.* The vehicle has a foreign certificate of title but has never been registered and the dealer is not licensed under Iowa Code chapter 322 to sell that line-make of vehicle. The registration fee due shall be prorated for the remaining unexpired months of the dealer's registration year.

*b.* The vehicle was placed in storage by the previous owner. The registration fee due shall be a full registration year fee.

*c.* The vehicle has been registered in a foreign state or country that does not permit its titles to be reassigned by Iowa dealers or all reassignment spaces on the title are full and the application for a new certificate of title is submitted more than 30 days after the date the vehicle entered Iowa. The registration fee due shall be prorated for the remaining unexpired months of the dealer's registration year.

*d.* The vehicle was in the dealer's inventory and the dealer's license was revoked as provided in Iowa Code chapter 322 or 322C or surrendered in lieu of revocation. The dealer shall obtain title and

registration within 30 days from the date of revocation or surrender of the license. The registration fee due shall be prorated for the remaining unexpired months of the registration year.

**400.27(5) *Registration fee required.*** A vehicle owned by a dealer and used as a work or service vehicle, or offered for lease, rent or hire, shall become subject to a registration fee in the month that the vehicle is first used for that purpose. The registration fee shall be due annually unless the vehicle is transferred to the dealer's inventory. To transfer the vehicle, the dealer shall surrender the registration plates that were issued for the vehicle.

**400.27(6) *Violations.***

*a.* Failure to comply with this rule is a violation of Iowa Code subsection 321.104(2).

*b.* Failure to obtain a certificate of title when required shall result in a title penalty of \$10, as specified in Iowa Code subsection 321.49(1).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.45, 321.46, 321.48, 321.49, 321.67, 321.70, 321.104 and chapter 322.

[ARC 9048B, IAB 9/8/10, effective 10/13/10]

**761—400.28(321) *Special trucks.*** The owner of a truck tractor registered as a special truck shall certify to the owner's county treasurer annually at the time of renewal that the truck tractor is not operated more than 15,000 miles annually.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.1(75) and 321.121.

[ARC 3999C, IAB 9/12/18, effective 10/17/18]

**761—400.29(321) *Vehicles previously registered under Iowa Code chapter 326.*** Rescinded IAB 11/23/05, effective 12/28/05.

**761—400.30(321) *Registration of vehicles registered in another state or country.***

**400.30(1)** The registration fee for a vehicle from another state or country shall be due in the month that the vehicle becomes subject to registration in Iowa.

**400.30(2)** A vehicle registered in another state or country shall become subject to registration in Iowa and payment of the Iowa registration fee in:

*a.* The month of sale or transfer to an Iowa resident, or

*b.* The month that a nonresident owner establishes Iowa residency or accepts employment in Iowa of 90 days duration or longer. The county treasurer or the department may require from the applicant a written statement giving the date that the applicant established residency in Iowa.

**400.30(3)** Rescinded IAB 2/6/02, effective 3/13/02.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.18, 321.20, 321.53 to 321.55, 321.101 and 321.135.

**761—400.31** Rescinded, effective 12/1/83.

**761—400.32(321) *Vehicles owned by nonresident members of the armed services.***

**400.32(1)** A vehicle owner who is a nonresident and a member of the armed services shall not be required to register the vehicle in Iowa if it is properly registered in the person's state of residence.

**400.32(2)** A vehicle owner who is a nonresident and a member of the armed services may register the vehicle in Iowa under the following conditions:

*a.* The vehicle is owned entirely by nonresidents.

*b.* The fee for a passenger-type vehicle registered under Iowa Code section 321.109 shall be based only on the weight of the vehicle; the part of the fee based on value shall be excluded. The fees for all other vehicles shall be determined as specified in Iowa Code chapter 321. The registration fee under Iowa Code sections 321.116 and 321.117 shall apply.

*c.* The application for vehicle registration shall include a certification by the person's commanding officer of the person's state of residence and assignment to Iowa.

**400.32(3)** If ownership of a passenger-type vehicle is transferred to another person, the vehicle shall be subject to registration in Iowa.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.53 to 321.55, 321.109, 321.116 and 321.117.

[ARC 5178C, IAB 9/9/20, effective 10/14/20]

**761—400.33(321) Disabled veterans exemption from payment of registration fees.** Rescinded IAB 11/23/05, effective 12/28/05.

**761—400.34(321) Multipurpose vehicle registration fee.** Rescinded IAB 11/7/07, effective 12/12/07.

**761—400.35(321) Registration of vehicles equipped for persons with disabilities.** The registration fee shall be reduced for an automobile, multipurpose vehicle, or motor truck with an unladen weight of 10,000 pounds or less with permanent equipment for assisting a person with a disability or for an automobile, multipurpose vehicle, or motor truck with an unladen weight of 10,000 pounds or less used by a person who uses a wheelchair as the person's only means of mobility. To qualify for the reduction, the owner of the vehicle must provide a written self-certification at the first registration and at each renewal:

**400.35(1)** That the automobile, multipurpose vehicle, or motor truck with an unladen weight of 10,000 pounds or less has permanently installed equipment manufactured for and necessary to assist a person with a disability, as defined in Iowa Code section 321L.1, to enter or exit the vehicle, or

**400.35(2)** That the owner or a member of the owner's household uses a wheelchair as the person's only means of mobility.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.109, 321.124 and 321L.1.

[ARC 9048B, IAB 9/8/10, effective 10/13/10]

**761—400.36(321) Land and water-type travel trailers registration fee.** The registration fee for trailer-type vehicles designed to be used as a travel trailer and for use upon water shall be registered as a travel trailer. The exterior measurements used to determine the registration fee shall not include any pen deck area or area occupied by a trailer hitch.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.1 and 321.123.

**761—400.37(321) Motorcycle or autocycle primarily designed or converted to transport property.** A motorcycle or autocycle primarily designed or converted to transport less than 1000 pounds of property shall be registered as a motorcycle or autocycle. A motorcycle or autocycle primarily designed or converted to transport 1000 pounds of property or more shall be registered as a motor truck.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.1 and 321.117.

[ARC 2985C, IAB 3/15/17, effective 4/19/17]

**761—400.38(321)** Rescinded IAB 3/26/97, effective 4/30/97.

**761—400.39(321) Conversion of motor vehicles.**

**400.39(1)** An automobile converted to a truck with a carrying capacity of 1000 pounds or more shall be registered as a reconstructed motor vehicle.

**400.39(2)** A vehicle manufactured as a truck tractor or motor truck shall not be registered as a motor home unless the vehicle has been substantially altered to change its type and mode of operation so that it is a reconstructed vehicle as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.23, 321.111 and 321.124.

[ARC 9048B, IAB 9/8/10, effective 10/13/10; ARC 0136C, IAB 5/30/12, effective 7/4/12; ARC 3999C, IAB 9/12/18, effective 10/17/18]

**761—400.40(321) Manufactured or mobile home converted to or from real property.**

**400.40(1) Conversion to real property.** When a manufactured or mobile home is converted to real property under Iowa Code section 435.26, the assessor shall collect its vehicle certificate of title. The

assessor shall note the conversion on the face of the certificate of title above the assessor's signature, date the notation and deliver the title to the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall note the conversion on the vehicle record and then cancel and retain the certificate of title.

**400.40(2) Reconversion from real property.**

a. When a manufactured or mobile home is reconverted from real property by adding a vehicular frame, the owner may apply to the county treasurer for a certificate of title.

b. The owner shall submit a record of existing liens obtained from a local abstractor. The record shall identify the owner of the property, list all liens and encumbrances against the property, and shall be signed by the abstractor.

c. The owner shall also submit written consent to the reconversion from any person holding a mortgage on the real property (mortgagee). An existing mortgage shall be noted as a security interest on the certificate of title.

d. The county treasurer shall submit written notice of the reconversion to the county assessor's office.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.1, 435.1, 435.26, 435.26A and 435.27.  
[ARC 3999C, IAB 9/12/18, effective 10/17/18]

**761—400.41(321) Special registration plates.** Rescinded IAB 3/1/95, effective 4/5/95.

**761—400.42(321) Church bus registration fee.** The church bus registration fee shall not apply if the bus is used in a manner other than provided by law or if ownership of the bus is transferred to a person who is not entitled to register the vehicle as a church bus.

**400.42(1)** When the church bus registration fee does not apply, the bus shall be registered under the provisions of Iowa Code section 321.122.

**400.42(2)** When Iowa Code section 321.122 applies and the bus is currently registered as a church bus, the registration fee shall be prorated for the remaining unexpired months of the registration year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.119 and 321.122.

**761—400.43(321) Storage of vehicles.**

**400.43(1)** The owner of a vehicle upon which the registration fee is not delinquent may surrender all registration plates for the vehicle to the county treasurer where the vehicle is registered and shall have the right to register the vehicle later upon payment of the annual registration fee due at the time of removal of the vehicle from storage. Payment of a registration fee shall not be required when the vehicle is removed from storage within the current registration year provided that registration fees have not been refunded. Plates that have been surrendered shall be destroyed. When a vehicle is removed from storage, the fee is \$5 for a set of replacement plates.

**400.43(2)** The owner of a motor vehicle which is placed in storage when the owner enters the military service of the United States shall comply with Iowa Code section 321.126, and subrule 400.43(1) does not apply.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.126 and 321.134.  
[ARC 9048B, IAB 9/8/10, effective 10/13/10; ARC 3999C, IAB 9/12/18, effective 10/17/18]

**761—400.44(321) Penalty on registration fees.**

**400.44(1) Monthly basis.** The penalty on the delinquent payment of a registration fee shall be computed on a monthly basis, rounded to the nearest whole dollar. If multiple penalties are assessed, the penalties shall be first added together and then the sum shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

**400.44(2) Vehicle purchased.** The penalty on the registration fee shall accrue from the first day of the month following the date of purchase, unless the application for a certificate of title is submitted within 30 days after the date of purchase.

**400.44(3) Vehicle moved into Iowa.** The penalty on the registration fee shall accrue on the first day of the month following 30 days from the date a vehicle is moved into Iowa.

**400.44(4) When delinquency extends beyond the current year.** When the penalty on a delinquent registration fee extends beyond the current year, the penalty shall continue to accrue until paid. Penalty

shall only accrue on the fee applicable at the time the delinquency accrued and shall not be applicable to subsequent registration fees which have not been paid.

**400.44(5) *Statement of nonuse.*** If the owner of a vehicle, on which the registration fees have not been paid for more than three complete registration years, certifies to the county treasurer of the owner's residence that the vehicle has not been moved or operated upon the highway since the year it was last registered, the county treasurer may register the vehicle upon payment of the current year's registration fee.

**400.44(6) *Waiver of penalties for military members.*** Registration penalties shall be waived as provided in Iowa Code section 321.134, subsection 5, if the owner provides a copy of an official government document verifying that the applicant is in the military service of the United States and has been relocated as a result of being placed on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.39, 321.46, 321.47, 321.49, 321.134 and 321.135.

[ARC 5178C, IAB 9/9/20, effective 10/14/20]

**761—400.45(321) Suspension, revocation or denial of registration.**

**400.45(1)** The department shall suspend or revoke registration and plates under Iowa Code section 321.101 when a written request is received from a peace officer or the county treasurer's office that issued the registration and plates.

*a.* A request from a peace officer shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the department.

*b.* A request from a county treasurer's office shall be signed by the county treasurer or designee.

**400.45(2)** When the registration of a vehicle has been revoked as provided in Iowa Code sections 321.101 and 321.101A, the registration fee and penalty shall accrue as if the plates had never been issued, unless waiver of registration fees and penalties is specifically provided for in Iowa Code chapter 321.

**400.45(3)** In accordance with Iowa Code section 252J.8, the department shall suspend or deny the issuance or renewal of registration and plates upon receipt of a certificate of noncompliance from the child support recovery unit.

*a.* The suspension or denial shall become effective 30 days after notice to the vehicle owner and continue until the department receives a withdrawal of the certificate of noncompliance from the child support recovery unit.

*b.* If a person who is the named individual on a certificate of noncompliance subsequently purchases a vehicle, the vehicle shall be titled and registered, but the registration shall be immediately suspended.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 252J.1, 252J.8, 252J.9, 321.101, 321.101A and 321.127.

[ARC 3999C, IAB 9/12/18, effective 10/17/18; ARC 4758C, IAB 11/6/19, effective 12/11/19]

**761—400.46(321) Termination of suspension of registration.** Upon termination of the suspension of registration of a vehicle, the county treasurer shall issue new plates for the vehicle. If the new plates replace a current series of plates, there shall be a replacement fee as provided in Iowa Code section 321.42. If the vehicle is not currently registered at the time the suspension is lifted, the registration fee and penalties due shall be determined as follows:

**400.46(1)** If the registration fee was delinquent at the time that the suspension became effective, the penalty shall continue to accrue on the registration fee until the suspension became lifted and the registration fee is paid. In addition, if the suspension was for failure to pay an additional registration fee, the additional registration fee shall be paid before the suspension is lifted.

**400.46(2)** If the registration fee was not delinquent when the suspension became effective and the suspension is lifted after the beginning of another registration year, the annual registration fee for that year shall be due in the month the suspension is lifted. The penalty shall accrue on the registration fee the first day of the month following the month that the suspension was lifted. The annual registration fee on a recovered stolen vehicle for which the registration has been suspended shall be prorated for the remaining unexpired months of the registration year.

**400.46(3)** If the registration fee was not delinquent at the time that the suspension became effective and the suspension is lifted during the same registration period, no additional registration fees shall be due unless the suspension was for failure to pay an additional registration fee, in which event the additional registration fee shall be paid before the suspension is lifted.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.42, 321.105 and 321.134.

**761—400.47(321) Raw farm products.** A vehicle may be operated with a gross weight of 25 percent in excess of the gross weight for which it is registered when transporting a load of raw farm products or soil fertilizers under Iowa Code section 321.466 except that nothing in this rule shall be construed to allow operation of a special truck on the public highways with a gross weight exceeding the maximum gross weight allowed under Iowa Code section 321.463(6). In addition, the following products shall be considered raw farm products. This list shall not be deemed conclusive and shall not exclude other commodities which might be considered raw farm products:

Animals which are dead	Hides
Berries, fresh	Honey, comb or extracted
Blood	Melons
Corn, ear corn including hybrids	Milk, raw
Corn, shelled	Nursery stock
Corn, cobs	Potatoes
Cream, separated	Peat
Eggs, fresh or frozen in shell	Poultry, live
Flax	Saw logs
Flaxseed	Sod
Fodder	Soybeans
Fruit, fresh	Straw, baled or loose
Grain, threshed or unthreshed	Vegetables, fresh
Hair	Wood, cord or stove wood
Hay, baled or loose	Wool

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.466(4) and 321.466(5).  
[ARC 3999C, IAB 9/12/18, effective 10/17/18; ARC 4960C, IAB 3/11/20, effective 4/15/20]

**761—400.48(321) Special mobile equipment.** Rescinded IAB 3/7/90, effective 4/11/90.

**761—400.49(321) Special mobile equipment transported on a registered vehicle.** Rescinded IAB 3/7/90, effective 4/11/90.

**761—400.50(321,326) Refund of registration fees.**

**400.50(1) Vehicles registered by county treasurer.**

*a.* The department shall refund fees for vehicles registered by the county treasurer pursuant to Iowa Code section 321.126.

*b.* A claim for refund shall be made on a form prescribed by the department. Except as provided in Iowa Code section 321.126, the claim may be submitted to the county treasurer's office in any county.

*c.* Registration plates shall be submitted with the claim if the vehicle is placed in storage or registered for apportioned registration, if the owner of the vehicle moves out of state, or if the plates have not been assigned to a replacement vehicle. If one or both plates have been lost or stolen, the claimant shall certify this fact in writing.

*d.* For a vehicle that was junked, the date on the junking certificate shall determine the date the vehicle was junked.

*e.* If the claim for refund is for excess credit or no replacement vehicle:

(1) The county treasurer shall enter into the state motor vehicle computer system the information required to process the refund. The information shall be entered within three days of receipt of the claim for refund.

(2) The claim for refund shall be approved or denied by the vehicle and motor carrier services bureau.

*f.* All other claims for refund shall be forwarded to the vehicle and motor carrier services bureau for processing.

**400.50(2) *Vehicles registered by department.*** Forms and instructions for claiming a refund on apportioned registration fees under Iowa Code section 326.15 may be obtained from the vehicle and motor carrier services bureau at the address in subrule 400.6(1). The claim for refund shall be filed at the same address.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 25.1, 321.126 to 321.128 and 326.15.  
[ARC 3999C, IAB 9/12/18, effective 10/17/18; ARC 4960C, IAB 3/11/20, effective 4/15/20]

**761—400.51(321) Assigned identification numbers.** The department is authorized to issue to the owner an assigned vehicle identification number for a vehicle, an assigned component part number for a component part, and an assigned product identification number for a fence-line feeder, grain cart, or tank wagon. An identification number shall be assigned only if the department is satisfied as to the true identity and ownership of the vehicle, component part, fence-line feeder, grain cart or tank wagon. When an assigned vehicle identification number has been issued for a vehicle, the vehicle shall be registered and titled under that number. An assigned component part number or an assigned product identification number shall be used only for identification purposes.

**400.51(1) *Issuance of an identification number.*** The department shall issue an assigned vehicle identification number, assigned component part number or assigned product identification number, as applicable, only if:

- a.* The original number has been destroyed, removed or obliterated.
- b.* The vehicle has had a cab, body, or frame change and the replacement cab, body, or frame is within the manufacturer's interchangeability parts specifications catalog and is compatible with the make, model, and year of the vehicle. If the replacement cab, body, or frame change is not within the manufacturer's interchangeability parts specifications catalog or is not compatible with the make, year, and model of the vehicle, the vehicle shall be considered reconstructed and subject to rule 761—400.16(321).
- c.* The vehicle is a specially constructed, reconstructed, street rod or replica motor vehicle. See rule 761—400.16(321) for the requirements and procedures applicable to specially constructed, reconstructed, street rod or replica motor vehicles.

**400.51(2) *Procedures.***

*a. Request.* Whenever an assigned identification number is required under subrule 400.51(1) and the request does not apply to a specially constructed, reconstructed, street rod or replica motor vehicle, the owner of the vehicle, component part, fence-line feeder, grain cart or tank wagon, or the person holding lawful custody, shall contact the department's bureau of investigation and identity protection at the address in subrule 400.6(2) and request the assignment of a number.

*b. Examination.* A motor vehicle investigator shall contact the owner and schedule a time and place for examination of the vehicle, component part, fence-line feeder, grain cart or tank wagon and ownership documents. The owner of the vehicle may drive or tow the vehicle to and from the examination location by completing the affidavit to drive section on the certification of compliance form. The affidavit shall state that the vehicle is reasonably safe for operation and must be signed by the owner.

If the vehicle has had a cab, body, or frame change, the owner shall have, for evidence of ownership for the replacement cab, body, or frame, a bill of sale with a description of the part, complete with the manufacturer's identification number, if any, and the name, address, and telephone number of the seller. The bill of sale, the vehicle, and the cab, body, or frame that has been replaced shall be made available for examination at the time and place scheduled.

*c. Assigned vehicle identification number.*



(1) The investigator upon approval of the request shall affix to the vehicle an assigned vehicle identification number and authorize the county treasurer to issue a title and registration for the vehicle.

(2) The owner shall submit the certificate of title and the registration receipt issued for the vehicle to the county treasurer. If the certificate of title is in the possession of a secured party, the county treasurer shall notify the secured party to return the certificate of title to the county treasurer for the purpose of issuing a corrected title. Upon receipt of the notification, the secured party shall submit the certificate of title within ten days. The county treasurer, upon receipt of the certificate of title and the registration receipt, shall issue a corrected title and registration receipt listing as the vehicle identification number the assigned vehicle identification number.

*d. Assigned component part number.* The investigator upon approval of the request shall affix to the component part an assigned component part number and give to the owner a component part form. The owner shall retain the form as a record of issuance and attachment. The form shall be made available on demand by any peace officer for examination.

*e. Assigned product identification number.* The investigator upon approval of the request shall affix an assigned product identification number to the fence-line feeder, grain cart or tank wagon and give to the owner an assigned product identification number form. The owner shall retain the form as a record of issuance and attachment. The form shall be made available on demand by any peace officer for examination.

**400.51(3) Fees.** A certificate of title fee and a fee for a notation of a security interest, if applicable, shall be collected by the county treasurer upon issuance of a corrected certificate of title. A corrected certificate of title shall not be required for a name change.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.1, 321.43 and 321.92.

[ARC 9048B, IAB 9/8/10, effective 10/13/10; ARC 0136C, IAB 5/30/12, effective 7/4/12; ARC 3999C, IAB 9/12/18, effective 10/17/18]

#### **761—400.52(321) Odometer statement.**

**400.52(1)** Pursuant to Iowa Code section 321.71 and 49 U.S.C. Section 32705, an odometer disclosure statement shall be submitted with an application for certificate of title for a motor vehicle. The statement shall provide a current odometer reading and reflect whether the mileage is “actual,” “not actual” or “exceeds mechanical limits.”

**400.52(2)** If the transferor failed to provide an odometer disclosure statement or if the transferee lost the statement, and the transferee has attempted in good faith to contact the transferor to obtain a statement, the transferee may file a sworn statement of these facts on a form prescribed by the department. The sworn statement shall be accepted by the county treasurer or the department in lieu of the required odometer disclosure statement. The subsequent title issued from the sworn statement will record “not actual” mileage.

**400.52(3)** As required by 49 CFR Section 580.17, for vehicle transfers that occur through December 31, 2030, any vehicle that is model year 2011 or newer shall require an odometer disclosure statement. For vehicle transfers that occur on or after January 1, 2031, the model year formula for odometer disclosure statements shall be the current year minus 20. The resulting number represents the first model year for which a motor vehicle is exempt from the odometer statement requirements incident to a transfer.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.71.

[ARC 5829C, IAB 8/11/21, effective 9/15/21]

#### **761—400.53(321) Stickers.**

**400.53(1) Placement of validation sticker.** The validation sticker shall be affixed to the lower left corner of the rear registration plate. EXCEPTIONS: For motorcycle, autocycle and small trailer plates, the validation sticker shall be affixed to the upper left corner of the plate. For natural resources plates, the sticker may be affixed to the lower right corner of the rear plate.

**400.53(2) Special fuel user identification sticker.** If the vehicle uses a special fuel as defined in Iowa Code section 452A.2, a special fuel user identification sticker shall be issued. This sticker shall be

displayed on the cover of the fuel inlet of the motor vehicle or on the outside panel of the motor vehicle within 3 inches of the fuel inlet so as to be in view when fuel is delivered into the motor vehicle.

**400.53(3) *Persons with disabilities parking sticker.*** A persons with disabilities special registration plate parking sticker shall be affixed to the lower right corner of the rear registration plate.

**400.53(4) *Special truck sticker.*** An owner of a special truck, registered pursuant to Iowa Code section 321.121, who has been issued either regular registration plates or special registration plates other than special truck registration plates must obtain from the county treasurer a sticker which distinguishes the vehicle as a special truck. The sticker shall be affixed to the lower right corner of the rear registration plate. **EXCEPTION:** If the vehicle displays front and rear plates, two stickers shall be issued with one sticker affixed to the lower right corner of the front plate and rear plate. For natural resources plates, the stickers must be affixed to the lower left corner of the front and rear plates.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.34, 321.40, 321.41, 321.121 and 321.166. [ARC 9833B, IAB 11/2/11, effective 12/7/11; ARC 2985C, IAB 3/15/17, effective 4/19/17; ARC 3999C, IAB 9/12/18, effective 10/17/18]

**761—400.54(321) Registration card issued for trailer-type vehicles.** The registration card issued for trailer-type vehicles shall be carried in the vehicle which is described on the card or the registration card may be carried in the driver's compartment of the towing vehicle. If the registration card is carried in the vehicle which is described on such card, the registration card shall be enclosed in a registration card holder and the holder shall be attached to the vehicle so that the registration card may be viewed by any peace officer upon request.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.32.

**761—400.55(321) Damage disclosure statement.**

**400.55(1)** If the transferor failed to provide a damage disclosure statement or if the transferee lost the statement, and the transferee has attempted in good faith to contact the transferor to obtain a statement, the transferee may file a sworn statement of these facts. The transferee shall also complete section 2 of a separate damage disclosure statement and sign on the buyer's line. The sworn statement and damage disclosure statement completed by the transferee shall be accepted by the county treasurer or the department in lieu of the damage disclosure statement required from the transferor.

**400.55(2)** A model year formula for damage disclosure statements shall be the current year minus eight. The resulting number represents the first model year for which a motor vehicle is exempt from the damage disclosure statement requirements incident to a transfer.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.69.

**761—400.56(321) Hearings.** The department shall send notice by certified mail to a person whose certificate of title, vehicle registration, license, or permit is to be revoked, suspended, canceled, or denied. The notice shall be mailed to the person's mailing address as shown on departmental records and shall become effective 20 days from the date mailed. A person who is aggrieved by a decision of the department and who is entitled to a hearing may contest the decision in accordance with 761—Chapter 13. The request shall be submitted in writing to the director of the vehicle and motor carrier services bureau at the address in subrule 400.6(1). The request for a contested case shall be deemed timely submitted if it is delivered or postmarked on or before the effective date specified in the notice of revocation, suspension, cancellation, or denial.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 17A.10 to 17A.19, 321.101 and 321.102. [ARC 9048B, IAB 9/8/10, effective 10/13/10; ARC 3999C, IAB 9/12/18, effective 10/17/18; ARC 4960C, IAB 3/11/20, effective 4/15/20]

**761—400.57(321) Non-resident-owned vehicles.** Rescinded IAB 2/6/02, effective 3/13/02.

**761—400.58(321) Motorized bicycles.** The following rules shall apply to motorized bicycles.

**400.58(1) *Maximum speed.*** If the department has reasonable cause to believe that a particular vehicle or model is capable of speeds exceeding 39 miles per hour, the department may conduct independent tests to determine the maximum speed of the vehicle or model. If the department determines that the

maximum speed of the particular vehicle or model exceeds 39 miles per hour, the vehicle or model shall not be registered as a motorized bicycle.

**400.58(2) Identification of a vehicle as a motorized bicycle.** Registration plates issued for motorcycles shall also be issued for motorized bicycles.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.1 and 321.166.  
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**761—400.59(321) Registration documents lost or damaged in transit through the United States postal service.** To obtain without cost the reissuance of registration documents that were sent by the county treasurer to the owner through the United States postal service and which were lost or damaged in transit, the owner of the vehicle shall file application for reissuance within 60 days of the date the documents were issued by the county treasurer.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.42.

**761—400.60(321) Credit of registration fees.**

**400.60(1) Credit for unexpired registration fee.** The applicant may claim credit, as specified in Iowa Code section 321.46(3), toward the registration fee for one newly acquired replacement vehicle. No credit shall be given for an unexpired electric vehicle annual registration fee; however, an unexpired electric vehicle annual registration fee is eligible for a refund as provided in rule 761—400.50(321,326).

*a.* The credit may be claimed only when the owner of the newly acquired vehicle is applying for a certificate of title and registration (or just registration if the vehicle is not subject to titling provisions) for the newly acquired vehicle.

*b.* For a junked vehicle, the date on the junking certificate shall determine the date the vehicle was junked.

*c.* Excess credit shall not be applied toward the registration fee for a second vehicle.

*d.* Credit shall be allowed for one or two vehicles which have been sold, traded or junked toward one replacement vehicle. Credit shall be based on the remaining unexpired months of the registration year(s) of the vehicle(s) sold, traded or junked.

**400.60(2) Credit for transfer to spouse, parent or child.** Credit shall be allowed toward a new registration for a vehicle being transferred to the applicant from the applicant's spouse, parent or child, or from a former spouse pursuant to a dissolution of marriage decree, if application for the certificate of title and registration (or just registration if the vehicle is not subject to titling provisions) is made within 30 days after the date of transfer. If the owner is deceased, credit may be transferred under rule 761—400.14(321) of this chapter.

**400.60(3) Credit from/to apportioned registration.**

*a.* Pursuant to Iowa Code section 321.46A, an owner may claim credit toward the registration fees due when changing a vehicle's registration from apportioned registration under Iowa Code chapter 326 to registration under Iowa Code chapter 321. The owner shall surrender proof of apportioned registration to the county treasurer. Credit shall be allowed for the unexpired complete calendar months remaining in the registration year from the date the application is filed with the county treasurer.

*b.* Pursuant to Iowa Code sections 321.126 and 321.127, the owner or lessee of a motor vehicle may claim credit for the apportioned registration fees due when changing the vehicle's registration from registration by the county treasurer to apportioned registration. Application for apportioned registration shall be submitted to the department's vehicle and motor carrier services bureau; see 761—Chapter 500.

**400.60(4) Assignment of credit and registration plates from lessor to lessee.** When a lessee purchases the leased vehicle and within 30 days requests the assignment of the vehicle's fee credit and registration plates, the lessor shall assign the registration fee credit and registration plates for the purchased vehicle to the lessee.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.46, 321.46A, 321.48, 321.116, 321.117, 321.126 and 321.127.

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**761—400.61(321) Reassignment of registration plates.**

**400.61(1)** Registration plates may be reassigned if one of the owners listed on the registration receipt before the transfer is also a listed owner following the transfer.

**400.61(2)** Registration plates may be reassigned when credit is allowed toward a new registration for a vehicle being transferred to the owner's spouse, parent, or child, or to a former spouse pursuant to a dissolution of marriage decree. If the owner is deceased, plates may be transferred under rule 761—400.14(321).

**400.61(3)** Registration plates shall not be reassigned between a natural person or persons and a corporation, association, copartnership, company, or firm.

**400.61(4)** Registration plates may be reassigned and credit allowed if two or more corporations, associations, partnerships, or firms merge into one corporation, association, partnership or firm.

**400.61(5)** Registration plates may be assigned and credit allowed if an owner listed on the certificate of title and registration transfers ownership of the vehicle to a trust created by that owner.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.34 and 321.46.

**761—400.62(321) Storage of registration plates, certificate of title forms and registration forms.** Registration plates, certificate of title forms and registration forms which are consigned to county treasurers by the department shall be stored in a secure location. The location may be within the office of the county treasurer which is accessible only to authorized persons or in a storage area located outside the general office area assigned to the county treasurer. Any storage area located outside the general office area assigned to the county treasurer shall be of the construction that it is accessible only to authorized persons, as designated by the county treasurer or department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.5, 321.8, and 321.167.

**761—400.63(321) Disposal of surrendered registration plates.** The county treasurer shall either destroy plates that have been surrendered to the county treasurer or return the surrendered plates to Iowa state industries for recycling.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.5 and 321.171.

**761—400.64(321) County treasurer's report of motor vehicle collections and funds.** The county treasurer shall file the report provided for in Iowa Code section 321.153 in a manner prescribed by the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.153.

**761—400.65 to 400.69** Reserved.

**761—400.70(321) Removal of registration and plates by peace officer under financial liability coverage law.** This rule applies to instances when a peace officer issues a citation and removes the registration receipt and registration plates of a motor vehicle registered in this state when the driver of the motor vehicle is unable to provide proof of financial liability coverage. This rule applies regardless of whether the vehicle was also impounded.

**400.70(1)** The peace officer shall forward the registration receipt and evidence of the violation to the county treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle is registered. Evidence of the violation is one of the following:

*a.* A copy of the citation. The citation must either reference Iowa Code subparagraph 321.20B(4)“a”(3) or 321.20B(4)“a”(4), as applicable, or reference Iowa Code section 321.20B and indicate whether or not the vehicle was impounded.

*b.* A written statement from the peace officer listing the plate number of the registration plate removed from the vehicle and the vehicle owner's name. The statement must either reference Iowa Code subparagraph 321.20B(4)“a”(3) or 321.20B(4)“a”(4), as applicable, or reference Iowa Code section 321.20B and indicate whether or not the vehicle was impounded. The statement must be signed by the peace officer or an employee of the law enforcement agency.

**400.70(2)** The peace officer may either destroy removed plates or deliver the removed plates to the county treasurer for destruction.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.20B.

**761—400.71(321) Lemon law designation.** Rescinded IAB 11/7/07, effective 12/12/07.

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