

761—607.17 (321) Endorsements. All endorsements except the hazardous material endorsement continue to be valid without retesting or additional fees when renewing or upgrading a license. The endorsements that authorize additional commercial motor vehicle operations with a commercial driver's license are:

607.17(1) Hazardous material. A hazardous material endorsement (Hazmat) is required to transport hazardous material of a type or quantity requiring placarding. Upon license renewal, retesting and fee payment are required. Retesting and fee payment are also required when an applicant upgrades an Iowa license or transfers a commercial driver's license from another state unless the applicant provides evidence of passing the endorsement test within the preceding 24 months. A farmer or a person working for a farmer is not subject to the hazardous material endorsement while operating either a pickup or a special truck within 150 air miles of the farmer's farm to transport supplies to or from the farm.

607.17(2) Passenger vehicle. A passenger vehicle endorsement (Pass) is required to operate a passenger vehicle as defined in rule 761—607.3(321).

607.17(3) Tank vehicle. A tank vehicle endorsement (Tank) is required to operate a tank vehicle as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1. A commercial motor vehicle upon which is transported an empty storage tank as the vehicle cargo is not a tank vehicle. A vehicle transporting a tank, regardless of the tank's capacity, which does not otherwise meet the definition of a commercial motor vehicle in Iowa Code section 321.1 is not a tank vehicle.

607.17(4) Double/triple trailer. A double/triple trailer endorsement (Dbl/Trpl Trlr) is required to operate a commercial motor vehicle with two or more towed trailers when the combination of vehicles meets the criteria for a Class A commercial motor vehicle. Operation of a triple trailer combination vehicle is not permitted in Iowa.

607.17(5) Hazardous material and tank. A combined endorsement (Hazmat & Tank) authorizes both hazardous material and tank vehicle operations.

607.17(6) School bus. After September 30, 2005, a school bus endorsement is required to operate a school bus as defined in rule 761—607.3(321). An applicant for a school bus endorsement must also qualify for a passenger vehicle endorsement.

607.17(7) Exceptions for towing operations.

a. A driver who tows a vehicle in an emergency "first move" from the site of a vehicle malfunction or accident on a highway to the nearest appropriate repair facility is not required to have the endorsement(s) applicable to the towed vehicle. In any subsequent move, a driver who tows a vehicle from one repair or disposal facility to another is required to have the endorsement(s) applicable to the towed vehicle with one exception: A tow truck driver is not required to have a passenger endorsement to tow a passenger vehicle.

b. The double/triple trailer endorsement is not required to operate a commercial motor vehicle with two or more towed vehicles that are not trailers.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.1, 321.176A, and 321.189.