

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

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

*a.* The license is valid for operating:

(1) A motor vehicle, including an autocycle as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1, that does not require a commercial driver's license or a Class D driver's license for its operation.

(2) A motorized bicycle.

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

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

(1) A qualified applicant who is at least 17 years, 11 months of age but not yet 78 years of age shall be issued an eight-year license. However, the expiration date of the license issued shall not exceed the licensee's 80th birthday.

(2) A two-year license shall be issued to a qualified applicant who is under 17 years, 11 months of age or who is 78 years of age or older.

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

**602.11(2) Requirements.**

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

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

*c.* For purposes of determining eligibility for an intermediate license issued to a person 16 or 17 years of age under Iowa Code subsection 321.180B(2):

(1) The 12-month period during which the applicant is required to possess an instruction permit before applying for an intermediate license shall be calculated cumulatively and shall include any period of time during which the applicant has held a valid instruction permit issued under Iowa Code subsection 321.180B(1), a minor's school license issued under Iowa Code section 321.194, or comparable instruction permit or license issued by another state, but shall exclude any period of time during which the permit or license is suspended, revoked, or canceled, or the applicant otherwise did not have a valid driving privilege.

(2) The six-month period during which the applicant is required to remain accident and violation free shall be calculated continuously and must encompass without interruption the six-month period of time immediately preceding the application. The applicant must hold a valid instruction permit issued under Iowa Code subsection 321.180B(1), a minor's school license issued under Iowa Code section 321.194, or a comparable instruction permit or license issued by another state and maintain a valid driving privilege without interruption throughout the continuous six-month period.

*d.* For purposes of determining eligibility for a full license issued to a person 17 years of age under Iowa Code subsection 321.180B(4), the 12-month period during which the applicant is required to possess an intermediate license and to remain accident and violation free before applying for a full license shall be calculated together and continuously and must encompass without interruption the 12-month period of time immediately preceding the application. The applicant must hold a valid intermediate license issued under Iowa Code subsection 321.180B(2) or a comparable license issued by another state and maintain a valid driving privilege without interruption throughout the continuous 12-month period.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.1, 321.177, 321.178, 321.180B, 321.189 and 321.196.

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