

761—602.26(321) Minor's school license.**602.26(1) Validity and issuance.**

- a. A minor's school license is a restricted, noncommercial Class C or Class M driver's license.
- b. The license is valid during the times and for the purposes set forth in Iowa Code section 321.194 and at any time when the licensee is accompanied in accordance with Iowa Code section 321.180B(1).
- c. The type of motor vehicle that may be operated is controlled by the class of driver's license issued, except that Iowa Code section 321.194 as amended by 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate File 231, section 1, prohibits a licensee from operating a motor vehicle with more than two axles or a motor vehicle towing another vehicle. A Class C minor's school license is valid for operating a motorcycle only if the license has a motorcycle endorsement. A minor's school license is valid for operating a motorized bicycle.
- d. The license is issued for two years.

602.26(2) Requirements.

- a. An applicant shall be at least 14 years of age but not yet 18 and meet the requirements of Iowa Code section 321.194.
- b. An applicant who attends a public school shall submit a statement of necessity signed by the chairperson of the school board, the superintendent of the school, or the principal of the school if authorized by the superintendent. An applicant who attends an accredited nonpublic school shall submit a statement of necessity signed by an authority in charge of the accredited nonpublic school or a duly authorized representative of the authority. The statement shall be on Form 430021. The requirements of this paragraph apply to any applicant seeking to use the license for the purposes set forth in Iowa Code section 321.194(2) "a" as amended by 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate File 231, section 2.
- c. An applicant shall submit proof of successful completion of an Iowa-approved course in driver education.
- d. For a Class M minor's school license or a motorcycle endorsement, an applicant shall also submit proof of successful completion of an Iowa-approved course in motorcycle rider education.

602.26(3) Exemption.

- a. An applicant is not required to have completed an approved driver education course if the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department that completion of the course would impose a hardship upon the applicant; however, the applicant must meet all other requirements for a school license. "Hardship" means:

- (1) If the applicant is 14 years old, that a driver education course will not begin at the applicant's school(s) of enrollment or at a public school in the applicant's district of residence within one year following the applicant's fourteenth birthday; or

- (2) If the applicant is 15 years old, that a driver education course will not begin at the applicant's school(s) of enrollment or at a public school in the applicant's district of residence within six months following the applicant's fifteenth birthday; or

- (3) If the applicant is between 16 and 18 years old, that a driver education course is not offered at the applicant's school(s) of enrollment or at a public school in the applicant's district of residence at the time the request for hardship status is submitted to the department; or

- (4) That the applicant is a person with a disability. In this rule, "person with a disability" means that, because of a disability or impairment, the applicant is unable to walk in excess of 200 feet unassisted or cannot walk without causing serious detriment or injury to the applicant's health.

- b. "Demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department" means that the department has received written proof that a hardship exists. An applicant who attends a public school shall submit written proof of hardship signed by the applicant's parent, custodian or guardian and by the superintendent, the chairperson of the school board, or the principal, if authorized by the superintendent, of the applicant's school or school district of residence. An applicant who attends an accredited nonpublic school shall submit written proof of hardship signed by the applicant's parent, custodian or guardian and by either an authority in charge of the accredited nonpublic school or a duly authorized representative of the authority, or by the superintendent, the chairperson of the school board, or the principal, if authorized by the superintendent, of the applicant's school district of residence.

602.26(4) Multiple residences.

a. An applicant whose parents are divorced or separated and who as a result of shared custody maintains more than one residence may be authorized to operate a motor vehicle from either residence during the times and for the purposes set forth in Iowa Code section 321.194 if one of the following applies:

(1) If the applicant attends a public school, the statement of necessity provided to the department certifies that a need exists to drive from each residence, that the school of enrollment identified in the statement of necessity meets the geographic requirements for an applicant attending a public school set forth in Iowa Code section 321.194 as determined by the primary residence identified in the statement of necessity, and that the secondary residence identified in the statement of necessity is either within the school district that includes the applicant's school of enrollment or within an Iowa school district contiguous to the applicant's school of enrollment.

(2) If the applicant attends an accredited nonpublic school, the statement of necessity provided to the department certifies that a need exists to drive from each residence, that the school of enrollment identified in the statement of necessity meets the geographic requirements for an applicant attending an accredited nonpublic school set forth in Iowa Code section 321.194 as determined by the primary residence identified in the statement of necessity, and that the secondary residence identified in the statement of necessity is no more than 50 miles driving distance from the school of enrollment.

b. The fact that either residence is less than one mile from the applicant's school of enrollment shall not preclude travel to and from each residence at the times and for the purposes set forth in Iowa Code section 321.194 provided that need is otherwise demonstrated.

c. A minor's school license approved for travel to and from two residences for the purposes set forth in Iowa Code section 321.194 shall not be valid for travel directly between each residence unless the licensee is accompanied in accordance with Iowa Code section 321.180B(1) or unless the travel is for the purposes set forth in and subject to the limitations of Iowa Code section 321.194(2) "a" as amended by 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate File 231, section 2.

d. The primary residential address listed in the statement of necessity shall appear on the face of the license. A minor's school license approved for travel to and from two residences shall include a "J" restriction on the face of the license, and the secondary address listed in the statement of necessity shall be listed on the reverse side of the license as part of the "J" restriction, with the following notation: "Also valid to drive to and from [secondary residential address] in compliance with 321.194."

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.177, 321.180B, 321.189, 321.194 as amended by 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate File 231, and 321.196.

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