

**761—607.27(321) Knowledge tests.**

**607.27(1) General knowledge test.** The general knowledge test for a commercial driver's license is a written test of topics such as vehicle inspection, operation, safety and control in accordance with 49 CFR Section 383.111.

**607.27(2) Additional tests.** In addition to the general knowledge test for a commercial driver's license, an additional knowledge test is required for each of the following:

- a. Class A license for combination vehicle operation as required in 49 CFR Section 383.111.
- b. Hazardous material endorsement as required in 49 CFR Section 383.121. The knowledge test for a hazardous material endorsement shall not be administered orally or in a language other than English.
- c. Passenger vehicle endorsement as required in 49 CFR Section 383.117.
- d. Tank vehicle endorsement as required in 49 CFR Section 383.119.
- e. Double/triple trailer endorsement as required in 49 CFR Section 383.115.
- f. School bus endorsement as required in 49 CFR Section 383.123. The applicant must also qualify for a passenger vehicle endorsement.
- g. Removal of the air brake restriction as required in 49 CFR Section 383.111.

**607.27(3) Test methods.** All knowledge tests shall be administered in compliance with 49 CFR Section 383.133(b). All tests other than the hazardous material endorsement test may be administered in written form, verbally, or in automated format and can be administered in a foreign language, provided no interpreter is used in administering the test. A verbal test shall be offered only at specified locations. Information about the locations is available at any driver's license service center.

**607.27(4) Waiver.** A waiver of any knowledge test is permitted only as provided in Iowa Code section 321.188(5) and this chapter. The burden of proof of having passed the hazardous material endorsement test within the preceding 24 months rests with the applicant.

**607.27(5) Military waiver.** The department may waive the requirement that an applicant pass a required knowledge test for an applicant who is a current or former military service member as defined in 49 CFR Section 383.5. An applicant for a waiver of the knowledge test under this subrule shall certify and provide evidence, as required by the department, that the following apply:

- a. The applicant is regularly employed or was regularly employed within the past year in a military position specifically designated in 49 CFR Section 383.77.
- b. The applicant is or was operating a vehicle representative of the commercial motor vehicle the applicant operates or expects to operate immediately preceding honorable separation from military service as evidenced by the applicant's certificate of release or discharge from active duty, commonly referred to as a DD form 214.
- c. The applicant has not had more than one driver's license, other than a military license.
- d. The applicant has not had any driver's license suspended, revoked, or canceled.
- e. The applicant has not been convicted of an offense committed while operating any type of motor vehicle that is listed as a disqualifying offense in 49 CFR Section 383.51(b).
- f. The applicant has not had more than one conviction for an offense committed while operating any type of motor vehicle that is listed as a serious traffic violation in 49 CFR Section 383.51(c).
- g. The applicant has not had a conviction for violation of a military, state, or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control, other than a parking violation, arising in connection with any traffic accident, and has no record of an accident in which the applicant was at fault.

**607.27(6) Requirement.** An applicant must pass the applicable knowledge test(s) before taking the skills test. Passing scores for a knowledge test shall meet the standards contained in 49 CFR Section 383.135(a).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.186 and 321.188.  
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