

761—400.2(307,321,322) Vehicle registration, certificate of title, receipt, validation sticker and registration plates—general provisions.**400.2(1) Vehicles subject to registration.**

a. A vehicle subject to registration under the laws of Iowa shall be required to be registered from the time the vehicle is first operated or moved upon a highway in this state.

b. The department shall not register the following:

(1) An all-terrain vehicle.

(2) 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 subparagraph does not apply to a vehicle that is specially constructed, a reconstructed street rod or a replica vehicle as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1.

400.2(2) Vehicles exempt from titling or registration. No certificate of title will be issued for a vehicle that is exempt from the titling or registration provisions of Iowa Code chapter 321 unless issuance of a certificate of title is specifically authorized in Iowa Code chapter 321 or as provided in 761—Chapter 410.

400.2(3) Issuance of a certificate of title, receipt, validation sticker and registration plates upon payment of registration fees. Except as otherwise provided in Iowa Code chapter 321 or this chapter, 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, receipt, validation sticker and registration plates.

400.2(4) Trailers with an empty weight of 2,000 pounds or less. No certificate of title will be issued for trailers with an empty weight of 2,000 pounds or less.

400.2(5) Vehicles owned by the government. A certificate of title shall be issued for a vehicle owned by the government that is otherwise required to be titled. However, vehicles owned by the government are exempted from registration and titling fees.

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. 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) 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(8) Plates for exempted vehicles. The department, upon application, issues plates for exempted vehicles under subrules 400.2(5), 400.2(6) and 400.2(7) in accordance with the requirements in Iowa Code sections 321.18, 321.19, 321.22 and 321.170, as applicable, and this chapter. As authorized by Iowa Code sections 8A.361 and 8A.362(7), the department of administrative services may order the issuance of regular registration plates for exempted vehicles assigned to the department of administrative services. The following process applies to regular registration plates issued to an exempted vehicle under Iowa Code section 321.19(1)“c”:

a. The requesting agency under Iowa Code section 321.19(1)“c,” other than the department of administrative services, files an application with the department in the form and manner prescribed by the department and certifies the authorized purpose for which issuance of the registration plates for an exempted vehicle is requested.

b. The plates shall be assigned to a specific vehicle. The requesting agency shall notify the department within ten days of assigning the plates to another vehicle.

c. In accordance with Iowa Code section 321.19, the department maintains separate records of regular registration plates issued to exempted vehicles, which are available in a manner that allows law enforcement and other persons authorized by Iowa Code section 321.11(3) to query vehicle and owner information by the registration plate number.

d. If a vehicle to which regular registration plates are assigned under this subrule is no longer used for an exempted purpose, the requesting agency shall surrender the plates to the department and the department will cancel the plates. The department may revoke the plates and require the agency to surrender the plates pursuant to Iowa Code section 321.103 if the department determines use of the plates is no longer authorized.

400.2(9) *Registration plates mailing fee.* Pursuant to Iowa Code section 321.105, the mailing fee for registration plates is \$5.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 307.12(1)“j,” 321.18 through 321.20B, 321.22, 321.24, 321.34, 321.103, 321.105, 321.123, 321.170, 321I.4 and 322C.2(19).

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