

761—607.28 (321) Skills test.

607.28(1) Content and order. The skills test for a commercial driver's license is a three-part test as required in 49 CFR Part 383, Subparts E, G and H. The three parts must be taken in the following order: the pretrip inspection, the basic vehicle control skills, and an on-the-road driving demonstration. Those elements of the skills test that are not applicable to the vehicle being used in the skills test may be waived by the department. The basic vehicle control skills may be accomplished as part of the on-the-road driving demonstration. The department shall terminate the skills test when it is determined that the applicant has failed the test.

607.28(2) Vehicle. The applicant shall provide a representative vehicle for the skills test. "Representative vehicle" means a commercial motor vehicle that meets the statutory description for the class of license applied for.

a. To obtain a passenger vehicle endorsement applicable to a specific vehicle class, the applicant must take the skills test in a passenger vehicle, as defined in rule 607.3(321), satisfying the requirements of that class, as required in 49 CFR Section 383.117.

b. To obtain a school bus endorsement, the applicant must qualify for a passenger vehicle endorsement and take the skills test in a school bus, as defined in rule 607.3(321), in the same vehicle class as the applicant will drive, as required in 49 CFR Section 383.123. Up to and including September 30, 2005, the skills test for a school bus endorsement is waived for an applicant meeting the requirements of 49 CFR Section 383.123(b).

c. To remove an air brake restriction, the applicant must take the skills test in a vehicle equipped with an air brake system, as defined in rule 607.3(321) and as required in 49 CFR Section 383.113.

607.28(3) Locations. The skills test for a commercial driver's license shall be given only at specified locations where adequate testing facilities are available. An applicant may contact any driver's license examination station for the location of the nearest skills testing station. A skills test by appointment shall be offered only at specified regional test sites.

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