

**761—604.31 (321) Driving test requirements and waivers for noncommercial driver's licenses.**

**604.31(1) *Driving test requirements.*** The driving test requirements for noncommercial driver's licenses are as follows:

- a. Instruction permits.* A driving test is not required to obtain an instruction permit.
- b. Class C driver's licenses.* For a Class C driver's license other than an instruction permit or a motorized bicycle license, an operator's driving test in a representative vehicle is required.
- c. Class D driver's licenses.* For a Class D driver's license, a driving test in a representative vehicle for the endorsement requested, as set out in 761—subrule 605.4(3), is required.
- d. Class M driver's licenses and motorcycle endorsements.* The driving test for a Class M driver's license or motorcycle endorsement consists of two parts: an off-street motorcycle skill test and an on-street driving test.

(1) The off-street motorcycle skill test is required. The on-street motorcycle driving test is also required if the applicant does not have another driver's license that permits unaccompanied driving.

(2) A motorcycle shall be used for these tests. If a three-wheeled motorcycle is used, the driver's license shall be restricted: "Not valid for 2-wheel vehicle."

*e. Motorized bicycle licenses.* For a motorized bicycle license, an off-street or on-street driving test may be required. A motorized bicycle shall be used for the test.

**604.31(2) *Driving test waivers.*** The department may waive a required driving test listed in subrule 604.31(1) if the applicant meets one of the following qualifications:

*a.* The applicant is applying for the applicant's first Iowa driver's license that permits unaccompanied driving following successful completion of the appropriate Iowa-approved course or courses. The appropriate Iowa-approved courses are the following: driver education, other than driver education by a teaching parent under rule 761—634.11(321), for a Class C driver's license other than motorized bicycle; driver education and motorcycle rider education for a Class M driver's license or motorcycle endorsement; and motorized bicycle education for a motorized bicycle license. However, if an applicant is under the age of 18, a driving test is required if so requested by the applicant's parent, guardian, or instructor.

*b.* The applicant is renewing a Class C, Class D or Class M Iowa driver's license or endorsement within 14 months after the expiration date.

*c.* The applicant has passed the same type of driving test for another Iowa driver's license or endorsement that is still valid or has expired within the past 14 months.

*d.* The applicant has a military extension and is renewing the applicant's Iowa driver's license within six months following separation from active duty.

*e.* The applicant is applying for a Class C Iowa driver's license that permits unaccompanied driving and has an equivalent out-of-state license that is valid or has expired within the past year.

*f.* The applicant is applying for a Class D Iowa driver's license and has an equivalent out-of-state license that is valid or has expired within the past year.

*g.* The applicant is applying for a Class M driver's license or a motorcycle endorsement and has an equivalent out-of-state Class M driver's license or motorcycle endorsement that is valid or has expired within the past year.

*h.* The applicant has a valid, equivalent driver's license issued by a foreign jurisdiction with which Iowa has a nonbinding reciprocity agreement.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.174, 321.178, 321.178A, 321.180, 321.180A, 321.180B, 321.186, 321.189, 321.193, 321.196 and 321.198.