

761—602.5(307,321) Class C noncommercial driver's license.

602.5(1) Validity. A noncommercial Class C driver's license that is not a special license or permit is valid for operating:

- a. A motor vehicle, including an autocycle as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1, that does not require a commercial driver's license or a Class D driver's license for its operation.
- b. A motorized bicycle.
- c. A motorcycle only if the license has a motorcycle endorsement.

602.5(2) Requirements.

a. Except as otherwise provided in Iowa Code section 321.178(3), an applicant under 18 years of age must meet the requirements of Iowa Code section 321.180B and submit proof of successful completion of an Iowa-approved course in driver education.

b. For purposes of determining eligibility for an intermediate license issued to a person 16 or 17 years of age under Iowa Code section 321.180B(2):

(1) The 12-month period during which the applicant is required to possess an instruction permit before applying for an intermediate license is calculated cumulatively and includes any period of time during which the applicant has held a valid instruction permit issued under Iowa Code section 321.180B(1), a special minor's restricted license issued under Iowa Code section 321.194 or comparable instruction permit or license issued by another state, but excludes any period of time during which the permit or license is suspended, revoked or canceled or the applicant otherwise did not have a valid driving privilege.

(2) The six-month period during which the applicant is required to remain accident- and violation-free is calculated continuously and must encompass without interruption the six-month period of time immediately preceding the application. The applicant must hold a valid instruction permit issued under Iowa Code section 321.180B(1), a special minor's restricted license issued under Iowa Code section 321.194 or a comparable instruction permit or license issued by another state and maintain a valid driving privilege without interruption throughout the continuous six-month period.

(3) The three-month waiting period required under Iowa Code section 321.194(7) "b," if applicable, will be calculated to begin on the licensee's sixteenth birthday and must be satisfied in addition to the requirements of subparagraphs 602.5(2) "b"(1) and "b"(2). Any additional three-month waiting period will begin on the date the previous waiting period (if any) expires.

c. For purposes of determining eligibility for a full license issued to a person 17 years of age under Iowa Code section 321.180B(4), the 12-month period during which the applicant is required to possess an intermediate license and to remain accident- and violation-free before applying for a full license is calculated together and continuously and must encompass without interruption the 12-month period of time immediately preceding the application. The applicant must hold a valid intermediate license issued under Iowa Code section 321.180B(2) or a comparable license issued by another state and maintain a valid driving privilege without interruption throughout the continuous 12-month period.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 307.12(1) "j," 321.1, 321.177, 321.178, 321.180B, 321.189, 321.194 and 321.196.

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