

**761—605.15(307,321) License renewal.**

**605.15(1)** A licensee who wishes to renew a driver's license is to apply to the department and, if required, pass the appropriate examination.

**605.15(2)** A valid noncommercial license may be renewed within 180 days before the expiration date. The department for good cause may renew a noncommercial license earlier, except the department will not renew a REAL ID driver's license issued under rule 761—601.7(321) earlier than 180 days before the expiration date if such a renewal would result in noncompliance under 6 CFR Section 37.5(a) effective January 1, 2024.

**605.15(3)** If the licensee's current residential address, name or date of birth has changed since the previous license was issued, the licensee shall:

- a. Notify the department to establish the current residential address.
- b. Comply with the requirements of 761—subrule 601.5(5) to establish a name change.
- c. Comply with the requirements of 761—subrule 601.5(6) to establish a change of date of birth.

**605.15(4)** A licensee who has not previously been issued a license that may be accepted for federal identification purposes under 6 CFR Part 37 effective January 1, 2024 (a REAL ID driver's license), and wishes to obtain a REAL ID driver's license upon renewal must comply with the requirements of rule 761—601.5(321) to obtain a REAL ID driver's license upon renewal.

**605.15(5)** A licensee who is a foreign national who is temporarily present in this state must provide documentation of lawful status as required by 761—subrule 601.5(4) at each renewal.

**605.15(6)** An applicant who meets the eligibility criteria may apply for electronic renewal of a noncommercial driver's license.

a. Eligibility criteria include the following:

(1) The applicant is at least 18 years of age but not yet 70 years of age.  
(2) The applicant completed a satisfactory vision screen or submitted a satisfactory vision report under 761—subrules 604.10(1) through 604.10(3) and updated the applicant's photo at the applicant's last issuance or renewal.

(3) The applicant's driver's license has not been expired for more than one year.

(4) The department's records show the applicant is a U.S. citizen.

(5) The applicant's driver's license is not marked "valid without photo."

(6) The applicant is not seeking to change any of the following information as it appears on the applicant's driver's license:

1. Name.
2. Date of birth.

(7) The applicant's driver's license is a Class C noncommercial driver's license, a Class D noncommercial driver's license (chauffeur) or Class M noncommercial driver's license (motorcycle) that is not a special license or permit, a temporary restricted license or a two-year license.

(8) The applicant is not subject to a pending request for reexamination.

(9) The applicant does not wish to change any of the following:

1. Class of license.
2. License endorsements.
3. License restrictions.

(10) The applicant is not subject to any of the following restrictions:

G—No driving when headlights required

J—Restrictions on the back of card

T—Medical report required at renewal

8—Special instruction permit

Q—No interstate or freeway driving

b. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subrule to the contrary, the department may accept an electronic renewal application if the license contains a single "J" restriction accompanied by a "7" or "Y" restriction.

c. The department may deny electronic renewal and require the applicant to apply in person for renewal at a driver's license service center if it appears to the department that the applicant may have a

physical or mental condition that may impair the applicant's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle, even if the applicant otherwise meets the criteria in paragraph 605.15(6) "a."

*d.* An applicant who has not previously been issued a driver's license that is compliant with the REAL ID Act of 2005, 49 U.S.C. Section 30301 note, implemented in 6 CFR Part 37 effective January 1, 2024 (a REAL ID driver's license), cannot request a REAL ID driver's license by electronic renewal.

**605.15(7)** Subject to the requirements in paragraphs 605.15(6) "c" and "d," an applicant who meets the following eligibility criteria may apply for electronic renewal of a commercial driver's license:

*a.* The applicant is otherwise eligible to renew a commercial driver's license and meets the same eligibility requirements for renewing a noncommercial driver's license listed in paragraph 605.15(6) "a" to renew the license electronically, except that numbered paragraph 605.15(6) "a"(9)"3" does not apply if the applicant is adding or removing the "K" restriction from the license at the time of renewal.

*b.* The applicant is not subject to any of the following restrictions or endorsements:

H—Hazardous material

X—Hazardous material and tank

*c.* The applicant does not also hold a valid commercial learner's permit under Iowa Code section 321.180(2) as documented by restriction "3" on the commercial driver's license.

*d.* An applicant self-certifying to non-excepted interstate driving has a valid medical certificate on file with the department as required under rule 761—607.50(321).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 307.12(1) "j," 321.186, 321.188 and 321.196; the REAL ID Act of 2005 (49 U.S.C. Section 30301 note) as amended by the REAL ID Modernization Act, H.R. 133, Division U, Title X; and 6 CFR Part 37.

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