

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, except that an autocycle as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1 shall not be used for the driving test.

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 605.7(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. Neither motorcycle test is required for the purposes of operating an autocycle.

(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." An autocycle is not considered a motorcycle or a three-wheeled motorcycle for testing purposes.

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 has successfully completed 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 an applicant's first Class C driver's license that permits unaccompanied driving other than motorized bicycle; 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 a period of one year after the expiration date of the license or endorsement.

c. The applicant is reinstating from a denial, cancellation, suspension, revocation, disqualification or bar of an Iowa driver's license or endorsement within a period of one year after the expiration date of the denial, cancellation, suspension, revocation, disqualification or bar.

d. 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 year.

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

f. 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.

g. 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.

h. 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.

i. 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 321.1, 321.174, 321.178, 321.178A, 321.180, 321.180A, 321.180B, 321.186, 321.189, 321.193, 321.196 and 321.198.

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