
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2018

Fiscal Services Division

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Motor Vehicle Division — Road Use Tax Fund

Purpose and History

The Motor Vehicle Division of the Department of Transportation (DOT) is responsible for administering and enforcing federal and State motor vehicle laws and regulations, including testing, licensing, and sanctioning of all drivers. The Division maintains and oversees driver and vehicle-related functions including all driver history files, central issuance of driver's licenses, crash reports, vehicle titles, vehicle registrations, driver offenses, permits, county-based registrations, weigh stations, issuance of special plates, driver safety and education, and commercial vehicle inspections. The Division also enforces federal motor carrier safety standards and hazardous materials regulation, carries out investigations, and issues commercial vehicle citations. Links to individual offices and bureaus, and a noncomprehensive list of roles, are below.

Office of Driver Services

- Issuance of driver licenses
- Commercial Driver Licenses (CDL)
- Motorcycle licensing
- Certified identification cars
- Driver education

Office of Vehicle and Motor Carrier Services

- International Fuel Tax Agreement administration
- International Registration Plan administration
- Detailed maps including vehicle clearance, pavement, and bridge restrictions
- Oversize and Overweight Trip Permits
- Vehicle registration, license plate issuance, and assistance selling vehicles
- Dealer licensing

Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement

- Weight enforcement and weigh stations
- Commercial vehicle enforcement
- Hazardous material regulation

Bureau of Investigation and Identity Protection

- Identity theft, odometer, and registration fraud investigations
- Salvage theft examinations
- Complaint resolution

More Information

Iowa Department of Transportation: iowadot.gov/about/divisions-offices#4391278-motor-vehicle-division
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State Funding

The appropriation for the Division is included in the Transportation Appropriations Act under the purview of the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee.

Funding for the Division is provided as follows: 96.0% from the Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF) and 4.0% from the Primary Road Fund (PRF). In estimated FY 2018, \$36.2 million is appropriated from the RUTF. The total appropriation for the Division is \$37.7 million.

The General Assembly also annually appropriates full-time equivalent (FTE) positions to the Division. In estimated FY 2018, 395.0 FTE positions are appropriated.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [321](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [761](#)