

Red Tape Review Rule Report (Due: September 1, 2025)

Department Name:	Department of Transportation	Date:	12/23/2024	Total Rule Count:	6
IAC #:	761	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	601	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	321.182
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

The intended benefit of this chapter is to is to comply with Iowa Code section 321.182 and the federal REAL ID Act, which require the Department to adopt rules regarding the application for a driver’s license and to administer REAL ID driver’s licenses in compliance with federal regulations.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes. Iowa issued 747,849 driver’s licenses to qualified applicants in FY 2024.

What are the costs incurred by the public to comply with the rule?

Any costs to the public related to applying for a driver’s license is because of the underlying statute. A driver’s license applicant is subject to statutory fees.

Iowa Code section 321.191 prescribes the applicable fees the Department must charge for driver’s licenses and endorsements.

What are the costs to the agency or any other agency to implement/enforce the rule?

There are no costs to the Department to implement the rules beyond those that would otherwise be required to administer the statute.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes. The rules establish the application process and eligibility requirements for issuance of driver’s licenses including the documentation that must be submitted with an application. This helps ensure only eligible persons are issued a driver’s license and the REAL ID driver’s licenses conform to federal requirements.

Are there less restrictive alternatives to accomplish the benefit? YES NO

If YES, please list alternative(s) and provide analysis of less restrictive alternatives from other states, if applicable. If NO, please explain.

There is no less restrictive alternative available for issuing driver’s licenses other than establishing the application process in rule, which helps ensure the process is clear for applicants and is consistently applied.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language? [list chapter/rule number(s) that fall under any of the above categories]

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601.1. Application for license. This rule removes unnecessarily restrictive terms and content that is unnecessary.

601.3. Emergency contact information. This rule removes unnecessarily restrictive terms and content that is duplicative of statute or unnecessary.

601.5. Proofs submitted with application. This rule removes unnecessarily restrictive terms and content that is duplicative of statute and content that is unnecessary.

601.6. Parent’s, guardian’s, or custodian’s consent. This rule removes unnecessarily restrictive terms and content that is unnecessary.

RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):

None

RULES PROPOSED FOR RE-PROMULGATION (list rule number[s] or include rule text if available):

601.1
601.2
601.3
601.4
601.5
601.6

****For rules being re-promulgated with changes, you may attach a document with suggested changes.***

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	0
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	358
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	58

ARE THERE ANY STATUTORY CHANGES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING CODIFYING ANY RULES?

No