

# Iowa

## DRIVER'S MANUAL



 Iowa Department  
of Transportation

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Terry E. Branstad  
Governor of Iowa

## ***Important message to drivers***

*Iowa lies at the crossroads of America. With Interstates 35 and 80 intersecting through the heart of Iowa, state and county roads crisscrossing our countryside, and a vast network of city streets, it will take diligence from each and every driver to ensure the safety of all drivers and passengers on Iowa's roadways.*

*This driver's manual contains important information for all of Iowa's drivers. We will need all Iowa drivers to maintain concentration on the road and avoid all in-vehicle distractions to protect each other from roadway accidents.*

*Obeying the law is the first step to maintaining safety. Respecting the speed limit and obeying traffic signals and other signs is critically important. A new commitment to safe driving and instructions on how to navigate in hazardous conditions will guarantee that your driving experience in Iowa will be enjoyable and pleasant.*

**This manual will provide you the information needed for a general understanding of the principles of safe and lawful operation of a motor vehicle. However, it is NOT intended to serve as a precise statement of Iowa statutes concerning the operation of a motor vehicle and should not be considered as such.**

**For further information, check the Code of Iowa, Chapters 321 through 321J, and the Iowa Department of Transportation rules contained in the Iowa Administrative Code.**

### **New Residents**

If you just moved into Iowa, you will be considered an Iowa resident for the purposes of driver's licensing and vehicle registration if any one of the following apply:

1. You have registered to vote in this state;
2. You have enrolled your children in public school;
3. You have accepted a permanent job in the state; or
4. You have resided continuously in Iowa for 30 days.

If you have a valid out-of-state license, follow these steps to receive your Iowa license.

1. Go to a driver's license station.
2. Provide necessary documentation (see pages 5 and 6).
3. Take required tests and turn in your out-of-state license to DOT. If your out-of-state license is valid, you may not have to take a knowledge or road test.
4. Meet Iowa title, registration and use tax requirements on your vehicle. Consult your local county treasurer's office.

Be sure to read this manual carefully. Not only will it provide the information to pass the driver examination, but it will also broaden your knowledge of safe driving practices.

# Driver's License Permanent Examining and Records Stations

For specific hours of operation, call the driver's license station  
or the Motor vehicle Information Center at 800-532-1121.

<b>Ames</b> 515-296-2393	<b>3708 Lincoln Way</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Ankeny</b> 515-244-1052	<b>6310 S.E. Convenience Blvd.</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Burlington</b> 319-754-8767	<b>Fairway Shopping Center, 2700 Mount Pleasant St.</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Carroll</b> 712-792-5269	<b>510 Carroll St., Suite 1</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Cedar Rapids</b> 319-377-6461	<b>152 Collins Road N.E.</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Clinton</b> 563-243-7144	<b>316 S. 2nd St.</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Council Bluffs</b> 712-323-1219	<b>Mall of the Bluffs, 1751 Madison Ave., Suite 330</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Davenport</b> 563-386-1050	<b>Kimberly West Shopping Center, 2162 W. Kimberly Road</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Des Moines</b> 515-244-1052	<b>2339 Euclid Avenue (renewal only)</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Dubuque</b> 563-583-9844	<b>2460 Gateway Dr.</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Fort Dodge</b> 515-573-5141	<b>2313 First Avenue South</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Iowa City</b> 319-338-5294	<b>Eastdale Mall, 1700 W. First Ave.</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Marshalltown</b> 641-752-5668	<b>Marshalltown Plaza Mall, 2500 S. Center Street</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Mason City</b> 641-423-8391	<b>Southport Shopping Center, 1622 S. Federal Avenue</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Muscatine</b> 563-263-5414	<b>1903 Park Ave.</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Ottumwa</b> 641-682-4855	<b>2830 North Court Road</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Sioux City</b> 712-255-5539	<b>3005 Hamilton Blvd.</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Spencer</b> 712-262-6278	<b>Gateway North Shopping Center, East 18th and Grand Ave.</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Waterloo</b> 319-235-0902	<b>103 Crossroads Center</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.



## County Driver's License Stations

Contact the county treasurer's office or visit the county's Web site for information on licensing services in these counties. Also, visit Web site <http://www.iowadot.gov/mvd/ods/dlsites.htm>.

Adair	Clarke	Hamilton	Louisa	Pocahontas	Wright
Adams	Clayton	Hancock	Lucas	Poweshiek	
Allamakee	Crawford	Hardin	Lyon	Ringgold	
Appanoose	Dallas	Harrison	Madison	Sac	
Audubon	Davis	Henry	Mahaska	Shelby	
Benton	Decatur	Howard	Marion	Sioux	
Boone	Delaware	Humboldt	Mills	Tama	
Bremer	Dickinson	Ida	Mitchell	Taylor	
Buchanan	Emmet	Iowa	Monona	Union	
Buena Vista	Fayette	Jackson	Monroe	Van Buren	
Butler	Floyd	Jasper	Montgomery	Warren	
Calhoun	Franklin	Jefferson	O'Brien	Washington	
Cass	Fremont	Jones	Osceola	Wayne	
Cedar	Greene	Keokuk	Page	Winnebago	
Cherokee	Grundy	Kossuth	Palo Alto	Winneshiek	
Chickasaw	Guthrie	Lee	Plymouth	Worth	

**Commercial Vehicle  
Information Phone**

800-925-6469

Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Iowa State Patrol  
Emergency:  
911**

**Non-Emergency:**  
800-525-5555  
*Toll Free*

**Local Emergency Numbers**

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For further information call:  
The Motor Vehicle Information Center  
In Des Moines 515-244-8725  
Toll Free 800-532-1121

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visit our Web site at [iowadot.gov/](http://iowadot.gov/)

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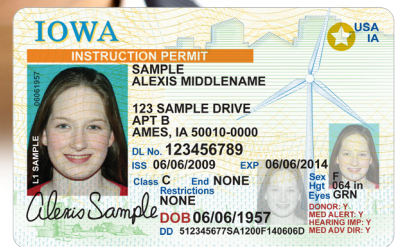
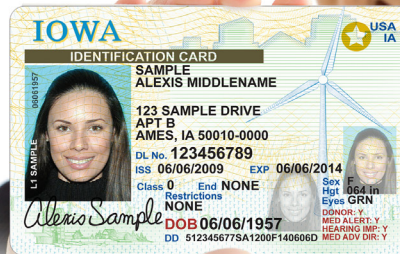
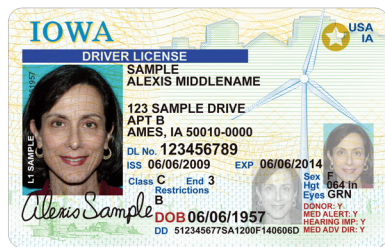


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Federal and state laws prohibit employment and/or public accommodation discrimination on the basis of age, color, creed, disability, gender identity, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or veteran's status. If you believe you have been discriminated against, please contact the Iowa Civil Rights Commission at 800-457-4416 or Iowa Department of Transportation's affirmative action officer. If you need accommodations because of a disability to access the Iowa Department of Transportation's services, contact the agency's affirmative action officer at 800-262-0003.

# Central Issuance

Securing your personal identity



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Issuance of driver's license (DL) and identification (ID) cards has changed from an "over-the-counter" issuance system to a "central issuance" system.
- A customer will leave the driver's license station with his or her existing DL or ID card and a temporary document good for 30 days. If an individual does not have an existing DL or ID card, he or she will leave with only the temporary document.
- The actual DL or ID card featuring a new look (see above) will be mailed in an unmarked envelope to the applicant and arrive before the temporary document expires, typically within two weeks.
- If it has been more than 21 days and you have not received your new DL/ID card, you should contact the Office of Driver Services at the toll free number listed on your temporary document.
- Central issuance only affects the way DL and ID cards are manufactured. It does not affect the application process or any requirements for obtaining a DL or ID card, such as proof of age and identity or required testing. **There is no increased cost to customers.**
- The new central issuance system will reduce driver's license fraud and identity theft. It will also help enhance overall safety by providing time to allow for security checks before the final DL or ID card is issued. It protects the process and materials used to make DL and ID cards from being stolen or accessed by persons not authorized to produce a DL or ID card.

For more information, visit [iowadot.gov/centralissuance](http://iowadot.gov/centralissuance).