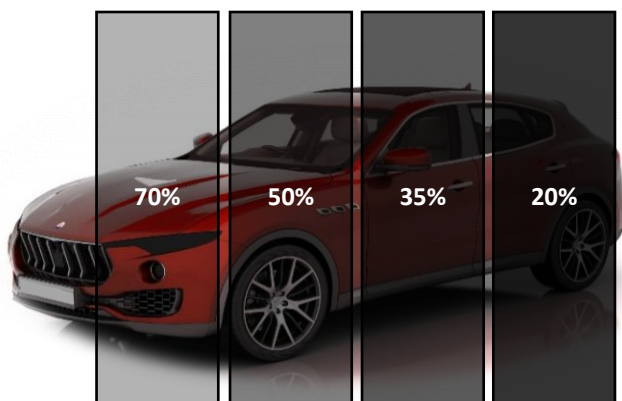


IOWA WINDOW TINTING STANDARDS



- **Front windshield:** Must have at least 70% light transmittance.
- **Front-side windows:** Must have at least 50% light transmittance.
- **Back seat side windows:** any tint darkness can be used.
- **Rear window:** any tint darkness can be used.

WINDOW TINT SHADE EXAMPLES



Iowa law prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle with a front windshield that does not meet a standard transparency of 70% or more light transmittance, or front-side windows that do not meet transparency of 50% or more light transmittance.

Medical exceptions can no longer be approved under Iowa law. Previously approved medical exemptions are no longer authorized, as of July 1, 2026.

For more information, please contact Motor Vehicle Division, Policy & Partnerships Bureau at central.vehicle@iowadot.us.



WINDOW TINT FAQ

Question: I was recently diagnosed with a light sensitive condition. Can I obtain a medical exemption from the 70% standard?

Answer: No. Medical exemptions are not authorized and shall not be granted. However, there are many nearly transparent UV-blocking window films for vehicles on the market. Visit skincancer.org for more information.

Question: I lost my medical exemption Form 432020. Can I obtain a replacement?

Answer: No. Form 432020 is no longer available and dark window exemption forms issued before July 4, 2012, are no longer valid.

Question: What happens if law enforcement issues me a ticket for a window tint violation?

Answer: A ticket issued by law enforcement must be addressed through the court system. Any questions about the ticket should be sent to law enforcement or as explained on the ticket.

Question: Why did I receive a notice of suspension of my registration and plates due to a window tint violation?

Answer: Under Iowa Code 321.101(1)(b), law enforcement may send the Iowa DOT a request to suspend your registration and plates for operating a mechanically unfit or unsafe vehicle. The Iowa DOT will send you a notice with the date your suspension will be effective. You will also receive a form that contains your vehicle information and an area for a law enforcement agency to certify your window tint complies with Iowa law (IA DOT Form 442102). You will have 20 days to appeal the suspension or to return the certified form stating that your window tint is now in compliance. Refer to your notice of suspension for additional information.