

## **Motor Vehicle Division Information Memo # 20-33**

### ***Motorcycle Rider Education Administrative Rule Updates***

**DATE:** November 10, 2020  
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**TO:** All Driver and Identification Services staff

#### **SUBJECT**

This informational memo explains updates to administrative rule chapter 761—635, Motorcycle Rider Education (MRE).

#### **SUMMARY**

The proposed amendments relate to motorcycle rider education and aligns with existing legal authority and department practice. Specifically, the amendments do the following:

- Allow the certificate of completion of an approved motorcycle rider education course to be submitted electronically through our online reporting system by a participating Iowa-approved motorcycle rider education provider.
- Specify the length of validity of the MRE course approval and renewal procedures, as well as identify the criteria that a motorcycle must meet to be eligible for use during the on-cycle instruction portion of an approved course.
- Clarify the length of validity of the MRE instructor's license and renewal procedures and to allow an instructor an additional way to qualify for an instructor's license if the instructor teaches at least one course in another state, as long as the other state's course is the same nationally-recognized course that Iowa uses. The proposed amendments also incorporate the clear driving record standards used for behind-the-wheel driver education instructors and reflect our current practice of either canceling or denying the instructor's license if the instructor does not have a clear driving record or does not meet other qualifications specified in the rules.

**The administrative rule amendments are effective November 11, 2020.**

#### **LINK TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/aco/arc/5204C.pdf>

#### **CURRENT**

Administrative rule chapter 761—635 currently addresses MRE requirements, but does not fully align with current department practices.

#### **NEW**

As of November 11, 2020, the rules will align with current department practices related to the MRE program as outlined in the summary above. In addition, these amendments will allow certificates of completion for MRE courses to be submitted electronically via the ARTS online portal, if and when programming is completed to accommodate this change.

**BUSINESS IMPACT**

This directive does not significantly impact the way that DIS service center staff operates because the MRE program is administered by central office staff in Ankeny. However, it is important for staff to be aware of this administrative rule update.