

Motor Vehicle Division Informational Memo # 22-02

Driver's Education Administrative Rule Updates

DATE: January 3, 2022

FROM: MVD Policy & Compliance Team

TO: All Motor Vehicle Division staff, Iowa County Treasurers and County Treasurer's staff that issue driver's licenses and non-operator's identification cards

SUBJECT

This informational memo explains updates to administrative rule chapter 761—634, Driver Education.

SUMMARY

The updates to this rule chapter align with legislation passed during the 2021 legislative session that expanded the parent-taught driver's education program to any student currently attending a public school, accredited nonpublic school, or who is receiving homeschool education and added distracted driving as a required topic of instruction for any driver's education course.

This memo is most applicable to staff that approve applications for driver's education courses and the parent-taught driver's program or answer questions about those programs.

The administrative rule amendments are effective January 5, 2022.

LINK TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/aco/arc/6062C.pdf>

CURRENT

This rule chapter used to limit the parent-taught driver's education program only to students who received home school education and did not explicitly require distracted driving as a required topic of an approved driver's education course.

You may wish to review the previous informational memo (IM 21-16) we issued when the 2021 legislation impacting the above-referenced subject areas became effective for more information about the background of the legislation.

For internal DOT employees, you may find IM 21-16 in the W drive at the address below:

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For County Treasurers and staff, you may find IM 21-16 at the link to the county treasurer's manual below:

<https://iowadot.gov/mvd/ctmanual/memos/IM-21-16.pdf>

NEW

As of January 5, 2022, the rules will align with Iowa Code and our current processes outlined in the summary above.

BUSINESS IMPACT

This directive does not significantly impact the way that MVD operates as we have already updated our processes to implement the above-referenced changes.