

Motor Vehicle Division Information Memo # 22-35

Chapter 605 Driver's License Issuance Administrative Rule Updates

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TO: All Motor Vehicle Division staff and County Treasurer staff who issue driver's license or nonoperator identification cards

SUBJECT

This informational memo explains updates to administrative rule chapter 761—605, Driver's license issuance.

SUMMARY

The amendments to chapter 761—605 conform to changes made by Senate File 2383 passed during the 2022 legislative session. The bill required certain driver's license fee waivers for active duty military service members, honorably or generally discharged veterans, and veterans with a permanent service-connected disability rating of 100 percent. IM 22-20 explains the legislation in detail.

Specifically, the administrative rule amendments do the following:

- Describe the type of proof an eligible veteran or military service member must provide to the Department to qualify for the applicable driver's license fee waiver.
- Provide that honorably discharged or disabled veterans only need to provide their proof of eligibility once, and that they are subsequently eligible to receive the fee waiver during online or in-person renewal without providing additional proof.
- Provide that an active duty military service member must provide proof of their active duty status at each issuance or renewal transaction because active duty status can change more frequently than military discharge status or disability rating.

The administrative rule amendments become effective December 7, 2022. As noted above, we have already implemented original legislation as of July 1, 2022.

LINK TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/aco/arc/6617C.pdf>

CURRENT

Administrative rule chapter 761—605 does not currently incorporate the changes regarding military and veteran license fee waivers made during the 2022 legislative session.

NEW

As of December 7, 2022, the rules will align with the legislative changes and with current departmental implementation of the bill, as described in IM 22-20.

BUSINESS IMPACT

This directive does not significantly impact the way that MVD operates because we have already updated our internal policies and procedures to comply with the legislation. However, it is important for staff to be aware of this administrative rule update.