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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.

Iowa DOT Driver's License Service Centers

Regular DOT Service Center hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. For specific hours or dates of operation when it is a holiday, **visit the lowadot.gov**.

Ames — 3708 Lincoln Way
515-296-2393

Ankeny — 6310 SE Convenience Blvd.
515-244-1052

Burlington — Westland Mall, 550 S. Gear Ave.
319-754-8767

Cedar Rapids — 3726 Queens Court SW Suite 201
319-377-6461

Clinton — 316 S. Second St.
563-243-7144

Council Bluffs — Mall of the Bluffs, 1751 Madison Ave., Suite 330
712-323-1219

Davenport — Village Shopping Center, 902 W. Kimberly Road Suite 6D
563-386-1050

Des Moines — 2339 Euclid Avenue (renewal only)
515-244-1052

Dubuque — 2460 Gateway Drive
563-583-9844

Fort Dodge — 2313 First Avenue S.
515-573-5141

Iowa City — Eastdale Plaza, 1700 S. First Ave.
319-338-5294

Marshalltown — Marshalltown Plaza Mall, 2500 S. Center St.
641-752-5668

Mason City — Southport Shopping Center, 1622 S. Federal Ave.
641-423-8391

Muscatine — 1903 Park Ave.
563-263-5414

Ottumwa — 2849 North Court Road
641-682-4855

Sioux City — 3005 Hamilton Blvd.
712-255-5539

Waterloo — 103 Crossroads Center
319-235-0902

Waukee — 1156 SE Ashworth Road
515-452-0501



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: iowadot.gov/mvd/iowa-dot-locations.

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

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