

Red Tape Review Rule Report (Due: September 1, 2025)

Department Name:	Department of Transportation	Date:	12/6/2024	Total Rule Count:	28
IAC #:	761	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	607	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	321.187, 321.187A, 321.188, 321M.6A
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

The intended benefit of this chapter is to is to comply with Iowa Code sections 321.187 and 321.188, require the Department to adopt rules to administer commercial driver’s licenses in compliance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) regulations and designate third-party testers to perform commercial driver’s license knowledge and skills tests. The rules outline the application, eligibility, and testing requirements to obtain a commercial driver’s license (CDL) and the governance structure for third-party test examiners. A CDL is required to operate specified commercial motor vehicles on Iowa roadways and in interstate commerce.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes. There are approximately 191,000 active Iowa CDLs and 147,000 active CDL endorsements, each representing passage of a specific CDL test.

There are 23 entities approved as third-party CDL testers in Iowa.

What are the costs incurred by the public to comply with the rule?

Any costs to the public related to applying for a CDL is because of the underlying statutes, which require the Department to adopt rules to administer CDLs in conformance with FMCSA regulations and to designate third-party testers to perform CDL knowledge and skills tests.

Iowa Code section 321.191 prescribes the applicable fees the Department must charge for CDLs and endorsements. Iowa Code sections 321.187A and 321M.6A authorize the fees that the Department and county treasurers may charge to schedule and administer CDL knowledge and skills tests.

What are the costs to the agency or any other agency to implement/enforce the rule?

There are no costs to the Department to implement the rules beyond those that would otherwise be required to administer the statute.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes. The rules establish the eligibility criteria, application process, and testing procedures for CDL issuance and the guidelines for third-party CDL testers. This helps ensure only eligible persons and entities are issued a CDL or become an authorized CDL tester.

Are there less restrictive alternatives to accomplish the benefit? YES NO

If YES, please list alternative(s) and provide analysis of less restrictive alternatives from other states, if applicable. If NO, please explain.

There are no less restrictive alternatives available for issuing CDLs and designating third-party CDL testers other than establishing the basic eligibility criteria, application process and guidelines in rule, which helps ensure the process is clear for applicants and is consistently applied.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language? [list chapter/rule number(s) that fall under any of the above categories]

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607.6. Exemptions. This rule was deleted because it is redundant of statute.

607.7. Records. This rule removes unnecessary content.

607.16. Commercial Driver's License (CDL). This rule removes redundant and unnecessary content and content that is duplicative of statute.

607.25. Examination for a commercial driver's license. This rule is being deleted and any nonredundant and necessary content is being moved to the rule on vision screening.

607.26. Vision screening. This rule removes redundant and unnecessary content.

607.27. Knowledge tests. This rule removes redundant and unnecessary content.

607.28. Skills tests. This rule removes redundant and unnecessary content.

607.30. Third-party testing. This rule removes redundant and unnecessary content.

607.31. Test results. This rule removes redundant and unnecessary content.

607.35 Issuance of commercial driver's license and commercial learner's permit. This rule was deleted because it is duplicative of statute.

607.37. Commercial driver's license renewal. This rule removes redundant and unnecessary content.

607.39. Disqualification. This rule removes redundant and unnecessary content.

607.45. Reinstatement. This rule removes unnecessary content.

607.49. Restricted commercial driver's license. This rule removes redundant and unnecessary content and content that is duplicative of statute.

607.50. Self-certification of type of driving and submission of medical examiner's certificate. This rule removes redundant and unnecessary content.

607.51. National drug and alcohol clearinghouse. This rule removes unnecessary content.

RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):

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RULES PROPOSED FOR RE-PROMULGATION (list rule number[s] or include rule text if available):

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****For rules being re-promulgated with changes, you may attach a document with suggested changes.***

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	3
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	76
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	99

ARE THERE ANY STATUTORY CHANGES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING CODIFYING ANY RULES?

No.