

Title: Student Driver's Permit for School

Upon a certification of necessity by the Superintendent, the Iowa Department of Transportation may issue a permit to drive to and from school. The fact that the applicant resides less than one mile from the applicant's school of enrollment is prima facie evidence of the non-existence of necessity for issuance of a license.

Any applicant must also meet other requirements imposed by law, including successful completion of an approved driver education course, unless completion of the course would impose a hardship. Hardship means:

- 1) If the applicant is 14 years old, that a driver education course will not begin at the applicant's school(s) of enrollment or at a public school in the applicant's district of residence within one year following the applicant's fourteenth birthday; or
- 2) If the applicant is 15 years old, that a driver education course will not begin at the applicant's school(s) of enrollment or at a public school in that applicant's district of residence within six months following the applicant's fifteenth birthday; or
- 3) If the applicant is between 16 and 18 years old, that a driver education course is not offered at the applicant's school(s) of enrollment or a public school in the applicant's district of residence at the time the request for hardship status is submitted to the Department of Transportation or
- 4) That the applicant is permanently handicapped (for purposes of the rules of the Department of Transportation and this policy, "handicapped" means that, because of a disability or impairment, the applicant is unable to walk in excess of 200 feet unassisted or cannot walk without causing serious detriment or injury to the applicant's health).

The Department of Communications shall process all applications for a school license and shall verify mileage and whether or not a hardship exists prior to presenting to the Superintendent for signature. The forms as approved by the Iowa Department of Transportation shall be the documents used for this purpose.

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The student may appeal to the Board of Directors the decision of the Superintendent to deny certification. The decision of the Board is final.

The Superintendent, Board, and the District shall not be responsible for actions of the student applicant which pertain to the use of the driver's license, if issued.

Cross Reference:

Legal Reference:

Iowa Code § 321.194, 761 Iowa

Administrative Code § 602.26

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