

BUS DRIVER

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Legal Authority Code of IA 321.1 (8 & 11), IAC 761-607; Fed Motor Carrier Safety Reg 49 CFR 390-399 & 383

Job Description Bus drivers transport passengers over specified routes to local or distant points according to a time schedule; collect cash fares and make change, collect and issue tokens, tickets, and transfers; regulate heating, lighting and ventilating systems for passenger comfort; comply with local traffic regulations; report delays or accidents; record cash receipts and ticket fares; may load or unload baggage from baggage compartment or freight checked by passengers; may have to check tires, oil, water, and fuel and make minor repairs; answer questions about schedules, routes and transfer points; and, announce stops and other information concerning trips.

All persons driving buses that carry 16 or more passengers must apply for a license.

Education & Experience Required Applicants must be at least 18 years of age to qualify for a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) to drive either a passenger or a school bus. There are no particular education requirements to obtain licensure. Drivers must now meet minimum medical requirements, be certified medically fit every two years, and successfully pass the written, driving, and vision exams.

Applicants over age 70 are eligible for a two-year license only. Persons renewing an Iowa chauffeur's license will have to comply with federal regulations of CDL. Individual companies may have "years of experience" or other criteria.

Continuing Education There are no continuing education requirements for license renewal.

Examination Licensing Applicants must pass written, driving, and vision exams. The written and vision tests are given at any driver license examining station. CDL Driving Skills tests are given at 80 locations around the state.

Fees Application: None
Duration: Two or four years – optional
Renewal: \$16 – Two Years; \$32 – Four Years
Exam: None
Other: Additional fees for endorsements are as follows:
- Passenger (knowledge & skills exam) \$10 (one time fee)
- Air brakes (knowledge & skills exam) \$10 (one time fee)

SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage 53-3021 – Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity (\$10.34)
53-3022 – Bus Drivers, School (\$13.84)

Number of Licenses Issued Total number of licenses active as of December 31,
2001: N/A
2000: N/A
1999: N/A
1998: 14,902
1997: 14,435
1996: 13,980
1995: 13,641