

## TAXI DRIVER

<b>Licensing Authority</b>	<b>Information Center</b> <b>Office of Driver Services - Motor Vehicle Division</b> <b>Iowa Department of Transportation</b> <b>Park Fair Mall, 100 Euclid Avenue</b> <b>Des Moines IA 50306-9204</b> <b>Phone: (800) 532-1121</b> <b>Fax: (515) 239-1837</b> <b>E-mail: ods@dot.state.ia.us</b>
<b>Legal Authority</b>	Code of Iowa, Chapter 321.1 (8)
<b>Job Description</b>	Taxicab drivers drive cabs to transport passengers for a fee. They pick up passengers in response to radio- or telephone-relayed requests for service; collect fees recorded on taxi meter based on mileage or time factor and record transaction on a log; report by radio or telephone to dispatcher upon completion of a trip; and, perform such services as handling passenger luggage or picking up and delivering packages.
<b>Education &amp; Experience Required</b>	<p>A chauffeur's license, Class D endorsement 3, is required from the state. In addition, most large cities require a taxicab driver to obtain a special operator's license issued by the local city government. City licenses are generally renewable each calendar year if the operator has a good driving record and has not been involved in any criminal activity.</p> <p>Applicants over the age of 70 are eligible for a two-year license only. Licenses are renewed by passing an eye examination and paying the renewal fee.</p>
<b>Continuing Education</b>	There are no requirements for continuing education for taxi driver license renewal.
<b>Examination</b>	An applicant must pass a vision screening and a driving exam. The tests are given at any driver license examining station in Iowa.
<b>Fees</b>	<p>Application: \$16 – Two Year; \$40 – Five Year</p> <p>Duration: Two years for those age 70 and over; five years for all others above age 18 (between issuance and expiration of the license).</p> <p>Renewal: \$16 – Two Year; \$40 – Five Year</p> <p>Exam: None</p>
<b>SOC Code, Title, &amp; Avg. Hourly Wage</b>	53-3041 – Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs (\$8.58)
<b>Number of Licenses Issued</b>	<p>Total number of licenses active as of December 31,</p> <p>2003: 24,189</p> <p>2002: 24,229</p> <p>2001: N/A</p> <p>2000: N/A</p>