

## TAXI DRIVER

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**Legal Authority** Code of Iowa, Chapter 321.1 (8)

**Job Description** 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.

**Education & Experience Required** 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.

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.

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

**Examination** An applicant must pass a vision screening and a driving exam. The tests are given at any driver license examining station in Iowa.

**Fees** Application: \$16 – Two Year  
\$40 – Five Year  
Duration: Two years for those age 70 and over; five years for all others above age 18 (between issuance and expiration of the license).  
Renewal: \$16 – Two Year  
\$40 – Five Year  
Exam: None

**SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage** 53-3041 – Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs (\$9.24)

**Number of Licenses Issued** Total number of licenses active as of December 31,  
2001: N/A  
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