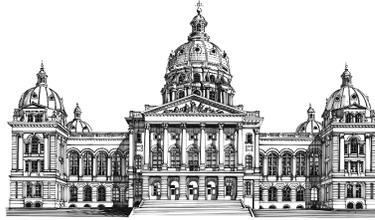

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Vehicle Registration and Miscellaneous Vehicle Fees in Iowa

ISSUE

This *Issue Review* provides an overview of vehicle registration and miscellaneous vehicle fees in Iowa.

AFFECTED AGENCIES

Department of Transportation
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CODE AUTHORITY

Section 321 (various), Code of Iowa

VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES

Motor Vehicles

Section 321.109, Code of Iowa, establishes the annual registration fee for most motor vehicles at 1.0% of the vehicle value, plus 40 cents per 100 pounds of the vehicle weight. Exceptions include trucks and older multipurpose vehicles as discussed below.

Once a motor vehicle is more than five model years old, the annual fee is reduced. Section 321.113, Code of Iowa, establishes the following reduced fee schedule:

- More than five model years old: 75.0% of the rate when the motor vehicle was new (i.e., 75.0% of 1.0%), plus 40 cents per 100 pounds.
- More than six model years old: 50.0% of the rate when the motor vehicle was new, plus 40 cents per 100 pounds.
- If a model year 1994 or newer motor vehicle is nine model years old or older, the annual fee is \$35.
- Model year 1993 or older:
 - If the vehicle has been titled in the same person's name since it was new, or the title to the vehicle was transferred prior to January 1, 2002, the annual fee is 10.0% of the rate when the vehicle was new, plus 40 cents per 100 pounds.

- If a 1993 model year or older motor vehicle is transferred to a new owner, or if the vehicle is brought into the State on or after January 1, 2002, the registration fee is not based on weight and value, but is a flat fee as follows:
 - Model years 1990 – 1993: \$27
 - Model years 1970 – 1989: \$23
 - Model years 1969 or older: \$16

The following chart shows the estimated total number of motor vehicles registered in Iowa as of August 2007 and the annual registration fee by age. The annual fee for vehicles that are new to eight years of age is based on weight and value, with the value reduced beginning at age six. The numbers do not include multipurpose vehicles.

Motor Vehicles				
Model Year	Vehicle Age	Annual Fee	Est. Number Registered (as of Aug. 2007)	
			No.	%
1969 & Older	39 & Older	\$16	59,400	3.8%
1989 - 1970	19 - 38	\$23	213,400	13.7%
1992 - 1990	16 - 18	\$27	146,600	9.4%
1993	15	\$27 or Weight & Value	62,700	4.0%
1999 - 1994	9 - 14	\$35	495,800	31.8%
2008 - 2000	New - 8	Varies	583,500	37.4%
Total			1,561,400	100.0%

Multipurpose Vehicles

Section 321.124, Code of Iowa, establishes annual registration fees ranging from \$55 to \$200 for model year 1992 and older multipurpose vehicles (sport utility vehicles and small vans). Due to the number of years that have passed since the fees were enacted, the \$55 fee is the only fee currently applicable.

In general, as motor vehicles age, the annual registration fee decreases. The exception is 1992 and older multipurpose vehicles. Prior to 1992, the annual registration fee for all multipurpose vehicles was a flat fee of \$75 through five model years old, and \$55 for each succeeding registration. Legislation enacted in 1992 changed the flat fees for 1993 and newer multipurpose vehicles to a fee based on the same weight and value as motor vehicles. The legislation also revised the flat fees for 1992 and older multipurpose vehicles to the fee schedule established in Section 321.124, Code of Iowa.

While the current annual fee for 1992 and older multipurpose vehicles is \$55, the fee for 1993 multipurpose vehicles is either \$27, or a fee based on 10.0% of the rate when the motor vehicle was new, plus 40 cents per 100 pounds. The fee may be more or less than \$27, depending on the vehicle's value. Thus, the annual fee for a 1992 and older multipurpose vehicle may be more than the annual fee for a newer model year multipurpose vehicle.

The following chart shows the estimated total number of multipurpose vehicles registered in Iowa as of August 2007 and the annual registration fee by age.

Multipurpose Vehicles				
Model Year	Vehicle Age	Annual Fee	Est. Number Registered (as of Aug. 2007)	
			No.	%
1992 & Older	16 & Older	\$55	84,600	12.1%
1993	15	\$27 or Weight & Value	20,100	2.9%
1999 - 1994	9 - 14	\$35	210,000	30.1%
2008 - 2000	New - 8	Varies	383,400	54.9%
Total			698,100	100.0%

Trucks

Section 321.122, Code of Iowa, establishes the annual registration fees for most trucks as a flat fee based on the gross weight equal to or in excess of the unladen weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles. Vehicles that weigh three tons or less are subject to a reduced fee based on the vehicle's age. These fees range from \$65 to \$35. The annual fee for trucks weighing more than three tons are established in Section 321.122, Code of Iowa, and are shown in **Attachment A**.

Although the Code of Iowa does not define "pickup trucks," in general, three-ton, four-ton, and five-ton motor trucks are considered pickup trucks. There are an estimated 837,400 pickup trucks registered in Iowa. Of this total, an estimated 776,300 (92.7%) weigh three tons, 40,500 (4.8%) weigh four tons, and 20,600 (2.5%) weigh five tons. The annual fees for four-ton and five-ton pickup trucks, regardless of age, are \$80 and \$90 respectively.

The following chart shows the number of three-ton pickup trucks registered in Iowa as of August 2007 and the annual registration fee by age.

Three-Ton Pickup Trucks				
Model Year	Vehicle Age	Annual Fee	Est. Number Registered (as of Aug. 2007)	
			No.	%
1992 & Older	16 & Older	\$35	282,100	36.3%
1994 - 1993	14 - 15	\$45	60,500	7.8%
1997 - 1995	11 - 13	\$55	102,200	13.2%
2008 - 1998	New - 10	\$65	331,500	42.7%
Total			776,300	100.0%

Special Trucks for Farm Use

Section 321.121, Code of Iowa, establishes the annual registration fees for special trucks for farm use. The annual fees are based on gross weight beginning at \$80 for a six-ton truck, and are about half of those charged for nonspecial trucks of the same gross weight. There are an estimated 32,900 special trucks registered in Iowa. **Attachment B** shows the annual registration fees by tonnage.

Miscellaneous Fees

Attachment C details the annual registration fees for other motor vehicles, including motor homes and motorcycles, in addition to fees for titles, dealer licenses, manufacturer licenses, and miscellaneous fees.

BUDGET IMPACT

A total of \$403.3 million was collected from vehicle registration and title fees and deposited in the Road Use Tax Fund in FY 2007. Of this total, \$65.3 million was collected from truck registration and title fees, and \$338.0 from the remaining vehicles.

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**Truck Tractors, Road Tractors, and Motor Trucks
Annual Registration Fees**

Tonnage (Not to Exceed)	Fee
4	\$ 80
5	90
6	105
7	130
8	165
9	200
10	235
11	270
12	305
13	340
14	375
15	445
16	485
17	525
18	565
19	610
20	675
21	715
22	755
23	795
24	835
25	965
26	1,010
27	1,060
28	1,105
29	1,150
30	1,200
31	1,245
32	1,295
33	1,340
34	1,415
35	1,465
36	1,510
37	1,555
38	1,605
39	1,650
40	1,695

Note: For a combined gross weight exceeding 40 tons, the annual fee is \$1,695, plus \$80 for each ton over 40 tons.

Source: Section 321.122, Code of Iowa; Department of Transportation

**Special Trucks for Farm Use
Annual Registration Fees**

Tonnage	Fee	Explanation of Fees in Excess of a Certain Weight
6	\$ 80	
7	100	
8	120	
9	135	
10	150	For a gross weight of more than eight tons, the fee is \$120, in addition to \$15 for each ton over eight tons, not exceeding 18 tons.
11	165	
12	180	
13	195	
14	210	
15	225	
16	240	
17	255	
18	270	
19	325	For a gross weight exceeding 18 tons but not exceeding 19 tons, the fee is \$325.
20	375	For a gross weight exceeding 19 tons but not exceeding 20 tons, the fee is \$375.
21	400	For a gross weight exceeding 20 tons, the additional fee is \$25 for each ton over 20 tons, not exceeding 32 tons.
22	425	
23	450	
24	475	
25	500	
26	525	
27	550	
28	575	
29	600	
30	625	
31	650	
32	675	

Source: Section 321.121, Code of Iowa; Department of Transportation

Miscellaneous Fees and Registrations

Fee/Registration Type	Fee
Title Fee	\$ 10.00
Salvage Title Fee	2.00
Lien Fee	10.00
County In-Transit Registration - New Vehicle	10.00
County In-Transit Registration - Used Vehicle	3.00
County In-Transit Registration - One-Time Registration	25.00
Registration Applied-For Card (Temporary Registration in Lieu of Plates)	Free
Class A Motor Homes - \$80,000 or More (New - 5 Years Old)	400.00
Class A Motor Homes - \$80,000 or More (More Than 6 Years Old)	300.00
Class A Motor Homes - \$40,000 - \$80,000 (New - 5 Years Old)	200.00
Class A Motor Homes - \$40,000 - \$80,000 (More Than 6 Years Old)	150.00
Class A Motor Homes - \$20,000 - \$40,000 (New - 5 Years Old)	140.00
Class A Motor Homes - \$20,000 - \$40,000 (More Than 6 Years Old)	105.00
Class A Motor Homes - \$20,000 or Less (New - 5 Years Old)	120.00
Class A Motor Homes - \$20,000 or Less (More Than 6 Years Old)	85.00
Class B Motor Homes (New - 5 Years Old)	90.00
Class B Motor Homes (More Than 6 Years Old)	65.00
Class C Motor Homes (New - 5 Years Old)	110.00
Class C Motor Homes (More Than 6 Years Old)	80.00
Motorcycles (New - 5 Years Old)	20.00
Motorcycles (6 Years of Age and Older)	10.00
Trailer Fee	10.00
Travel Trailers (Assuming 160 Sq. Ft. Average)	20 cents per sq. ft.
Dealer/Transporter/Limited Use Registration Fee	70.00
Dealer Plate Fee	40.00
Dealer License Fee	70.00
Fair Permit Fee	10.00
Dealer Extension Lot	20.00
Recycler License	70.00
Manufacturer License	70.00
Distributor	40.00
Dealer In-Transit Card	2.00
\$5 Special Plate Renewal Fees	5.00
\$15 Special Plate Renewal Fees	15.00
Trusted Party Agreement (TPA) Web Access	Free

Source: Chapters 321 and 322, Code of Iowa; Department of Transportation