

ATV/ORV/ORM/SNOWMOBILE Registrations

ATVs & snowmobiles are renewed annually, and registrations are valid January 1 – December 31. Renewals can be made September 1 – December 31 for the following year. ATVs registered since January 2000 and snowmobiles registered since January 1998 must have a title.

A \$5.00 penalty is applied to renew an expired registration.

When transferring ownership of an ATV or snowmobile, a registration certificate, a bill of sale and the title, if indicated, are needed.

Fees

New Owner	\$18.50
Renewal	\$18.50
Duplicate Title	\$13.50
Duplicate Registration	\$8.50
Duplicate Decal	\$8.50
Title	\$13.50
Lien	\$13.50

6%-%7 Sales Tax may apply if not paid at time of purchase

An [Iowa Sale Tax Exemption Form](#) may be completed if the use of the vehicle qualifies to be tax exempt.

* Effective July 1, 2007, change of ownership can be made with an expired registration form and a \$5.00 penalty fee will be applied. Change of ownership not made within 30 days from the sale date will be charged a \$5.00 penalty, in addition to the normal fees.

Application for registration, title, and security interest

Print, complete, and mail or deliver form to Records Office. Call the Marshall County Recorder's Office at 641-754-6323 for the correct fee. Payment may be made by cash, check or money order made out to the Marshall County Recorder. Debit/Credit payments are acceptable *in office only* with an additional service fee applied. ***If mailed, you will need to add \$2.00 per item requested for postage.***

Visit the [Iowa Department of Natural Resources](#) website regarding decal placement, lettering requirements, boating regulations, etc. by clicking on the icon at left.

Additional Information

[Registering your OHV](#)

[Bonding Process](#)

[Affidavit For Unregistered or Untitled Vehicle](#)

[Off-Highway Vehicle Reference Guide](#)

[Snowmobile Reference Guide](#)

BOAT Registrations

Boat registrations expire on April 30, every three years beginning 2007.

Boat fees are based on the type and length of the boat. All boats over 17' in length (except canoes and kayaks) require a title. And all boats with a lien must be titled.

A \$5.00 penalty is applied to renew an expired registration.

When transferring a boat, a current or expired registration, a bill of sale and a title, if indicated, are needed.

Boat Titles

The fee for boat titles is \$13.50 each, plus \$13.50 with a lien.

Boat Registrations

Transfer Fee: \$4.50

Duplicate Fee: \$4.50

Duplicate Title: \$13.50

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES BOAT REGISTRATION FEES

LINE	TYPE OF TRANSACTION	Cost Fees 01/01/2025 to 04/30/2026	Cost Fees 05/01/2026 to 04/30/2027	Cost Fees 05/01/2027 to 12/31/2027
1	New Boat or Reactivate- Documented Vessel	\$30.65	\$22.25	\$13.95
2	Renew Registration- Documented Vessel	\$30.65	\$30.65	\$30.65
3	New Boat or Reactivate- All personal watercraft	\$50.65	\$35.65	\$20.65
4	Renew Registration- All Personal Watercraft	\$50.65	\$50.65	\$50.65
5	New Boat or Reactivate- Any length without motor or sail	\$17.65	\$13.65	\$9.65
6	Renew Registration- Any length, without motor or sail	\$17.65	\$17.65	\$17.65
7	New Boat or Reactivate- Less than 16 ft (Motor/Sail)	\$28.15	\$20.65	\$13.15
8	Renew Registration- Less than 16 ft (Motor/Sail)	\$28.15	\$28.15	\$28.15
9	New Boat or Reactivate- 16 ft to under 26 ft (Motor/Sail)	\$41.65	\$29.65	\$17.65
10	Renew Registration- 16 ft to under 26 ft (Motor/Sail)	\$41.65	\$41.65	\$41.65
11	New Boat or Reactivate- 26 ft to under 40ft (Motor/Sail)	\$80.65	\$55.65	\$30.65
12	Renew Registration- 26 ft to under 40ft (Motor/Sail)	\$80.65	\$80.65	\$80.65
13	New Boat or Reactivate- 40ft and over (Motor/Sail)	\$155.65	\$105.65	\$55.65
14	Renew Registration- 40 ft and over (Motor/Sail)	\$155.65	\$155.65	\$155.65
15	Boat Title	\$13.50	\$13.50	\$13.50
16	Boat Lien	\$13.50	\$13.50	\$13.50

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All boats 17ft or longer and any boat that carries a lien, needs to be titled. The exceptions are Canoes, Kayaks, and Inflatable vessels regardless of length.

Effective July 1, 2005 & July 1, 2009 per the Iowa Department of Revenue:

- Sales of vessels and vehicles in Iowa are subject to the state sales tax of 6% plus local option taxes, if any. This applies to sales by individuals, as well as dealers.
- Anyone purchasing a vessel or vehicle from an individual should obtain a receipt that shows the cost of the boat. The buyer will then pay the sales tax on the cost of the boat, ATV, ORV, or snowmobile to the County Recorder.
- If a trailer is purchased with the vessel or vehicle the 5% motor vehicle use tax is paid to the County Treasurer.

NOTE: Effective July 1, 2007, transfers can be made with current or expired registrations.

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[Boating Laws & Regulations](#)

VEHICLE TYPE	DNR Registration (RECORDER)	DNR Title (RECORDER)	DOT Registration (TREASURER)	DOT Title (TREASURER)	State of Iowa - Riding on Secondary Roads
ATV/ORV (All Terrain Vehicle & Off Road Vehicle)	Yearly. Registrations Expire December 31st	Titled when initially registered.	N/A (DNR ONLY)	N/A (DNR ONLY)	ATVs & ORVs may ride if registered. 35 MPH Max. Must follow House File 2130 relating to ATVs & ORVs operating on roadways.
*ATV/ORV operators 12-17 years old are required to have taken, and passed, an ATV education course and have certificate with them to ride on public ground, public ice and riding areas. (NOT ON ROADS)					*Must be 18+ years old w/valid driver's license & insurance.
Snowmobile/Trail Permit	Yearly. Registrations Expire December 31st.	Titled when initially registered.	N/A (DNR ONLY)	N/A (DNR ONLY)	Not allowed on roadway portion of highway, shoulder or 5' either side of roadway. May be used on county roadways that have not been plowed during snow season or in emergency when travel is impractical.
*Age 12-17 are required to have taken, and passed, a snowmobile education course and have a certificate with them. Under 12 years old, education certificate not needed. Under age 16 may operate their own snowmobile under direct supervision of an adult. Anyone who has had their motor vehicle privileges barred or revoked cannot operate a snowmobile. If their motor vehicle privilege is suspended, they cannot operate on a highway, but may ride on designated snowmobile trails or public ice.					
Antique Snowmobile	One Time Registration- No Expiration. Special Decals Issued. Machines 1984 or Older. Only Bill of Sale needed to register.	Titled when initially registered.	N/A (DNR ONLY)	N/A (DNR ONLY)	Not allowed on roadway portion of highway, shoulder or 5' either side of roadway. May be used on county roadways that have not been plowed during snow season or in emergency when travel is impractical.
*Age 12-17 are required to have taken, and passed, a snowmobile education course and have a certificate with them. Under 12 years old, education certificate not needed. Under age 16 may operate their own snowmobile under direct supervision of an adult. Anyone who has had their motor vehicle privileges barred or revoked cannot operate a snowmobile. If their motor vehicle privilege is suspended, they cannot operate on a highway, but may ride on designated snowmobile trails or public ice.					
ORM (Off Road Motorcycle)	Yearly. Registrations Expire December 31st	Titled when initially registered.	Some may be DUAL registered for On and Off Road use. Register with the Treasurer 1st and then present DOT Title to Recorder to register for off road. (Dual- Recorder & Treasurer yearly.)	Some may be DUAL registered for On and Off Road use. Register with the Treasurer 1st and then present DOT Title to Recorder to register for off road. (Treasurer Title- DNR Registration only.)	ORMs (Off Road Motorcycles) MUST be DOT registered to be able to ride on roads in the state of Iowa. House File 2130 does not allow 2 wheeled vehicles to ride with DNR registration.
*Under 12 years old must be under the direct supervision of a parent/guardian at least 18 years old, experienced in ORM operation and who possess a valid driver's license (DNR). (NOT ON ROADS)					ORMs on the road must follow DOT rules and regulations pertaining to age and licensing
Standard Golf Cart	Yearly. Registrations Expire December 31st. NEW registrations designated Golf Cart on MSO not allowed per DNR 10/23/24.	Titled when initially registered.	N/A (DNR ONLY)	N/A (DNR ONLY)	Must follow House File 2130 relating to ATVs & ORVs operating on roadways. 35 MPH Max. May have DOT or City restrictions for riding on roads/streets.
*Golf Cart operators 12-17 years old are required to have taken, and passed, an ATV education course and have certificate with them to ride on public ground and riding areas. (NOT ON ROADS)					*Must be 18+ years old w/valid driver's license & insurance.
New Golf Cart (LSV) - Low Speed Vehicle	N/A (DOT ONLY)	N/A (DOT ONLY)	Yearly.	Titled when initially registered.	Low Speed Vehicle (LSV) Golf Carts (street legal) must be DOT registered to ride on roads and follow DOT rules and regulations for operation. Cannot be DNR registered or operated on DNR & Public Grounds.
SPECIAL RULES MAY APPLY TO PARKS AND DNR DESIGNED OHV PARKS FOR ATV/OHV AND ORM VEHICLES AND OPERATORS- PLEASE CHECK SPECIFIC PARK RULES (2/26/25)					