

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE AND VESSEL REGISTRATION SYSTEM (RVVRS)

The annual renewal period for off-highway vehicles begins September 1st. This year will be the first time that vehicles are registered and renewed through RVVRS. The new system requires additional information than the prior electronic registration system and requires that vehicles be entered into RVVRS at a County Recorder Office, similar to how vehicles were entered into ELSI in 2007-2008. ORMs will be no longer be registered as ATVs and will have their own designation.

To make this transition as easy as possible, please bring the following information with you when you come in to renew your registration:

1. The most current registration for your vehicle.
2. Make, model, and model year of your vehicle.
3. Vehicle Identification number (VIN).
4. Color of vehicle.
5. Weight and engine displacement (CCs).
6. Number of wheels.

CHANGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

IDNR User Permits

Starting 7/1/2012 all snowmobiles operated on public land and ice in the State of Iowa must display an IDNR User Permit in addition to the registration decal issued from Iowa or another state. The requirement to display an IDNR User Permit only applies to ATVs, ORMs, and ORVs registered in another state. An IDNR User Permit purchased prior to July 1, 2012, with an expiration date of December 31, 2012, will remain in effect. An IDNR User Permit purchased starting September 1, 2012, will be effective until December 31, 2013.

An IDNR User Permit can be purchased at any ELSI agent location. It is issued to a person and not to a specific vehicle, but the permit must be affixed to a machine for it to be valid.

Off-road Utility Vehicles

Starting 7/1/2012 ORVs will be required to be registered and titled in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 321I. Please contact your local County Recorder for more information.

Proof of Insurance

Iowa Code § 321.20B provides that a person shall not drive a motor vehicle on the highways of this state unless financial liability coverage is in effect for the motor vehicle and the driver has in the motor vehicle the proof of financial liability coverage card issued for the motor vehicle. The exception for OHVs was rescinded effective July 1, 2012. Please see Iowa Code § 321.20B for more details.