Iowa Driver’s License and ID Card Information

Iowa joined the Records and Information from DMVs for E-Verify (RIDE) program in September 2013 for driver’s licenses and ID cards. When an employee presents an Iowa driver’s license or ID card as his or her List B document for Form I-9, E-Verify will prompt you to enter the document information and will verify it against Iowa records.

- Select “Driver’s license” as the document name in E-Verify for any Iowa document called an Instruction Permit, Intermediate Driver License, Commercial Driver License, or Driver License.

- Select “ID card” as the document name in E-Verify for any Iowa document called an Identification Card.

- Iowa issues horizontal driver’s licenses and ID cards for individuals age 21 and over and issues vertical driver’s licenses and ID cards for individuals under age 21.

- Iowa may issue a temporary paper driver’s license or ID card that contains a photo, which is a valid List B document for Form I-9.

- Iowa driver’s licenses and ID cards contain document numbers (circled) that are nine alphanumeric characters (letters and numbers). All Iowa driver’s licenses include expiration dates, but some ID cards issued before January 1, 2013, do not include expiration dates.

- Iowa began issuing driver’s licenses and ID cards with the current design in April 2010. Driver’s licenses and ID cards featuring the previous design are valid until their expiration dates.

- For more information and additional examples of Iowa driver’s licenses and ID cards, consult the Iowa Driver’s Licenses and Identification Cards brochure published by the Iowa Department of Transportation.