

IOWA WINDOW TINTING STANDARDS

The windshield and front passenger/driver windows are required to admit no less than 70% of the light

The rear window and rear passenger windows can have any amount of tint



Iowa law prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle that is equipped with a front windshield or a side window to the immediate right or left of the driver (front side window) which does not meet a standard of transparency of 70% light transmittance. Effective July 4, 2012, no exemption may be granted from the 70% standard.

Medical exemptions signed by a physician, chiropractor, or optometrist prior to July 4, 2012, remain valid subject to the following conditions: A motor vehicle fitted with a front windshield or a front side window with less than 70 percent but not less than 35 percent light transmittance before July 4, 2012, may continue to be operated with a front windshield or a front side window with less than 70 percent but not less than 35 percent light transmittance on or after July 4, 2012, so long as the vehicle continues to be used for the transport of a passenger or operator who obtained Form 432020, which documented a medical need for such reduced transparency, and was signed by the person's physician before July 4, 2012. Form 432020 must be carried at all times in the vehicle to which the exemption applies. At such time as the vehicle is no longer used for the transport of the passenger or operator who is the subject of Form 432020, the exemption expires and may not be renewed. The owner of the vehicle to which the exemption applied must return the vehicle to conformance with the minimum standard of transparency within 60 days of expiration of the exemption.

Window Tint FAQs

Question: I was recently diagnosed with a light sensitive condition. Can I obtain a medical exemption from the 70% standard?

Answer: Medical exemptions may not be granted after July 4, 2012.

Question: I have a letter signed by my doctor prior to July 4, 2012, indicating a medical necessity for darkened windows. Will law enforcement recognize this letter?

Answer: No. Your tinted windows may admit as little as 35% of the light but only if they were darkened for medical reasons prior to July 4, 2012, and DOT form #432020, signed by your physician prior to July 4, 2012, is carried in the vehicle to which the exemption applies.

Question: I lost my medical exemption form #432020 which was signed prior to July 4, 2012, and was for my vehicle which was equipped with darkened windows prior to July 4, 2012. Can I obtain a replacement?

Answer: Yes. The Office of Vehicle and Motor Carrier Services will provide replacement forms to your physician, chiropractor, or optometrist upon request.