

RESTART AND STAR Class Information

MILLS County has partnered with Iowa Western Community College (IWCC) and Nebraska Safety Council (NSC) to provide four-hour and eight-hour courses that can be completed to dismiss your traffic violation if you meet certain eligibility criteria. No certificates from defensive driving courses provided by other organizations will be recognized for this program.

Eligibility for this program must be determined by the Mills County Attorney's Office **prior** to taking the class. Please complete the application attached

If the County Attorney accepts your application for RESTART or STAR Class, then you will be assigned a month in which to complete the class. The class must be completed during that month.

Other Iowa counties participate in the RESTART Class; however, eligibility criteria are up to each individual county and varies across counties. Please review the eligibility criteria for the county in which you received the traffic citation.

Eligibility

In Mills County, you are not eligible for RESTART or STAR Class if:

1. You have taken a RESTART OR STAR class within the last three years from the date of the citation.
2. You have a Commercial Driver's License, even if the violation happened in a personal or private vehicle.

You *may* not be eligible, but may still apply for RESTART OR STAR Class if:

1. Your violation is not included in the list below.
2. There are unique circumstances of your violation (example: an injury accident)
3. NOTE: The County attorney has complete discretion on eligibility.

RESTART Four-hour Course Eligible Violations

Iowa Code	Violation
321.285	Speeding (1-14 over)^
321.285	Speeding (Construction Zone 1-10 mph over limit)^
321.285	Speeding (School Zone 1-10 mph over limit)^
321.256	Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device
321.322(1)	Failure to Obey Stop Sign/Yield Right-of-Way
321.307	Following Too Close
321.445	Failure to Use Seat Belts - Adult
321.297	Drive on Wrong Side of Two-Way Highway
321.277A	Careless Driving
321.276	Use of Electronic Communication Device while Driving

STAR Eight-hour Course Eligible Violations

Iowa Code	Violation
321.288(1)	Failure to Maintain Control
321.340	Drive In or Through Safety Zone
321.322(1)	Failure to Obey Stop Sign/Yield Right-of-Way
321.277	Reckless Driving
321.285	Speeding (15-24 mph over limit)
321.285	Speeding (Construction Zone 10+ mph over limit)^
321.285	Speeding (School Zone 10+ mph over limit)^

^ Eligibility for speed-based violations are based on the **clocked speed**, if noted on your citation, not the ticketed speed. For example, if you are pulled over in a 55-mph zone and an officer clocked your vehicle at 78 mph, you may qualify for the eight-hour class, not the four-hour class, even if the ticket was written for 70 mph in a 55-mph zone. The clocked speed in this example is 78 and the ticketed speed is 70. Your clocked speed is what is considered.

Certain violations may be a part of a limited special operation conducted by law enforcement and may be ineligible.

Court Costs

Iowa Western Community College and Nebraska Safety Council will pay your court costs from your registration fee, but it is ultimately your own responsibility to ensure that court costs are paid on time. Delinquent court costs may result in license suspension or other penalties.

RESTART Class Application

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Full name:

Mailing Address:

Date of Birth:

Date of Citation:

Email:

I certify that my information above is true and accurate. I understand that, if my application is accepted, I will be entering into a plea agreement with the State of Iowa in which my traffic citation will be dismissed in exchange for class completion. I understand that by entering into a plea agreement, I am waiving important rights including, but not limited to, a right to trial, and a right to confront witnesses. I understand that the court may not accept this plea agreement. I understand that applications are accepted subject to the discretion of the County Attorney and may be rejected for any reason. I understand further that it is my responsibility to ensure that the appropriate course is completed in a timely manner, that the certificate of completion is either filed with the Mills County Clerk of Court or sent to the Mills County Attorney before 7 days prior to my court date, and that my court costs are paid in full within 30 days of disposition or I will be subject to penalties including license suspension. I understand that continuances or other time extensions in this matter may not be accepted by the court or agreed to by the Mills County Attorney.

Date

Signature

Printed Name