

Chapter 8

**State Licensing  
Requirements and  
Reporting Laws**

Each state has its own licensing and license renewal criteria for drivers of private motor vehicles. In addition, certain states require physicians to report unsafe drivers or drivers with specific medical conditions to the driver licensing agency.

This chapter contains licensing agency contact information, license requirements and renewal criteria, reporting procedures, and Medical Advisory Board information listed by state. These materials are provided to physicians as a reference to aid them in discharging their legal responsibilities. The information in this chapter should not be construed as legal advice nor used to resolve legal problems. If legal advice is required, physicians should consult an attorney who is licensed to practice in their state.

Information for this chapter was primarily obtained from each state's driver licensing agency and reflects the most current information at the time of publication. Please note that this information is subject to change.

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# Alabama

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Alabama Department of Public Safety Driver License Division PO Box 1471 Montgomery, AL 36102-1471 www.dps.state.al.us	334 242-4239
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/60 in best eye with or without corrective lenses
<b>Visual fields</b>	Are bioptic telescopes allowed?.....No Minimum field requirement .....110° both eyes Visual field testing device.....Keystone view
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	For new and professional drivers only
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Available

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation.....4 years Renewal options and conditions.....In-person Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....No Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	No special requirements for age.

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physician reporting is encouraged.
<b>Immunity</b>	Available
<b>Legal protection</b>	Available
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Driver notified in writing of referral. For diabetes, seizures, and convulsions, a form is sent to be completed by patient's doctor.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, police, other DMVs, family members, and anyone who completes and signs the appropriate forms.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not anonymous or confidential. The client may request a copy of his/her medical records by completing the necessary forms, having them notarized, and paying the proper fee for copying these records.

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The MAB assists the Director for Public Safety with the medical aspects of driver licensing. It consists of at least 18 members, with the chairman elected on an annual basis.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	The MAB assists the Medical Unit, which may be reached at 334 242-4239.

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# Alaska

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles 3300 B Fairbanks Street Anchorage, AK 99503 www.state.ak.us/dmv	907 269-5551
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/100 needs report from eye specialist. License request determined by discretion.  Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Only under certain conditions (specifically recommended by physician) with regards to lighting conditions and number of miles to and from specific locations. Physicians must submit a letter stating “with the bioptic telescopes this patient can safely operate a motor vehicle without endangering the public under the following conditions: _____”
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....None
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Available

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....5 years Renewal options and conditions .....Mail-in every other cycle Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....Yes, at in-person renewal Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	No renewal by mail for drivers aged 69+.

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	None. However, a licensee should self-report medical conditions that cause loss of consciousness to the DMV.
<b>Immunity</b>	None
<b>Legal protection</b>	N/A
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	All medical information submitted to the DMV is reviewed by Department of Public Safety personnel.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Law enforcement officers, other DMVs, and family members may submit information.
<b>Anonymity</b>	N/A

## Medical Advisory Board

<b>Role of the MAB</b>	Alaska does not retain a medical advisory board.
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# Arizona

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division PO Box 2100 Phoenix, AZ 85001-2100 <a href="http://www.dot.state.az.us/mvd/mvd.htm">www.dot.state.az.us/mvd/mvd.htm</a>	800 251-5866
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/60 in best eye restricted to daytime only
<b>Visual fields</b>	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....No Minimum field requirement .....70° E, 35° N Visual field testing device.....Keystone view
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	For commercial drivers only
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Daylight-only licenses available

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....12 years Renewal options and conditions .....N/A Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....Yes Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....If recommended by the Medical Review Program.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	At age 65, reduction of cycle to 5 years. No renewal by mail after age 70.

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Yes (not specified)
<b>Immunity</b>	Available
<b>Legal protection</b>	Reporting immunity is granted.
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	The DMV follows physician recommendations.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, police, other DMVs, family members' and other sources.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Available

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The Medical Review Program staff reviews reports to determine if a licensee requires a re-examination of driving skills, written testing, or medical/psychological evaluation.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	Arizona Department of Transportation Medical Review Program Mail Drop 818Z PO Box 2100 Phoenix, AZ 85001 623 925-5795 623 925 9323 fax

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# Arkansas

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Arkansas Office of Motor Vehicles PO Box 3153 Little Rock, AR 72203 <a href="http://www.state.ar.us/dfa/odd/motor_vehicle.html">www.state.ar.us/dfa/odd/motor_vehicle.html</a>	501 682-1631
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each/both eyes without correction .....20/40 Each/both eyes with correction .....20/50 If one eye blind—other without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with correction .....20/50 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/40 in better eye for unrestricted license; 20/60 for restricted license Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes, under certain circumstances: 20/50 through telescope, 20/50 through carrier, minimum field of vision 105°
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....105° both eyes Visual field testing device .....Optec screening machine
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Type of road test</b>	Standardized
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Daylight only licenses available at physicians' recommendation (licensee must meet minimum visual requirements).

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....4 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person, by mail only if out of state Vision testing required at time of renewal? .....Yes Written test required? .....No Road test required? .....No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physician reporting is encouraged.
<b>Immunity</b>	None
<b>Legal protection</b>	None
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Medical information is reviewed by the director of Driver Control. An appointment is scheduled within 2 weeks of receipt. At that time, a medical form is given to the licensee for completion by a physician. If the medical exam is favorable, a road test is given.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, police, other DMVs, and family members.
<b>Anonymity</b>	N/A

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	Arkansas does not have a medical advisory board. However, unsafe drivers may be referred to Driver Control at: Arkansas Driver Control Hearing Officer Room 1070 1910 West 7th Little Rock, AR 72203 501 682-1631
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# California

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	California Department of Motor Vehicles 2415 First Avenue, Mail Station C152 Sacramento, CA 95818-2698 www.dmv.ca.gov	916 657-6550
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with correction .....	Screening standard: One eye 20/70 if other is 20/40. Failure to meet standard results in referral to vision specialist and possible road test.
	Both eyes with correction.....	20/40 (also a screening standard)
	If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....	20/40 (with road test given unless it is a stable, long-standing condition)
	Absolute visual acuity minimum .....	Better than 20/200, best corrected, in at least one eye. Cannot use bioptic telescopes to meet standard.
	Are bioptic telescopes allowed?.....	Yes, for daylight driving only.
	Minimum field requirement .....	None
<b>Visual fields</b>		
<b>Color vision requirement</b>		
<b>Type of road test</b>	The Driving Performance Evaluation (DPE) is administered for original licensing and for some experienced impaired drivers (eg, drivers with vision problems). For other experienced impaired drivers (eg, drivers with cognitive deficits), the Supplemental Driving Performance Evaluation (SDPE) is administered.	
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	A variety of restrictions are available—most commonly for corrective lens wearers.	

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....	5 years
	Renewal options and conditions .....	In-person or (if applicant qualifies) mail renewal for no more than 2 license terms in sequence.
	Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....	Yes, at in-person renewal
	Written test required?.....	Yes, at in-person renewal
	Road test required?.....	Only if there is significant evidence of driving impairment.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	No renewal by mail at age 70 and older.	

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physicians are required to report all patients diagnosed with ‘disorders characterized by lapses of consciousness.’ The law specifies that this definition includes Alzheimer’s disease ‘and those related disorders that are severe enough to be likely to impair a person’s ability to operate a motor vehicle.’ Physicians are not required to report unsafe drivers. However, they are authorized to report, given their good faith judgment that it is in the public’s interest.
<b>Immunity</b>	Yes, if the condition is required to be reported. (A physician who has failed to report such a patient may be held liable for damages.) If the condition is not required to be reported, there is no immunity from liability.

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<b>Legal protection DMV follow-up</b>	Only if the condition is required by law to be reported. The medical information obtained from the physician is reviewed by DMV hearing officers within the Driver Safety Branch. The driver is reexamined; at the conclusion of the process, the DMV may take no action, impose restrictions, limit license term, order periodic reexaminations, or suspend or revoke the driver's license.
<b>Other reporting</b>	The DMV will accept information from the driver him or herself, courts, police, other DMVs, family members, and virtually any other source.
<b>Anonymity</b>	If so requested, the name of the reporter will not be divulged (unless a court order mandates disclosure).

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## **Medical Advisory Board**

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The MAB gathers specialists for panels on special driving related topics (eg, vision). These panels develop policy recommendations for the DMV regarding drivers with a particular type of impairment. No recommendations are made regarding individuals as such.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	The MAB no longer meets as a group. For further information regarding the role of the MAB, contact: Post Licensing Policy California Department of Motor Vehicles 2415 First Avenue, Mail Station C163 Sacramento, CA 95818-2698 916 657-5691

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# Colorado

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles Driver License Administration 1881 Pierce Street, Room 136 Lakewood, CO 80214 www.mv.state.co.us/mv.html	303 205-5646
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40*
	Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40
	If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40
	Absolute visual acuity minimum .....No absolute minimum acuity. The DMV will license any individual whom a physician/optometrist feels is not a danger.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	Minimum field requirement .....None**
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	None**
	Available based on doctor’s recommendations

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....10 years
	Renewal options and conditions .....If eligible, mail-in every other cycle
	Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....Yes, at in-person renewal
	Written test required?.....Only if point accumulation results in suspension
	Road test required?.....No, unless condition has developed since last renewal that warrants road test.
<b>Age-based license procedures</b>	At age 61, renewal period is reduced to every 5 years; no renewal by mail at age 66+.

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Drivers should self-report medical conditions that may cause a lapse of consciousness, seizures, etc. Physicians are encouraged but not required to report patients who have a medical condition that may affect their ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.
<b>Immunity</b>	N/A
<b>Legal protection</b>	No civil or criminal action may be brought against a physician or optometrist licensed to practice in Colorado for providing a written medical or optometric opinion.
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	The driver is notified in writing of the referral and undergoes a re-examination. Medical clearance may be required from a physician, and restrictions may be added to the license.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, police, other DMVs, and family members.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not anonymous or confidential

## Medical Advisory Board

<b>Role of the MAB</b>	Colorado does not currently retain a medical advisory board.
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\* Unless the customer is blind in one eye, individual eye acuity is not normally tested nor is there an individual eye minimum acuity requirement. The DMV is concerned with the acuity of both eyes together, unless the applicant is applying for a Commercial Driver’s License.

\*\* Based on discussions with ophthalmologists and optometrists, the DMV does not currently test peripheral vision or color vision as accommodations can be made for these deficiencies. However, testing is performed for phoria.

# Connecticut

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles 60 State Street Wethersfield, CT 06161-2510 www.dmvct.org	860 263-5700 <i>(within Hartford or outside CT)</i> 860 842-8222 <i>(elsewhere in CT)</i>
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/70 in better eye for restricted license; some circumstances allow for restricted license at 20/200
<b>Visual fields</b>	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....No Minimum field requirement .....100° monocular; 140° binocular Visual field testing device .....Optec 1000
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None (only for commercial drivers)
<b>Type of road test</b>	The general on-the-road skills test is conducted by a DMV instructor or licensing agent. The test for a ‘graduated license’ is conducted by off-site staff who make an appointment with the applicant at his/her residence and conduct the test in a state-owned, dual control vehicle. Applicants with specific needs are trained/tested by a Handicapped Driver Training Unit certified driving instructor.
<b>Restricted license</b>	Graduated license considerations include the applicant's health problem/condition, accident record, and driving history. Restrictions include: daylight only, corrective lenses required, no highway driving, automatic transmission only, external mirrors required, special controls or equipment, and hearing aid required.

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....6 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person at DMV full-service branch, mobile unit scheduled locations, satellite offices, license renewal centers, and authorized AAA offices.  Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....No Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....Only for new applicants and for these applicants whose license has been expired for two or more years.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	Applicants age 65+ may renew for 2 years. Applicants age 65+ may renew by mail only upon submission of a written application showing hardship which shall include—but is not limited to—distance of applicant’s residence from DMV renewal facility.

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Sec 14-46 states that a “physician may report to the DMV in writing the name, age, and address of any person diagnosed by him to have any chronic health problem which in the physician’s judgement will significantly affect the person’s ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.”
<b>Immunity</b>	No civil action may be brought against the commissioner, the department or any of its employees, the board or any if its members, or any physician for providing any reports, records, examinations, opinions or recommendations. Any person acting in good faith shall be immune from liability.
<b>Legal protection</b>	Only the laws regarding immunity apply.

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<b>DMV follow-up</b>	The driver is notified in writing of his/her referral to the MAB. If the MAB requires additional information for review in order to make a recommendation, the driver is requested to file the additional medical information.
<b>Other reporting</b>	State regulations require 'reliable information' to be on file for the DMV to initiate a medical review case. This includes a written, signed report from any person in the medical/law enforcement profession, or a third party report on the DMV affidavit which requires signing in the presence of a notary public.
<b>Anonymity</b>	All information on file in a medical review case is classified as 'confidential'. However, it is subject to release to the person or his/her representative upon written authorization from the person to release the data.

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## **Medical Advisory Board**

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	<p>The MAB must be comprised of 8 specialties</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General medicine or surgery</li> <li>2. Internal medicine</li> <li>3. Cardiovascular medicine</li> <li>4. Neurology or neurological surgery</li> <li>5. Ophthalmology</li> <li>6. Orthopedic surgery</li> <li>7. Psychiatry</li> <li>8. Optometry</li> </ol> <p>The MAB advises the commissioner on health standards relating to safe operation of motor vehicles; recommends procedures and guidelines for licensing individuals with impaired health; assists in developing medically acceptable standardized report forms; recommends training courses for motor vehicle examiners on medical aspects of operator licensure; undertakes any programs/activities the commissioner may request relating to medical aspects of motor vehicle operator licensure; makes recommendations and offers advice on individual health problem cases; and establishes guidelines for dealing with such individual cases.</p>
<b>MAB contact information</b>	<p>Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles          Medical Review Division          60 State Street          Wethersfield, CT 06161-2510          860 263-5223          860 263-5774 fax</p>

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# Delaware

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles PO Box 698 Dover, DE 19903 www.delaware.gov/yahoo/DMV	302 744-2500
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction .....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction .....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/50 for restricted license; beyond 20/50 driving privileges denied Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes, on a case-by-case basis with daytime-only restrictions
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....None
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Daytime-only licenses available

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....5 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person only Vision testing required at time of renewal? .....Yes Written test required? .....No Road test required? .....No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physicians should report patients subject to “losses of consciousness due to disease of the central nervous system.” Failure to do so is punishable by a fine of \$5.00 to \$50.00.
<b>Immunity</b>	Available
<b>Legal protection</b>	N/A
<b>DMV follow up</b>	The driver is notified in writing of the referral and his/her license is suspended until further examination.
<b>Other reporting</b>	The DMV will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, and family members.
<b>Anonymity</b>	The DMV protects the identity of the reporter.

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	If the DMV receives conflicting or questionable medical reports, the reports are sent to the MAB. The MAB determines whether the individual is medically safe to operate a motor vehicle.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	Contact the MAB through Delaware Health and Social Services at: 1901 N. DuPont Highway Main Building New Castle, DE 19720 302 255-9040 302 744-4700 302 255-4429 fax dhssinfo@state.de.us

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# District of Columbia

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles 301 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20001 www.dmv.washingtondc.gov	202 727-5000
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Best eye with/without correction.....	20/40
	Other eye with/without correction.....	20/70
	If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....	20/40
	Absolute visual acuity minimum .....	20/40; 20/70 in better eye requires 140 E visual field for restricted license.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....	No
	Minimum field requirement .....	130° both eyes (may be approved by director at 110°)
	Visual field testing device.....	Confrontation or perimetry
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	For new drivers only	
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Daytime-only licenses available (acuity must be 20/70 or greater and field of vision 140° or greater).	

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....	5 years
	Renewal options and conditions .....	Drivers with a clear driver record and no medical requirements can now renew their license on-line
	Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....	Yes
	Written test required?.....	Yes; however, drivers are allowed a 6 month grace period
	Road test required?.....	Licensees with physical disabilities may require a road test at the time of renewal. Also, senior citizens may be required to take the road test on an observational basis.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	At age 70, the licensee must submit a letter from his/her physician stating that the licensee is medically fit to drive based on vision and physical and mental capabilities.	

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Permitted but not required.
<b>Immunity</b>	None
<b>Legal protection</b>	None
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	N/A
<b>Other reporting</b>	Any concerned citizen may report.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Reporters are allowed to remain anonymous.

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	Washington, DC does not currently retain a medical advisory board.
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# Florida

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Neil Kirkman Building 2900 Apalachee Parkway Tallahassee, FL 32399-0500 <a href="http://www.hsmv.state.fl.us/html/dlnew.html">www.hsmv.state.fl.us/html/dlnew.html</a>	850 922-9000
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each/both eyes without correction .....	20/40; if 20/50 or less, applicant is referred to eye specialist for possible improvement
	Each/both eyes with correction .....	20/70; worse eye must be better than 20/200
	If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....	20/40
	Absolute visual acuity minimum .....	20/70
<b>Visual fields</b>	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....	No
	Minimum field requirement .....	130° horizontal
	Visual field testing device .....	None; Goldman by eye specialist if indicated
<b>Color vision requiremnt</b>	None	
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Drivers may be licensed to drive with the following restrictions: corrective lenses, outside rearview mirror, business and/or employment purposes only, daylight driving, automatic transmission, power steering, directional signals, grip on steering wheel, hearing aid, seat cushion, hand control or pedal extension, left foot accelerator, probation interlock device, medical alert bracelet, educational purposes, graduated license restrictions, and other restrictions.	

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....	4-6 years, depending on driving history
	Renewal options and conditions .....	In-person every 3rd cycle
	Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....	At in-person renewal
	Written test required?.....	May be required based on driving history and/or observation of physical or mental impairments
	Road test required?.....	May be required based on observation of physical or mental impairments
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	Effective January 2004, vision testing is required at each renewal for drivers over the age of 79.	

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Any physician, person or agency having knowledge of a licensed driver's or applicant's mental or physical disability to drive may report the person to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV). Forms are available on the DHSMV Web site, as well as at local driver license offices. The Division of Driver Licenses' (DDL) Medical Review Section provides other forms as the situation requires.
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<b>Immunity</b>	N/A
<b>Legal protection</b>	The law provides that no report shall be used as evidence in any civil or criminal trial or in any court proceeding.
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	The DHSMV investigates, sanctions actions if needed, and notifies the driver in writing.
<b>Other reporting</b>	The law authorizes any person, physician, or agency to report.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Available

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### **Medical Advisory Board**

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The MAB advises the DHSMV on medical criteria and vision standards and makes recommendations on mental and physical qualifications of individual drivers.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	Dr. Jack MacDonald, MAB Chairperson DHSMV/DDDL/Driver Improvement Medical Section 2900 Apalachee Parkway Tallahassee, FL 32399-0570 850 488-8982 850 921-6147 fax

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Georgia Department of Motor Vehicle Safety PO Box 1456 Atlanta, GA 30371 www.dmv.ga.gov	678 415-8400
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....	20/60
	Both eyes with/without correction .....	20/60
	If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....	20/60
	Absolute visual acuity minimum .....	20/60 in either eye with or without corrective lenses.
	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....	Yes, with acuity of 20/60 through telescope and 20/60 through carrier lens. Biopic telescopes are also permitted for best acuity as low as 20/200, with restrictions.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....	140° both eyes
	Visual field testing device .....	Juno vision machine
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None	
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Available	

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....	4 years
	Renewal options and conditions .....	In-person
	Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....	Yes
	Written test required?.....	No
	Road test required?.....	No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None	

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physicians should report patients with diagnosed conditions hazardous to driving and/or any handicap which would render the individual incapable of safely operating a motor vehicle.
<b>Immunity</b>	None
<b>Legal protection</b>	None
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Medical evaluation and retest
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from anyone with knowledge that the driver may be medically or mentally unfit to drive.
<b>Anonymity</b>	None

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The Medical Advisory Board advises agency personnel on individual medical reports and assists the agency in the decision-making process.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	Georgia Department of Motor Vehicle Safety Medical Unit PO Box 80447 Conyers, GA, 30013

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# Hawaii

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Honolulu Division of Motor Vehicles & Licensing Drivers License Branch 1199 Dillingham Boulevard, Bay A-101 Honolulu, HI 96817 www.co.honolulu.hi.us/csd	808 532-7730
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/40 for better eye Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Not allowed to meet visual field requirements; however, permitted for use while driving
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement.....70° one eye Visual field testing device .....Eye testing machine or eye specialist certification
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Available

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....6 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person or by mail Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....Yes Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....Only if necessary
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	Drivers aged 15-17 renew every 4 years; drivers aged 18-71 renew every 6 years. After age 72, drivers must renew every 2 years.

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Permitted but not required.
<b>Immunity</b>	None
<b>Legal protection</b>	None
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Driver notified in writing of referral.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, police, other DMVs, and family members.
<b>Anonymity</b>	N/A

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The MAB advises the DMV on medical issues regarding individual drivers. Actions are based on the recommendation of the majority.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	For general information, contact the Department of Transportation at 808 692-7656 For case specific information, contact the county of issue at: <i>Honolulu:</i> 808 532-7730 <i>Hawaii:</i> 808 961-2222 <i>Kauai:</i> 808 241-6550 <i>Maui:</i> 808 270-7363

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# Idaho

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Idaho Transportation Department Division of Motor Vehicles, Driver Services PO Box 7129 Boise, ID 83707 www2.state.id.us/itd/dmv	208 334-8716
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/40 in better eye for unrestricted license; 20/50-20/60 requires annual testing; 20/70 denied license
	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes, if acuity is 20/40 through lens, 20/60 through carrier
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....None
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Available

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation.....4 years Renewal options and conditions.....Mail-in every other cycle Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....Yes Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....Only if requested by examiner, law enforcement agency, family member or DMV. An annual road test may be required to coincide with vision or medical re-testing requirements.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	After age 69, no renewal by mail.

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Yes (not specified)
<b>Immunity</b>	None
<b>Legal protection</b>	A physician may not be sued for submitting required medical information to the department. Reports received by the Driver's License Advisory Board for the purpose of assisting the department in determining whether a person is qualified to be licensed may not be used as evidence in any civil or criminal trial.
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	License suspended upon referral.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from family members, other DMVs, and law enforcement officers.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not anonymous or confidential.

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The medical information submitted is initially reviewed by employees within the Driver Support Division who work specifically with medical cases. If there is a question whether to issue a license, the information is reviewed by the Driver's License Advisory Board, which is composed of a small group of representatives and the sheriff.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	Vicky Fisher DLR/Medical Unit Supervisor 208 334-8736 vfisher@itd.state.id.us

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# Illinois

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Illinois Office of the Secretary of State	
	Driver Services Department - Downstate	217 785-0963
	2701 S Dirksen Parkway Springfield, IL 62723	
	Driver Services Department - Metro	312 814-2975
	17 N State Street, Suite 1100 Chicago, IL 60602	
	<a href="http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/drivers/drivers.html">www.sos.state.il.us/departments/drivers/drivers.html</a>	

## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Both eyes without correction.....	20/40
	Both eyes with correction.....	20/40
	If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....	20/40
	Absolute visual acuity minimum .....	20/40 in better eye for unrestricted license; 20/70 in better eye for daylight-only restrictions.
	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....	Yes, if acuity is 20/100 in better eye and 20/40 through bioptic telescope.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....	105° one eye, 140° both eyes
	Visual field testing device.....	Stereo Optical testing machine
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None	
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Restrictions include daytime-only driving and two outside mirrors on the vehicle.	

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation.....	4 years
	Renewal options and conditions.....	Mail-in every other cycle for drivers with clean records and no medical report
	Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....	At in-person renewal
	Written test required?.....	Every 8 years unless driver has a clean driving record
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	Road test required?.....	Only for applicants age 75+
	Drivers age 75+: no renewal by mail; vision test and on-road driving test required at each renewal.	
	Drivers age 81-86: renewal every 2 years. Drivers age 87+: renewal every year.	

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physicians are encouraged to inform patients of their responsibility to notify the Secretary of State of any medical conditions that may cause a loss of consciousness or affect safe operation of a motor vehicle within 10 days of becoming aware of the condition.
<b>Immunity</b>	Yes
<b>Legal protection</b>	N/A (Illinois is not a mandatory reporting state.)
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	The driver is notified in writing of the referral and required to submit a medical report. Determination of further action is based on various scenarios.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, law enforcement agencies, members of the Illinois medical advisory board, National Driver Register (NDR), Problem Driver Pointer System, Secretary of State, management employees, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and driver rehabilitation specialists.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Available

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## **Medical Advisory Board**

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**Role of the MAB**

The MAB reviews each medical report and determines the status of the licensee's driving privileges. The decision of the MAB is implemented by the Secretary of State.

**MAB contact information**

Supervisor, Medical Review Unit  
Office of the Secretary of State  
Driver Services Department  
2701 South Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62723  
217 785-3002

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# Indiana\*

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles Driver Services 100 N Senate Avenue, Rm N 405 Indianapolis, IN 46204 www.ai.org/bmv	317 233-6000 x2
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other without correction .....20/50 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/40 in best eye: no restrictions; 20/50 one eye: outside rearview mirror required; 20/50 both eyes: glasses also required; 20/70 both eyes: outside rearview mirror and proof of normal visual fields required, daylight driving only. Are bioptic telescopes allowed?.....Yes, for best acuity as low as 20/200 with some restrictions, if 20/40 can be achieved with telescope.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....70° one eye, 120° both eyes Visual field testing device .....Not specified
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	Only for commercial and bioptic drivers
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Daytime only and required outside rearview mirror licenses available.

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation.....4 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....Yes (acuity and peripheral fields) Written test required?.....N/A Road test required?.....Only for those with 14+ points or 3 convictions in 12 month period.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	At age 75, renewal cycle is reduced to 3 years.

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	None. However, there is a statute requiring that physicians and others who diagnose, treat or provide care for handicapped persons report the handicapping condition to the state Board of Health within 60 days.
<b>Immunity</b>	None
<b>Legal protection</b>	N/A
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Driver notified in writing of referral.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, police, other DMVs, family members, and other sources.
<b>Anonymity</b>	N/A

## Medical Advisory Board

<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The MAB advises the Bureau of Motor Vehicles on medical issues regarding individual drivers. Actions are based on the recommendation of the majority and/or specialist.
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\*Information was not available from this state's licensing agency. The information above was gathered from the resources listed at the beginning of this chapter.

# Iowa

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Iowa Motor Vehicle Division Park Fair Mall, 100 Euclid Avenue PO Box 9204 Des Moines, IA 50306-9204 www.dot.state.ia.us/mvd	800 532-1121 515 244-8725
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/50 for daylight driving only; 20/70 in better eye for daylight driving only up to 35 mph; 20/100 requires recommendation from a vision specialist; if worse, recommendation from the MAB is required; absolute minimum is 20/200.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....No Minimum field requirement .....140° both eyes Outside mirrors required if 70° T + 45° N one eye, 115° both eyes. If less than 95° both eyes and 60° T + 35° N one eye, MAB recommendation required. Visual field testing device .....Keystone-Optic 100 Vision Tester
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Type of road test</b>	Non-fixed course in general traffic
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Available

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation.....5 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person, extensions available if out of state for 6 months. Vision testing required at time of renewal? .....Yes Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....If physical or mental conditions are present.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	Persons under the age of 18 or aged 70 and older are issued 2-year licenses.

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	A physician may report to the motor vehicle division “the identity of a person who has been diagnosed as having a physical or mental condition which would render the person physically or mentally incompetent to operate a motor vehicle in a safe manner.”
<b>Immunity</b>	Available
<b>Legal protection</b>	Under 321.186, “a physician or optometrist making a report shall be immune from any liability, civil or criminal, which might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of the report.”
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Driver notified in writing of referral. License suspended upon referral.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police and family members.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not anonymous or confidential.

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## **Medical Advisory Board**

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**Role of the MAB**

The MAB reviews medical/vision reports as requested and makes recommendations regarding the individual's capability to drive safely.

**MAB contact information**

The MAB may be contacted through the Iowa Medical Society at:

Iowa Medical Society  
1001 Grand Avenue  
West Des Moines, IA 50265-3502  
515 223-1401

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# Kansas

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Kansas Division of Motor Vehicles Docking State Office Building PO Box 2188 Topeka, Kansas 66601-2128 <a href="http://www.accesskansas.org/living/cars-transportation.html">www.accesskansas.org/living/cars-transportation.html</a>	785 296-3963 785 296-0691 fax
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/40 in better eye for unrestricted license; 20/60 in better eye requires doctor's report; drivers with 20/60 or worse must demonstrate ability to operate a vehicle and maintain safe driving record for 3 years.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes, with eye doctor's report. Minimum field requirement .....110° with both eyes and 55° monocular
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Type of road test</b>	Non-fixed course
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Up to 4 restrictions can be added at doctor's/examiner's discretion. These may include: corrective lenses required; daylight only; no interstate driving; no driving outside business area; driving within city limits only; mileage restrictions in increments of 5 miles up to 30 miles total; outside mirror required; mechanical aid required; automatic transmission required; prosthetic aid required; licensed driver in front seat required.

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....6 years Renewal options and conditions.....In-person Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....Yes Written test required?.....Yes Road test required?.....By examiner challenge, for visual acuity of 20/60 or worse, or at medical doctor's request.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	At age 65, renewal cycle is reduced to 4 years.

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Statutes specify that physicians are not required to volunteer information to the division or to the medical advisory board concerning the mental or physical condition of any patient.
<b>Legal protection</b>	Patients must sign a form permitting the MD or OD to release information to the DMV. Persons so reporting in good faith are statutorily immunized from civil actions for damages caused by such reporting
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Driver is notified in writing of referral.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, family members, and concerned citizens.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Letters of concern must be signed. Applicants may request a copy of the letter.

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## **Medical Advisory Board**

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**Role of the MAB**

The MAB assists the Director of Vehicles and Driver Review in interpreting conflicting information and formulating action based on the recommendation of specialists. It also helps determine the driving eligibility of complicated or borderline cases.

**MAB contact information**

Kansas Driver Review  
Medical Advisory Board  
915 SW Harrison, Room 162  
Topeka, KS 66626

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# Kentucky

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Kentucky Division of Driver Licensing 501 High Street Frankfort, KY 40602 www.kytc.state.ky.us/drlic	502 564-6800
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....	20/40
	Both eyes with/without correction .....	20/40
	If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....	20/40
	Absolute visual acuity minimum .....	20/200 with corrective lenses
	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....	Yes, with acuity of 20/60 or better through telescope and 20/200 through carrier lens
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....	120° E and 80° N in the same eye
	Visual field testing device .....	N/A
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None	
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Available	

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....	4 years
	Renewal options and conditions .....	In-person
	Vision testing required at time of renewal? .....	No
	Written test required? .....	No
	Road test required? .....	No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None	

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Yes (not specified)
<b>Immunity</b>	Yes
<b>Legal protection</b>	None
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Driver is notified in writing of referral to medical advisory board.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, family members, and police.
<b>Anonymity</b>	None

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The medical advisory board identifies drivers with physical or mental impairments that impede their ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	Lisa Bowling 502 564-6800 x2552 502 564-6145 fax

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# Louisiana

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles PO Box 64886 Baton Rouge, LA 70896 www.expresslane.org	877 368-5463
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Both eyes without correction.....	20/40
	Both eyes with correction.....	20/40
	If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....	20/40
	Absolute visual acuity minimum .....	20/40 in better eye for unrestricted license; 20/50-20/70 in better eye for restricted license; 20/70-20/100 in better eye may qualify for a restricted license. If less than 20/100 in better eye, driver is referred to the medical advisory board.
	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....	No
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....	None
<b>Color vision requirement</b>		None
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Restrictions include daytime driving only, weather restrictions, radius limitations, and no interstate driving.	

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation.....	4 years
	Renewal options and conditions .....	In-person or by mail every other cycle. Can also be renewed by internet and interactive voice response, unless license has been expired 6 months or more.
	Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....	Yes
	Written test required?.....	If license has been expired 1 year or more.
	Road test required?.....	If license has been expired 2 years or more.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	No renewal by mail for drivers over the age of 70.	

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	There is no statutory provision requiring physicians to report patients. However, if a medical report is filed, it must address the medical concern for which it was required; contain the physician's signature, address, and phone number; and be dated within 60 days from the date received by the Department. The physician's opinion of the applicant's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle is desired but not required.	
<b>Immunity</b>	A physician who provides such information has statutory immunity from civil or criminal liability for damages arising out of an accident.	
<b>Legal protection</b>	Louisiana has statutory protection for good faith reporting of unsafe drivers.	
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Driver is notified in writing of referral.	
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from DMV employees or agents in the performance of duties, law enforcement officers, health care providers, or family members.	
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not anonymous or confidential. However, an order from a court of competent jurisdiction is required before the identity of the reporter can be released.	

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	Medical reports requiring further attention are forwarded to the Data Prep Unit marked Attention: Conviction/Medical Unit. The conviction/medical unit evaluates these reports and may request an evaluation by the MAB. The MAB then recommends actions.
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# Maine

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles 29 State House Station 101 Hospital Street Augusta, ME 04333-0029 www.state.me.us/sos/bmv	207 624-9000
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Best eye with/without correction.....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/70 with restrictions Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....No
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....140° both eyes; 110° for restricted license. Visual field testing device .....Titmus II or Stereo Optical vision screening equipment
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Restrictions include daytime driving only, radius limitations, and special equipment requirements.

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....6 years Vision testing required at time of renewal? .....Vision tested at age 40, 52, 65, and every 4 years thereafter. Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	At age 65, the license renewal cycle is reduced to every 4 years.

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Yes (not specified)
<b>Immunity</b>	N/A
<b>Legal protection</b>	A physician acting in good faith is immune from any damages as a result of the filing of a certificate of examination.
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	The DMV will require a medical evaluation form to be completed by a physician at periodic intervals.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, family members, and other sources.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not anonymous or confidential. The identity of the reporter may be revealed at an administrative hearing if requested.

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The Medical Advisory Board reviews the medical information submitted whenever an individual contests an action of the Division of Driver Licenses. Reports received or made by the Board are confidential and may not be disclosed unless the individual gives written permission.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	Linda French, RN Medical Review Coordinator 207 624-9101

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# Maryland

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration 6601 Ritchie Highway, NE Glen Burnie, MD 21062 www.mva.state.md.us	301 729-4550 or 800 950-1682
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....	20/40
	Both eyes with/without correction .....	20/40
	If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....	20/40
	Absolute visual acuity minimum .....	20/70 in better eye for restricted license; 20/70-20/100 in better eye requires special permission from medical advisory board.
	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....	Yes, with visual acuity of 20/70 through telescope and 20/100 through carrier lens. Restrictions include daytime driving only and required outside mirrors.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....	Continuous field of vision at least 140° for unrestricted license; 110° for restricted license.
	Visual field testing device .....	Stereo Optical Optec 1000 vision screener
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	Only for commercial drivers	
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Restrictions include daytime driving only and required outside mirrors for low vision drivers.	

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....	5 years
	Renewal options and conditions .....	In-person
	Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....	Yes (visual acuity and visual fields)
	Written test required?.....	No
	Road test required?.....	No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	Medical report required for new drivers age 70 and older.	

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Maryland law provides for the discretionary reporting to the Motor Vehicle Administration of persons who have “disorders characterized by lapses of consciousness.”
<b>Immunity</b>	N/A
<b>Legal protection</b>	A civil or criminal action may not be brought against any person who makes a report to the Medical Advisory Board and who does not violate any confidential or privileged relationship conferred by law.
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Driver is notified in writing of referral. License is suspended and further examination is required.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, family members, and other sources.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Confidentiality available if requested by reporter.

## Medical Advisory Board

<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The MAB advises the Motor Vehicle Administration on medical issues regarding individual drivers. Actions are based on the recommendation of the majority and/or specialist.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	Ms. Nancy Snowden 410 768-7513

# Massachusetts

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles PO Box 199100 Boston, MA 02119-9100 www.state.ma.us/rmv	617 351-4500
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/40 in better eye for unrestricted license; 20/50-20/70 in better eye for daylight only restriction. Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes, if peripheral vision is at least 120° and acuity is corrected to 20/40 through the bioptic telescope and 20/100 through the carrier lens. The bioptic lens must meet certain requirements: it must be monocular, fixed focus, no greater than 3X magnification, and must be an ‘integral part of the lens.’
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....120° Visual field testing device .....Optec 1000 vision testing machine
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	Drivers must be able to distinguish red, green, and amber.
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Daytime-only restrictions available.

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....5 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person or via internet. Vision testing required at renewal? .....Yes Written test required?.....No; however, DMV reviews on a case-by-case basis and will administer a written test if indicated. Road test required?.....No; however, DMV reviews on a case-by-case basis and will administer a road test if indicated.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Massachusetts is a self-reporting state. It is the responsibility of the driver to report to the Registry of Motor Vehicles any medical condition that may impair driving ability. However, physicians are encouraged to report unfit drivers to the Registry of Motor Vehicles.
<b>Immunity</b>	N/A
<b>Legal protection</b>	The law does not provide any protection from liability, nor does it promise confidentiality due to the “Public Records” law which states simply that a driver is entitled to any information upon receipt of written approval.

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**DMV follow-up**

If the report comes from the general public or a family member, it must be in writing and signed. If the report is accepted, the driver is contacted by mail and asked to obtain medical clearance to certify that he/she is safe to drive. If the DMV does not receive a response within 30 days, a second request is mailed. If there is still no response, then the license is revoked.

If the report is from a law enforcement officer or physician, it is considered an 'immediate threat.' The driver is contacted by mail and requested to voluntarily surrender his/her license or submit medical clearance within 10 days. If there is no response, then the license is revoked.

**Other reporting**

Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, family members, and other sources.

**Anonymity**

None

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**Medical Advisory Board**

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**Role of the MAB**

The MAB provides guidance to the Registry of Motor Vehicles when there are medical issues relating to an applicant's eligibility for a learner's permit or driver's license, or when an individual's privilege to operate a motor vehicle has been—or is in danger of being—restricted, suspended, or revoked.

**MAB contact information**

Mary Strachan  
Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles  
Medical Affairs Bureau  
PO Box 199100  
Boston, MA 02119-9100  
617 351-9222  
[www.state.ma.us/rmv](http://www.state.ma.us/rmv)

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# Michigan

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Michigan Department of State 7707 Rinkle Road Lansing, MI 48918 www.michigan.gov/sos	517 322-1460
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 to and including 20/50 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/50 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....Minimum of 20/70 in better eye with daylight-only restriction; minimum of 20/60 if progressive abnormalities or disease of the eye exist.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes. A road test is required. Minimum field requirement .....110°-140° in both eyes; if less than 110° to/including 90°, there are additional conditions and requirements.
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	Visual field testing device .....Not specified None
<b>Type of road test</b>	Standardized course and requirements
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Restrictions are based on review of medical input and reexamination testing. Examples include radius limitations, daylight-only driving, and no expressway driving.

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....4 years Renewal options and conditions .....Mail-in every other cycle, if free of convictions. Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....Yes Written test required?.....Yes Road test required?.....Yes, if license has been expired more than 4 years.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	No

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physicians are encouraged to report unsafe drivers. They may do so by completing a “Request for Driver Evaluation” form (OC-88). This form can be downloaded from the Michigan Department of State Web site.
<b>Immunity</b>	None
<b>Legal protection</b>	None
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	The driver is notified in writing of the referral. The notification includes a notice of date, time, and location of driver reexamination as well as any medical statements to be completed by the driver’s doctor.
<b>Other reporting</b>	The Department accepts referrals for reexamination from family, police, public officials, and others who have knowledge of a driver's inability to drive safely or health concerns that may affect his/her driving ability.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Reporting is not anonymous. However, the Department will release the name of the reporter only if he/she is a public official (eg, police, judge, state employee). The names of non-public official reporters will be released only under court order.

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The MAB advises the Department of State on medical issues regarding individual drivers. Actions are based on the recommendation of specialists.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	For additional information, contact the Driver Assessment Office at 517 241-6840.

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# Minnesota

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services 445 Minnesota Street St. Paul, MN 55101 www.dps.state.mn.us/dvs	651 296-6911
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/70 in better eye with speed limitations; 20/80 referred to a driver evaluation unit; 20/100 denied license.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....No
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	Minimum field requirement .....105°
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	None
	Restrictions include: daytime driving only, area restrictions, speed restrictions, and no freeway driving.

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....4 years Renewal options and conditions.....In-person Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....Yes Written test required?.....Only if license has been expired for more than 1 year Road test required?.....Only if license has been expired for more than 5 years
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physician reporting is encouraged. Physicians may contact the Medical Unit in writing; no specific form is required.
<b>Immunity</b>	Yes
<b>Legal protection</b>	Not addressed in driver licensing laws.
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Driver is notified in writing of referral. License is suspended upon referral and further examination is conducted.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, family members, or other sources.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Reporting cannot be done anonymously. However, the identity of the reporter will be held confidential unless the court subpoenas records.

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The MAB advises the Department of Public Safety on medical issues regarding individual drivers. Actions are based on the recommendation of the majority.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	The MAB can be contacted through the Medical Unit at: Minnesota Department of Public Safety Medical Unit 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 170 St. Paul, MN 55101-5170 651 296-2021

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# Mississippi\*

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Mississippi Department of Public Safety Driver Services 1900 E. Woodrow Wilson Jackson, MS 39216 www.dps.state.ms.us	601 987-1200
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/70 with daytime-only restriction Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes, with acuity of 20/50 or better through the telescope and 20/200 through the carrier lens. Also, visual field must be $\geq 105^\circ$ and the telescope must have magnification no greater than 4X.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement ..... $140^\circ$ both eyes; one eye T $70^\circ$ , N $35^\circ$ with 2 outside mirrors Visual field testing device .....Not specified
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Available

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....4 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person; renewal via internet permitted every other cycle Vision testing required at time of renewal? .....Yes Written test required?.....N/A Road test required?.....N/A
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Permitted but not required.
<b>Immunity</b>	No
<b>Legal protection</b>	N/A
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	N/A
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, and family members.
<b>Anonymity</b>	N/A

## Medical Advisory Board

<b>Role of the MAB</b>	N/A
<b>MAB contact information</b>	N/A

\*Information from this state's licensing agency was not available. The information above was gathered from the resources listed at the beginning of this chapter.

# Missouri

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Missouri Department of Revenue Division of Motor Vehicle and Driver Licensing Room 470, Truman Office Building 301 West High Street Jefferson City, MO 65105 www.dor.state.mo.us	573 751-4600
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/50 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/160 with restrictions Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Not for meeting vision requirements; however, they can be used for skills tests and while driving.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....55° or better in each eye; 85° in one eye only with restrictions. Visual field testing device .....Objective/quantitative
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	As long as the client meets the vision requirements, Missouri has restrictions for equipment, speed, radius (location of driving), time of day and/or length of time driving, or any restriction a doctor or examiner recommends.

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....6 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person, or renewal by mail if out of state. Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....Yes Written test required?.....If license has been expired for more than 6 months (184 days). Also, if an individual is cited, after the review process a written test may be required. Road test required?.....If license has been expired for more than 6 months (184 days). Also, if an individual is cited, after the review process a road test may be required.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	At age 70, renewal cycle is reduced to 3 years.

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Reporting is not required. However, for any condition that could impair or limit a person's driving ability, physicians may complete and submit a statement (Form 1528, "Physician's Statement"). Form 1528 is available on the Missouri Department of Revenue Web site.
<b>Immunity</b>	Yes, an individual is immune from civil liability when a report is made in good faith.
<b>Legal protection</b>	Medical professionals will not be prevented from making a report because of their physician-patient relationship (302.291. Rsmo).
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Depending on the information received, the DMV may request additional information; add restrictions; require a written exam, skills test, vision exam, or physical exam; or deny the privilege of driving.

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<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, DMV clerks, peace officers, social workers, and family members within three degrees of consanguinity.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Available

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### **Medical Advisory Board**

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The MAB evaluates each case on an individual basis. Action is based on the recommendation of the majority.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	Missouri Department of Review Attention: Medical Review PO Box 200 Jefferson City, MO 65105-0200. 573 751-2730

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# Montana

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Montana Department of Justice Motor Vehicle Division Scott Hart Building, Second Floor 303 North Roberts PO Box 201430 Helena, MT 59620-1430 www.doj.state.mt.us	406 444-1773
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....	20/40
	Both eyes with/without correction .....	20/40
	If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....	20/40
	Absolute visual acuity minimum .....	20/70 in better eye with restrictions on daylight and speed; 20/100 in better eye for a possible license with restrictions.
	Are bioptic telescopes allowed?.....	Yes, with acuity of 20/100 or better through carrier lens.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....	Only for commercial drivers
	Visual field testing device.....	Optec 1000
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	Only for commercial drivers	
<b>Type of road test</b>	The road test includes a figure 8; 3 left and 3 right turns; 2 stop signs; driving through an intersection; and parallel parking.	
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Available	

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....	8 years. If renewing by mail, a 4 year license is issued and the next renewal requires a personal appearance by the applicant.
	Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....	Yes
	Written test required?.....	At the discretion of the examiner if safe operation of the motor vehicle is in question.
	Road test required?.....	Same as written requirement.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	Between ages 68-74, all issued/renewed licenses expire on the client's 75th birthday. At age 75, renewal cycle is reduced to 4 years.	

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physicians are encouraged to report.	
<b>Immunity</b>	There is a statute granting physicians immunity from liability for reporting in good faith any patient whom the physician diagnoses as having a condition that will significantly impair the patient's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.	
<b>Legal protection</b>	N/A	
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	N/A	
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, family members, and other sources.	
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not anonymous or confidential. If requested, the state is required to disclose to the driver the name of the reporter.	

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## **Medical Advisory Board**

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### **Role of the MAB**

Montana does not retain a medical advisory board

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# Nebraska

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles Nebraska State Office Building 301 Centennial Mall South PO Box 94789 Lincoln, NE 68509-4789 www.dmv.state.ne.us	402 471-2281
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/70, if the other eye is not blind. 17 restrictions are used, depending on vision in each eye. Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes, with acuity of 20/70 or better through the telescope.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....140° both eyes. If less than 100°, then license denied. Visual field testing device.....Not specified.
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	Only for commercial drivers.
<b>Type of road test</b>	The road test includes elements such as emergency stops, right turns, and left turns.
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Available

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....5 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person. Individuals who are out of state during their renewal period may renew via mail. Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....Yes Written test required?.....Only if license has been expired over 1 year or license is suspended, revoked, or cancelled. Road test required?.....Only if license has been expired over 1 year or license is suspended, revoked, or cancelled.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Reporting is encouraged but not required.
<b>Immunity</b>	No
<b>Legal protection</b>	No
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	The driver is notified by certified mail that he/she must appear for retesting. The driver is also required to submit a vision and medical statement completed by his/her physician(s) within the past 90 days.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from law enforcement officers and other concerned parties.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not anonymous. However, the reporter's identity remains confidential unless the driver appeals the denial or cancellation of his/her license in District Court.

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## **Medical Advisory Board**

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**Role of the MAB**

The MAB advises the DMV concerning the physical and mental ability of an applicant or holder of an operator's license to operate a motor vehicle.

**MAB contact information**

Sara O'Rourke, Driver's License Administrator  
Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles  
301 Centennial Mall South  
PO Box 94789  
Lincoln, NE 68509  
Sorourke@notes.state.ne.us

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# Nevada

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles 555 Wright Way Carson City, NV 89711 www.dmvnv.com	702 486-4368 (Las Vegas) 775 684-4368 (Reno/Sparks/ Carson City) 877 368-7828 (rural Nevada)
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/50 (if other eye is no worse than 20/60); daylight driving only. Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes, with acuity of 20/40 through telescope and 20/120 through carrier lens, and 130 E visual field.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....Binocular 140° for unrestricted license; binocular 110°-140° for restricted license. Visual field testing device.....Keystone testing equipment and Optec 1000 testing equipment
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Daytime-only license available.

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....4 years Renewal options and conditions .....Mail-in every other cycle Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....Yes Written test required?.....No, unless license classification has changed. Road test required?.....No, unless license classification has changed.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	At age 70, a vision test and medical report are required for mail-in renewal.

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physicians are required to report patients diagnosed with epilepsy, any seizure disorder, or any other disorder characterized by lapse of consciousness.
<b>Immunity</b>	Yes
<b>Legal protection</b>	Yes
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	The DMV notifies the driver by mail and may suspend his/her license.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, and family members.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Available

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The MAB advises the DMV in the development of medical and health standards for licensure. It also advises the DMV on medical reports submitted regarding the mental or physical condition of individual applicants.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	Currently not applicable. The department has the authority to convene a medical advisory board, as stated in Nevada Administrative Code 483.380. However, due to budget constraints, Nevada does not have an advisory board at present.

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# New Hampshire

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	New Hampshire Department of Safety Division of Motor Vehicles James A. Hayes Building 10 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03305-0002 www.state.nh.us/dmv	603 271-2251
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 One eye with/without correction .....20/30 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/70, restricted to daytime only Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....None Visual field testing device .....Stereo Optical viewer
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Daytime-only licenses available.

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation.....5 years Renewal options and conditions.....N/A Vision testing required at time of renewal? .....Yes Written test required? .....No Road test required? .....No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	At age 75, road test is required with renewal.

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physicians are encouraged to report.
<b>Immunity</b>	N/A
<b>Legal protection</b>	Not available, as reporting is not a requirement.
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Full re-examination and, in some cases, an administrative hearing.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, and family members.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not anonymous or confidential.

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	New Hampshire does not retain a medical advisory board.
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# New Jersey

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission PO Box 160 Trenton, NJ 08666 www.state.nj.us/mvs	609 292-6500
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/50 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/50 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/50 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/50 Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes, with acuity of 20/50 through telescope
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....None
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	Color vision is tested in new drivers, but licenses are not denied based on poor color vision.
<b>Type of road test</b>	Standardized
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Available

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....4 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person (digitized photos will be implemented in 2003). Vision testing required at time of renewal? .....Periodically Written test required? .....If recommended by examiner. Road test required? .....If recommended by examiner.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physicians are required to report patients who experience recurrent loss of consciousness.
<b>Immunity</b>	Yes
<b>Legal protection</b>	No
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	The driver is notified in writing of the referral. There is a scheduled suspension of the license, but the driver may request due process in an administrative court.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from police, family, other DMVs, and courts. The letter must be signed.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not available

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The Motor Vehicle Commission supplies forms for each type of medical condition that may be a cause for concern. These forms must be completed by the driver's physician. Problem cases are referred to the MAB, which then makes licensing recommendations based on the information provided.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission Medical Division PO Box 173 Trenton, NJ 08666 609 292-4035

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# New Mexico

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department Motor Vehicle Division PO Box 1028 Joseph Montoya Building Santa Fe, NM 87504-1028 <a href="http://www.state.nm.us">http://www.state.nm.us</a>	888 683-4636
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/80 in better eye with restrictions. Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....No
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....120° external and 30° nasal field of one eye Visual field testing device .....Not specified
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Available

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation.....4 or 8 years Vision testing required at time of renewal? .....Yes Written test required?.....May be required Road test required?.....May be required
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	Drivers may not apply for 8-year renewal if they will turn 75 during the last 4 years of the 8 year period. At age 75, the renewal interval decreases to 1 year.

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Yes (not specified)
<b>Immunity</b>	Yes
<b>Legal protection</b>	Yes
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Driver is informed by mail that his/her license will be cancelled in 30 days unless he/she submits a medical report stating that he/she is medically fit to drive. If a report is not submitted, the license will be cancelled.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, and family members.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not anonymous or confidential.

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The MAB reviews the periodic medical updates that are required for drivers with specific medical conditions (eg epilepsy, diabetes, certain heart conditions). The DMV learns of these conditions through questions asked on the application.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department Motor Vehicle Division Driver Services PO Box 1028 Joseph Montoya Building Santa Fe, NM 87504-1028 505 827-2241

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# New York

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	New York State Department of Motor Vehicles 6 Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12228 www.nydmv.state.ny.us	212 645-5550 ( <i>New York City metropolitan area</i> ) 800 342-5368 ( <i>area codes 516, 631, 845, 914</i> ) 800 225-5368 ( <i>all other area codes</i> ) 518 473-5595 ( <i>outside the state</i> )
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....For applicants with visual acuity less than 20/40 but not less than 20/70, Form MV-80L can be completed and submitted for licensing consideration.  Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes. Applicants with 20/80-20/100 best corrected acuity require minimum 140° E horizontal visual fields plus 20/40 acuity through bioptic telescope lens.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....140° E horizontal visual fields Visual field testing device .....Not specified
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Restrictions include daytime driving only, limited radius from home, and annual renewal.

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation.....8 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person or mail-in. Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....Yes. Clients must pass a vision test at the DMV office or submit Form MV-619.  Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Permitted but not required.
<b>Immunity</b>	No
<b>Legal protection</b>	N/A
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	If a physician reports a condition that can affect the driving skills of a patient, the DMV may suspend the driver's license until a physician provides certification that the condition has been treated or controlled and no longer affects driving skills. If the DMV receives a report from a source that is not a physician, the DMV considers each case individually.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, family members, and other sources. Letters must be signed.

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**Anonymity**

Not anonymous. Also, if a person in a professional or official position (ie, physician) reports, the DMV will disclose the identity of the reporter; however, if the reporter does not fall under this category, the identity of the reporter is protected under the Freedom of Information Law.

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**Medical Advisory Board**

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**Role of the MAB**

The MAB advises the commissioner on medical criteria and vision standards for the licensing of drivers.

**MAB contact information**

New York State Department of Motor Vehicles  
Medical Review Unit  
Room 220  
6 Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12228-0220

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# North Carolina

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	North Carolina Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles 1100 New Bern Avenue Raleigh, NC 27697 www.dmv.dot.state.nc.us	919 715-7000
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each/both eyes without correction .....20/40 Each/both eyes with correction .....20/50 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/30 or better Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/100; 20/70 if one eye is blind Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....No. However, the applicant can initiate a medical appeal process if so desired.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....60° in one eye Visual field testing device .....Keystone; Stereo Optec 1000
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Road test</b>	Standardized road test; certain tasks must be completed to pass.
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Restrictions include daytime driving only, speed restrictions, and no interstate driving.

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....5 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person Vision testing required at time of renewal? .....Yes Written test required? .....Yes Road test required? .....No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	Drivers age 60 and older are not required to parallel park on their road test.

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physicians are encouraged to report unsafe drivers.
<b>Immunity</b>	North Carolina statutes protect the physician who reports an unsafe driver.
<b>Legal protection</b>	No
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Driver is notified in writing of referral.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, family members, and other sources. Letters must be signed.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not anonymous or confidential. The driver may request a copy of his/her records.

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The MAB reviews all medical information that is submitted to the DMV and determines what action should be taken. These actions can be appealed.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles Medical Review Unit 3112 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27697 919 861-3809 Fax: 919 733-9569

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# North Dakota

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	North Dakota Department of Transportation Drivers License and Traffic Safety Division 608 East Boulevard Bismarck, ND 58505-0700 www.state.nd.us/dot	701 328-2600
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/80 in better eye if 20/100 in other eye Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes, if client has 20/130 acuity through the carrier lens, 20/40 through the telescope, and full peripheral fields.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....105° with both eyes Visual field testing device.....Optec 1000 vision tester
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Restrictions include daytime driving only (pending a sight-related road test) and area and distance restrictions.

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....4 years Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....Yes Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physicians are permitted by law to report to the Drivers License and Traffic Safety Division in writing the name, date of birth, and address of any patient over the age of 14 whom they have reasonable cause to believe is incapable, due to physical or mental reason, of safely operating a motor vehicle.
<b>Immunity</b>	Physicians who in good faith make a report, give an opinion, make a recommendation, or participate in any proceeding pursuant to this law are immune from liability.
<b>Legal protection</b>	Available. North Dakota Century Code addresses medical advice provided by physicians.
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Vision and/or medical reports may be required.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, and family members.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not available.

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The MAB participates in drafting administrative rules for licensing standards.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	Ileen Schwengler Drivers License and Traffic Safety Division 701 328-2070

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# Ohio

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Ohio Department of Public Safety Bureau of Motor Vehicles PO Box 16520 Columbus, OH 43216-6520 www.state.oh.us/odps	614 752-7500
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/30 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/70 in better eye with restrictions. Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes, if client has 20/70 acuity through telescope and 20/200 acuity through carrier lens.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....Each eye must have 70° temporal reading. Visual field testing device .....Keystone Vision II
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	There is a requirement (not specified).
<b>Type of road test</b>	Standardized course
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	There are various restrictions, including daytime driving only for persons with vision in both eyes who have a visual acuity between 20/50 and 20/70; daytime driving only for persons with vision in one eye only who have a visual acuity between 20/40 and 20/60; right or left outside mirror required for persons who are blind in one eye but have 70° temporal and 45° nasal peripheral vision in the other eye. Persons with certain medical or physical conditions may be required to furnish periodic medical statements or take periodic driver's license examinations.

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation.....4 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person. Clients may renew by mail only if they are out of state. Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....Yes Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Ohio will accept and act on information submitted by a physician regarding an unsafe driver. The physician must agree to be a source of information and allow the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to divulge this information to the driver.
<b>Immunity</b>	No
<b>Legal protection</b>	No
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	A letter is sent requiring the driver to submit a medical statement and/or take a driver's license examination. The driver is given 30 days to comply.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, law enforcement agencies, hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, family, and friends.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not anonymous or confidential.

## Medical Advisory Board

<b>Role of the MAB</b>	Ohio does not have a medical advisory board. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles contacts a medical consultant for assistance with difficult cases or for policy-making assistance.
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# Oklahoma

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Oklahoma Department of Public Safety Driver License Services PO Box 11415 Oklahoma City, OK 73136-0415 www.dps.state.ok.us	405 425-2059
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/60 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/60 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/50 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/100 in better eye with restrictions. Are bioptic telescopes allowed?.....No. Laws do not allow for consideration of licensing or restrictions.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....70° in the horizontal meridian with both eyes together. Visual field testing device.....Not specified.
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Type of road test</b>	Non-fixed course.
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Restrictions are based on physician recommendations and can include daylight driving only, speed limitations, or local driving only.

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation.....4 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....No Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physicians are permitted to report to the Department of Public Safety any patient whom they have reasonable cause to believe is incapable of safely operating a motor vehicle.
<b>Immunity</b>	Any physician reporting in good faith and without malicious intent shall have immunity from civil liability that might otherwise be incurred.
<b>Legal protection</b>	By statute the physician has full immunity.
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	The driver is notified in writing of the referral and required to appear for an interview at the Department. The Department also requires a current medical evaluation from a qualified practitioner.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from any verifiable source with direct knowledge of the medical condition that would render a driver unsafe.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not available.

## Medical Advisory Board

<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The MAB advises the Department of Public Safety on medical issues regarding individual drivers. Actions are based on the recommendation of the majority and/or specialist.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	Oklahoma Department of Public Safety Executive Medical Secretary PO Box 11415 Oklahoma City, OK 73136-0415 Attn: Mike Bailey

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# Oregon

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Oregon Department of Transportation Driver and Motor Vehicle Services 1905 Lana Avenue NE Salem, OR 97314 www.odot.state.or.us/dmv	503 945-5000
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/70 in better eye with restrictions. Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Bioptic telescopic lenses are not permitted to meet acuity standards; however, they may be used while driving. The client must pass the vision test with the carrier lens only.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....110° in horizontal plane (one or both eyes). Visual field testing device .....Both Keystone driver vision screening system & OPTEC vision screening instruments are used.
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Type of road test</b>	Standardized course.
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Daytime driving only for visual acuity between 20/40 and 20/70.

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation.....8 years Renewal options and conditions .....Mail-in every other cycle. Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....Only after age 50. Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	After age 50, vision screening is required every 8 years.

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Oregon is in the process of phasing in a statewide mandatory medical impairment-based reporting system. Physicians and health care providers meeting the definition of “primary care provider” are required to report persons presenting functional and/or cognitive impairments that are severe and cannot be corrected/controlled by surgery, medication, therapy, driving devices, or techniques. The state also has a voluntary reporting system that can be utilized by doctors, law enforcement officers, family, and friends who have concerns about an individual’s ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. Reports submitted under the voluntary system may be based on a medical condition or on unsafe driving behaviors exhibited by the individual.
<b>Immunity</b>	Under the mandatory reporting system, primary care providers are exempt from liability for reporting.
<b>Legal protection</b>	Under the mandatory reporting system, the law provides the primary care provider with legal protection for breaking the patient’s confidentiality.
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	In most cases, the driving privileges of individuals reported under the mandatory system are immediately suspended. An individual may request the opportunity to demonstrate the ability to safely operate a motor vehicle via knowledge and driving tests. For cognitive impairments (and for specific functional impairments), a medical file and driving record are sent to the State Health Office for determination of whether the individual is safe to drive at the current point in time.

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**Other reporting**

Under the voluntary system, the DMVS will accept information from courts, other DMVs, law enforcement officers, physicians, family members, and other sources.

**Anonymity**

Reporting is not anonymous. Under the mandatory system, only the medical information being reported is confidential. Under the voluntary system, the DMVS will make every attempt to hold the reporter's name confidential if requested.

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**Medical Advisory Board**

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**Role of the MAB**

Oregon does not retain a medical advisory board. The State Health Office reviews medical cases and makes licensing decisions by reviewing an individual's medical condition and ability to drive.

**MAB contact information**

For more information regarding the review of medical cases, contact:

Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicle Services

Driver Programs Section

Attn: Melody Sheffield

1905 Lana Avenue NE

Salem, OR 97314

503 945-5520

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# Pennsylvania

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Driver and Vehicle Services 1101 South Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17104-2516 www.dot.state.pa.us	800 932-4600 (within state) 717 391-6190 (out of state)
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/40 in better eye for unrestricted license; up to 20/100 binocular vision for a restricted license.  Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Not permitted for meeting acuity standards; however, they are permitted for driving. Must have acuity of 20/100 or better with carrier lens only.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....120° both eyes Visual field testing device.....PENNDOT does not regulate the kind of testing device used.
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Type of road test</b>	A standardized road test, similar to those used for the 1st time permit application drivers.
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Restrictions are related to vision and include daytime driving only, area restrictions, dual mirrors, and class restrictions.

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....4 years Renewal options and conditions .....Internet, mail, in-person Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....No Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	Drivers aged 65+ renew every 2 years. Drivers aged 45+ are requested to submit a physical and vision exam report prior to renewing (through a random mailing of 1,650 per month).

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	“All physicians and other persons authorized to diagnose or treat disorders and disabilities defined by the Medical Advisory Board shall report to PENNDOT in writing the full name, DOB, and address of every person 15 years of age and older, diagnosed as having any specified disorder or disability within 10 days.” Physicians must report neuromuscular conditions (eg, Parkinsons), neuropsychiatric conditions (eg, Alzheimer’s dementia), cardiovascular, cerebrovascular, convulsive, and other conditions that may impair driving ability.
<b>Immunity</b>	“No civil or criminal action may be brought against any person or agency for providing the information required under this system.”
<b>Legal protection</b>	Available
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	PENNDOT sends the appropriate correspondence to the driver asking him/her to submit the necessary forms and examination reports.

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**Other reporting**

Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, emergency personnel, family members, neighbors, and caregivers. Reports must be signed in order to confirm reporter facts. Reporting is not anonymous, but the identity of the reporter will be protected.

**Anonymity**

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**Medical Advisory Board**

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**Role of the MAB**

The MAB advises PENNDOT and reviews regulations proposed by PENNDOT concerning physical and mental criteria (including vision standards) relating to the licensing of drivers. The MAB meets once every 2 years or as needed.

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# Rhode Island\*

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles 286 Main Street Pawtucket, RI 02860 www.dmv.state.ri.us	401 588-3020
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/40 in better eye Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Unknown. (However, bioptic telescopes are mentioned in regulations.)
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....Unknown
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Not available

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....5 years Renewal options and conditions .....Unknown Vision testing required at time of renewal? .....Yes Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	At age 70, the renewal cycle is reduced to 2 years.

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Any physician who diagnoses a physical or mental condition which, in the physician's judgement, will significantly impair the person's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle may voluntarily report the person's name and other information relevant to the condition to the medical advisory board within the Registry of Motor Vehicles.
<b>Immunity</b>	Any physician reporting in good faith and exercising due care shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal. No cause of action may be brought against any physician for not making a report.
<b>Legal protection</b>	N/A
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Driver is notified in writing of referral.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, and family members.
<b>Anonymity</b>	N/A

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The MAB advises the Division of Motor Vehicles on medical issues regarding individual drivers. Actions are based on the recommendation of the majority.
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\*Information from this state's licensing agency was not available. The information above was gathered from the resources listed at the beginning of this chapter.

# South Carolina

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	South Carolina Department of Public Safety Department of Motor Vehicles PO Box 1993 Blythewood, SC 29016 www.scdps.org	803 737-4000
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with correction .....20/40; must have outside mirror. Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/40 in better eye for unrestricted license; 20/70 in better eye if other eye is 20/200 or better; 20/40 in better eye if other eye is worse than 20/200.
	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Not permitted for meeting acuity standards; however, they are permitted for driving.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....If total angle <140°, the individual is referred to the MAB. Visual field testing device .....Not specified.
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Restrictions include mandatory corrective lens, mandatory outside mirrors, daylight driving only, neighborhood driving only, and speed and time restrictions.

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....5 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person. Renewal by mail is permitted if there have been no violations in the past 2 years, and no suspensions, revocations, or cancellations. Vision testing required at time of renewal? .....Yes Written test required?.....Only if the client has 5+ points on his/her record or if there appears to be a need. Road test required?.....Only if there appears to be a need.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Permitted but not required.
<b>Immunity</b>	No
<b>Legal protection</b>	N/A
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	License is suspended upon referral and further examination is conducted.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, and police.
<b>Anonymity</b>	N/A

## Medical Advisory Board

<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The MAB determines the mental or physical fitness of license applicants through a medical evaluation process, and makes recommendations to the department's director or designee on the handling of impaired drivers.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	South Carolina Driver Improvement Office PO Box 1498 Columbia, SC 29216



# South Dakota

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	South Dakota Department of Public Safety Office of Driver Licensing 118 West Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501 <a href="http://www.state.sd.us/dcr/dl/sddriver.htm">www.state.sd.us/dcr/dl/sddriver.htm</a>	800 952-3696 (within state) 605 773-6883 (out of state)
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/50 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/40 in better eye for unrestricted license; 20/60 in better eye with restrictions.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes; driver must pass a skills test.
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	Minimum field requirement .....None
<b>Type of road test</b>	None
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Standardized course. Restrictions include daylight driving only, mandatory outside rearview mirrors, mandatory corrective lenses, and driving limited to 50 mile radius from home or to the neighborhood.

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation.....5 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person; renewal by mail for military and military dependents only.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....Yes Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....No None

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physicians may report unsafe drivers if they so choose by submitting a “Request Re-Evaluation” form. The form can be found on the Office of Driver Licensing Web site.
<b>Immunity</b>	No
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	An appointment is scheduled and the driver is notified to appear for an interview. A written test and road test may be required.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, family members, and other sources.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not available.

## Medical Advisory Board

<b>Role of the MAB</b>	South Dakota does not have a medical advisory board. Medical information is reviewed by Department of Commerce & Regulation personnel. If the Department has good cause to believe that a licensed operator is not qualified to be licensed, it may upon written notice of at least 5 days require him or her to submit to an examination or interview. The Department shall take appropriate action, which may include suspending or revoking the license, permitting the individual to retain his/her license, or issuing a license subject to restrictions.
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# Tennessee

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Tennessee Department of Safety Motor Vehicle Services 1150 Foster Avenue Nashville, TN 37249 www.state.tn.us/safety	615 741-3954
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/40 in better eye with/without correction for unrestricted license; minimum 20/60 in each/both eyes with restrictions.  Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes, provided that acuity is 20/200 in better eye through the carrier lens, 20/60 through the telescope, visual field is 150° or greater, and the telescope magnification is no greater than 4X.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....For professional drivers only. Visual field testing device.....Stereo Optec
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	Only for commercial drivers.
<b>Type of road test</b>	Standardized course with specific requirements.
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Restrictions include area limitations.

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation.....5 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person; mail and internet renewal are permitted every other cycle.  Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....No Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Permitted but not required.
<b>Immunity</b>	Yes
<b>Legal protection</b>	No
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Driver is notified in writing of referral.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, family members, and other sources.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not available

## Medical Advisory Board

<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The MAB is composed of volunteer physicians, who review medical reports and make recommendations. Actions are based upon the recommendation of the majority.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	Contact the MAB through the Driver Improvement Office at 615 251-5193.

# Texas

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Texas Department of Public Safety Driver License Division PO Box 4087 Austin, TX 78773-0001 www.txdps.state.tx.us	512 424-2967 or 512 424-2602
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each/both eyes without correction .....20/40 Each/both eyes with correction .....20/50 If one eye blind—other without correction .....20/25 with eye specialist statement. If one eye blind—other with correction .....20/50 with eye specialist statement. Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/40 in better eye for unrestricted license; 20/70 in better eye with restrictions.  Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes, provided that the client has acuity of 20/40 through the telescope and passes the road test.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....None
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	There is a requirement for all new drivers (not specified).
<b>Type of road test</b>	Standardized course
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Restrictions are based on medical advice and may include daytime driving only where the speed limit <45 mph and no expressway driving.

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation.....6 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person; if the client is eligible, renewal by internet, telephone, or mail is also available.  Vision testing required at time of renewal? .....At in-person renewal. Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Any physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Texas may inform the Department of Public Safety. This release of information is an exception to the patient-physician privilege. There is no special reporting form; a letter from the physician will suffice.
<b>Immunity</b>	Yes
<b>Legal protection</b>	Yes
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	The driver is notified in writing of the referral and required to provide medical information from his/her personal physician.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, family members, and other sources.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not anonymous or confidential. However, an attempt is made to protect the identity of the reporter. If the client requests an administrative hearing, the identity of the reporter may be revealed at that time.

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## **Medical Advisory Board**

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**Role of the MAB**

The MAB advises the Department of Public Safety on medical issues regarding individual drivers. The Department bases its actions on the recommendation of the physician who reviews the case.

**MAB contact information**

Texas Department of Public Safety  
Medical Advisory Board  
PO Box 4087  
Austin, TX 78773  
512 424-2344

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# Utah

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Utah Department of Public Safety Driver License Division PO Box 30560 Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0560 www.driverlicense.utah.gov	801 965-4437
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/100 in better eye with restrictions.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....No Minimum field requirement .....120° horizontal and 20° vertical for an unrestricted license; 90° horizontal with restrictions. Visual field testing device.....Stereo Optical (DMV 2000)
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Restrictions include daytime driving only where the speed limit <45 mph and radius limitations.

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....5 years Renewal options and conditions.....In-person; mail-in every other cycle if no suspensions, revocations, convictions, and not more than 4 violations. Vision testing required at time of renewal? .....Only for clients aged 65 and older. Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....No, unless examiner feels the applicant's ability to drive is in question.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	Vision testing required at license renewal for clients aged 65 and older.

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Permitted but not required.
<b>Immunity</b>	Any physician or person who becomes aware of a physical, mental or emotional impairment which appears to present an imminent threat to driving safety and reports this information to the Department of Public Safety in good faith shall have immunity from any damages claimed as a result of so doing.
<b>Legal protection</b>	No
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Driver is notified in writing of referral. License is suspended upon referral.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, family members, and other sources.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not anonymous or confidential.

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## Medical Advisory Board

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### Role of the MAB

The MAB advises the Director of the Driver License Division and recommends written guidelines and standards for determining the physical, mental, and emotional capabilities appropriate to various types of driving in an effort to minimize the conflict between the individual's desire to drive and the community's desire for safety.

### MAB contact information

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Chair, Executive Committee  
Utah Medical Advisory Board  
University of Utah Hospital  
Research Park  
615 Arapeen Drive, #100  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84108

Kurt Stromberg  
Program Coordinator, Utah Driver License Division  
PO Box 30560  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84130-0560  
801 965-3819  
801 965-4084 fax  
Kstromberg@utah.gov

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# Vermont

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Vermont Agency of Transportation Department of Motor Vehicles 120 State Street Montpelier, VT 05603-0001 www.aot.state.vt.us	802 828-2000
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/40 in better eye. Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes, with a daytime driving only restriction and vehicle weight restriction (10,000 lbs.). Also, the client must pass a road test.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....Each eye 60°; 60° external and 60° nasal for one eye only. Visual field testing device .....Not specified.
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	There are restrictions for clients who wear glasses or contact lenses and for those who utilize biopic telescopes.

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....2-4 years Renewal options and conditions .....By mail and in person. Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....No Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physicians may provide information to the DMV only with the permission of the patient.
<b>Immunity</b>	No
<b>Legal protection</b>	No
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Driver is notified of the referral by mail.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, concerned citizens, or family members. The letter must be signed.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not anonymous or confidential. However, the reporter's identity is held confidential until a hearing is requested by the client.

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	Vermont no longer retains a medical advisory board.
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# Virginia

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles PO Box 27412 Richmond, VA 23269 www.dmv.state.va.us	866 368-5463
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....	20/40
	Both eyes with/without correction .....	20/40
	If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....	20/40
	Absolute visual acuity minimum .....	20/40 in better eye for unrestricted license; 20/70 in better eye with daylight only restriction; 20/200 in better eye with other restrictions.
	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....	Yes, provided that acuity is 20/200 through carrier lens and 20/70 through telescope. A test is required.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....	100° monocular and binocular; 70° monocular and binocular with daylight only restriction.
	Visual field testing device .....	Stereo Optical/Titmus 10 mm W @ 333 mm.
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None	
<b>Type of road test</b>	A behind-the-wheel test is administered with the DMV examiner instructing and evaluating the person on specific driving maneuvers.	
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Restrictions may be based on road test performance, medical conditions, violation of probation, or court convictions. The restrictions include mandatory corrective lenses, hand controls, radius limitations, daylight driving only, mandatory ignition interlock device, and driving only to and from work/school.	

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....	5 years
	Renewal options and conditions .....	Customers may use an alternative method of renewing their driver's license every other cycle unless their license has been suspended or revoked, they have 2 or more violations, there is a DMV medical review indicator on the license, or they fail the vision test. Alternative methods include mail-in, internet, touch-tone telephone, fax, and ExtraTeller.
	Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....	Yes
	Written test required?.....	If the customer has had 2 or more violations in the past 5 years.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	Road test required?.....	No
	None	

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physicians are not required to report unsafe drivers. However, for physicians who do report unsafe drivers, laws have been enacted to prohibit release of the physician's name as the source of the report.
<b>Immunity</b>	No
<b>Legal protection</b>	Va. Code § 54.1-2966.1 states that if a physician reports a patient to the DMV, it shall not constitute a violation of the doctor-patient relationship unless the physician has acted with malice.
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Drivers are notified in writing that the DMV has initiated a medical review and advised of the medical review requirements. Drivers are also advised of any restrictions or suspension imposed as a result of the review.
<b>Other reporting</b>	The DMV relies upon information from courts, other DMVs, law enforcement officers, physicians, and other medical professionals, relatives, and concerned citizens to help identify drivers who may be impaired.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not anonymous. Virginia law provides confidentiality, but only for relatives and physicians.

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The MAB enables the DMV to monitor drivers throughout the state who may have physical or mental problems. The MAB assists the Commissioner with the development of medical and health standards for use in the issuance of driver's licenses. The MAB helps the DMV avoid the issuance of licenses to persons suffering from any physical or mental disability or disease that will prevent their exercising reasonable and ordinary control over a motor vehicle while driving it on highways. The MAB reviews the more complex cases, including those referred for administrative hearings, and provides recommendations for medical review action.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	Ms. Jacquelin C. Branche, RN Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Medical Review Services PO Box 27412 Richmond VA 23269 804 367-0531 804 367-1604 fax Dmvj3b@dmv.state.va.us

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# Washington

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Washington Department of Licensing Driver Services 1125 Washington Street SE PO Box 9020 Olympia, WA 98507-9020 www.dol.wa.gov	360 902-3600
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/40 in better eye for unrestricted license; 20/70 in better eye with restrictions.  Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes; training and testing are required.  Visual fields.....110° in horizontal meridian, binocular and monocular.  Visual field testing device .....Optec 1000; Keystone Telebinocular; Keystone DVSII
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	There is a requirement for new and professional drivers (not specified).
<b>Type of road test</b>	Standardized scoring using approved test routes at each licensing office.
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Restricted licenses may be issued depending on the circumstances. Corrective lenses may be required to meet the minimum acuity, and the client may be restricted to daytime driving only based on an eye care practitioner’s report or after failing a night time driving test. If needed to compensate for visual or physical impairment, there may be equipment restrictions, route or distance restrictions, or geographic area limits.

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....5 years Renewal options and conditions.....In-state renewals are in-person only. If out of state, the applicant can renew by mail once.  Vision testing required at time of renewal? .....Yes Written test required?.....Only if warranted by results of vision, health, or medical screening.  Road test required?.....Only if warranted by results of vision, health, or medical screening.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Permitted but not required.
<b>Immunity</b>	No
<b>Legal protection</b>	No
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	The DMV sends a letter to the driver with information detailing due process and action following any failure to respond.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, family members, and other competent sources. If in doubt, the reporting party may be required to establish his/her firsthand knowledge and standing for making a report.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not anonymous or confidential.

## Medical Advisory Board

<b>Role of the MAB</b>	Washington does not retain a medical advisory board.
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# West Virginia

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles Building 3, Room 113 1800 Kanawha Boulevard, East Charleston, WV 25317 www.wvdot.com	800 642-9066 (within state) 304 558-3900 (out of state)
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## Licensing Requirements

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<b>Visual acuity</b>	Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/60 in better eye; if less, the client must submit a report from an optometrist or ophthalmologist declaring the client’s ability to drive safely.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....No Minimum field requirement .....None
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Type of road test</b>	Standard road skills exam.
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Not available

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## License Renewal Procedures

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<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....5 years. Under the “Drive for Five” program, all driver’s licenses expire in the client’s birth month at an age divisible by five (eg, 25, 30, 35, etc). Renewal options and conditions .....In-person Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....No Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....No
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None

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## Reporting Procedures

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<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physicians are permitted and encouraged to report.
<b>Immunity</b>	No
<b>Legal protection</b>	No
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	A medical report is sent to the driver, to be completed by his/her physician. If the driver fails to comply, then the driver’s license is immediately revoked.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from law enforcement officers and family members.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not anonymous or confidential.

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## Medical Advisory Board

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<b>Role of the MAB</b>	The MAB reviews medical cases and advises the Division on how the driver’s medical condition might affect his/her ability to drive safely. If the MAB concludes that the driver is unsafe, it may recommend to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles that the license be revoked. The Commissioner then makes the final licensing decision.
<b>MAB contact information</b>	Joetta Gore 304 558-0238

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# Wisconsin

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<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Driver Services Hill Farms State Transportation Building 4802 Sheboygan Avenue PO Box 7910 Madison, WI 53707-7910 www.dot.wisconsin.gov	608 266-2353
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/100 in better eye with or without correction.
	Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Not for meeting vision standards, but can be used in driving.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....70° in better eye for regular unrestricted license. Visual field testing device.....Stereo Optical machine
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	Only for commercial drivers.
<b>Type of road test</b>	A knowledge and sign test are administered prior to the road test. The limited area test is on a non-fixed course, but is otherwise standardized.
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Restrictions can be recommended by a physician or vision specialist or determined by the road test. Restrictions include daytime driving only, radius limitations, and/or freeway restrictions.

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation .....8 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person; by mail if client is out of state. Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....Yes Written test required?.....Determined by DOT, vision specialist, or physician. Road test required?.....Determined by DOT, vision specialist, or physician.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physicians are encouraged though not required to report. They can report by submitting form MV3141 (“Driver Condition or Behavior Report”) or a letter on letterhead stationary. Form MV3141 is available on the DOT Web site.
<b>Immunity</b>	Yes
<b>Legal protection</b>	Yes
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	Driver is notified in writing of requirement(s). Depending on requirement(s), he/she is given 15, 30, or 60 days to comply. If driver does not comply within the time period given, the driver’s license is cancelled. Driver is notified in writing of cancellation.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, family members, and other sources.
<b>Anonymity</b>	Not anonymous or confidential. (Wisconsin has an Open Records Law). However, individuals can submit “Pledge of Confidentiality” form MV3454 with form MV3141. Form MV3454 is available on the DOT Web site.

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## Medical Advisory Board

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### Role of the MAB

The MAB advises the Bureau of Driver Services on medical issues regarding individual drivers. Wisconsin has 2 types of MAB:

1. By-Mail-Board: paper file is mailed to 3 physicians specialists (ie, neurologist, endocrinologist, ophthalmologist) for recommendations based on the client's medical condition(s).
2. In-Person Board: the client has an interview with 3 physicians (psychiatrist, neurologist, and internist).

Actions are based on the recommendation of the majority, the client's driving record, medical information provided by the client's physician and, if appropriate, driving examination results.

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# Wyoming

<b>Driver licensing agency contact information</b>	Wyoming Department of Transportation Driver Services 5300 Bishop Boulevard Cheyenne, WY 82009-3340 www.dot.state.wy.us	307 777-4800 or 307 777-4810
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## Licensing Requirements

<b>Visual acuity</b>	Each eye with/without correction.....20/40 Both eyes with/without correction .....20/40 If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....20/40 Absolute visual acuity minimum .....20/100 in better eye with restrictions. Are bioptic telescopes allowed? .....Yes, provided that acuity is 20/100 or better through both carrier lenses. There is a distance restriction for at least one year.
<b>Visual fields</b>	Minimum field requirement .....120° binocular for new, renewal, and professional drivers. Visual field testing device .....Keystone machine
<b>Color vision requirement</b>	None
<b>Restricted licenses</b>	Restrictions include daytime driving only and weather and distance restrictions.

## License Renewal Procedures

<b>Standard</b>	Length of license validation.....4 years Renewal options and conditions .....In-person; mail-in every other cycle. Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....Yes Written test required?.....No Road test required?.....Only if warranted by vision statement from physician or examiner.
<b>Age-based renewal procedures</b>	None

## Reporting Procedures

<b>Physician/medical reporting</b>	Physician reporting is encouraged, though not required.
<b>Immunity</b>	Physicians providing information concerning a patient's ability to drive safely are immune from liability for their opinions and recommendations.
<b>Legal protection</b>	N/A
<b>DMV follow-up</b>	If necessary, the DOT obtains additional information from the physician through completion of a Driver Medical Evaluation form.
<b>Other reporting</b>	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, police, and family members.
<b>Anonymity</b>	N/A

## Medical Advisory Board

<b>Role of the MAB</b>	Wyoming does not retain a medical advisory board.
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