

Chapter MVD 20

RENEWAL EXAMINATIONS FOR OPERATOR'S LICENSES

MVD 20.01 Examination required

MVD 20.02 Test of applicant's eyesight

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History: Cr. Register, July, 1970, No. 175, eff. 8-1-70.

MVD 20.02 Test of applicant's eyesight. (1) The following visual acuity requirements apply to applicants for renewal of an operator's license.

(a) 1. 20/40 or better, each eye or

2. 20/30 or better, one eye, when less than 20/40 in the other eye.

(b) If it is necessary to wear corrective lenses to meet the standard stated in par. (a) 1 or 2, the license will be restricted to require wearing corrective lenses when driving. Persons having 20/100 or less vision in one eye, but with 20/30 or better in the other eye, will be restricted to operation of vehicles with outside mirrors; one on the left and one on the right side of the vehicle, adjusted so as to give a view of traffic to the rear.

(c) Persons unable to meet the above requirements will be required to be examined by an ophthalmologist or optometrist hereafter referred to as a "vision specialist". The following minimum requirements apply when the vision specialist has made a recommendation that a license be issued.

1. 20/60 or better, each eye, or

2. 20/50 or better, one eye when vision is less than 20/60 in the other eye.

The administrator will consider the statement of findings of the vision specialist in applying restrictions to the license.

(d) Persons with visual acuity less than the above standards may be issued a restricted license under certain conditions. In issuing or denying a restricted license the administrator will consider the statement of findings and any recommendations of the vision specialist, the area in which the applicant must operate, the need for a license, whether the operation can be limited to daylight hours, and the applicant's ability to otherwise qualify for a license.

(2) Applicants will be screened for color vision but will not be denied a license or be referred to a vision specialist because of this deficiency only.

(3) A test for visual field will be conducted in those cases when:

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(a) The applicant has a physical condition which prevents or restricts him from turning his head or has a paralysis of gaze of the eyes;

(b) The examiner suspects a field defect;

(c) If a review of the individual's driver record shows intersection accidents are repeated. Those persons having a minimum horizontal form field of less than 70° in each eye will be referred to a vision specialist.

(4) Persons who have eye conditions other than described in s. MVD 20.02 (1) and (2) may be required to be examined by a vision specialist to obtain a report on the condition and secure a recommendation. These other conditions may be, but are not limited to, double vision, "tunnel visions", cataracts, nystagmus, lateral or vertical imbalance. Applicants who have eye conditions which prevent issuance of an unrestricted license may or may not be issued a restricted license; the administrator shall consider the statement of findings and recommendations of the vision specialist, the safety of the motoring public, the need for a license, the area of travel, whether operation can be limited to daylight hours and the applicant's ability to otherwise qualify for a restricted license.

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