

Applicants applying for a Texas driver license must meet the following vision standards: (For Commercial Driver License (CDL) vision standards refer to §16.8 of this title (relating to Qualifications To Drive in Interstate Commerce) and §16.9 of this title (relating to Qualifications To Drive in Intrastate Commerce))

(1) The standards for two-eyed vision are as follows:

(A) without corrective lenses, 20/40 or better each eye and both together: no visual restriction;

(B) without corrective lenses, worse than 20/40 with either eye or both together: refer to specialist;

(C) with corrective lenses, 20/50 or better with best eye or both together; any score with other eye: restrict to corrective lenses;

(D) without corrective lenses, 20/50 or better with best eye or both together with specialist's statement that vision cannot be improved: no visual restriction;

(E) with corrective lenses, 20/60 or 20/70 with best eye or both together; any score with other eye: restrict to corrective lenses, daytime only, 45 miles per hour speed limit, any other advisable restriction;

(F) without corrective lenses, 20/60 or 20/70 with best eye or both together with specialist's statement that vision cannot be improved: no visual restriction, daytime only, 45 miles per hour speed limit, any other advisable restriction;

(G) with or without corrective lenses, worse than 20/70 with best eye or both together; no further improvement possible: fail.

(2) The standards for one-eyed vision are as follows:

(A) without corrective lenses, 20/25 or better in best eye: no visual restriction;

(B) without corrective lenses, worse than 20/25 in best eye: refer to specialist;

(C) on all other case scores: use two-eyed vision standards;

(3) for driver licensing purposes, an acuity score of worse than 20/200, with corrective lenses or specialist's statement that improvement of 20/200 or better is not possible: is considered blind.

(4) Color blindness is checked on all original applicants.

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Persons applying for or holding a Texas driver license and having a physical or mental condition, the extent of which cannot be determined by the department, are referred to the Medical Advisory Board for further evaluation.

(1) The criteria for referral for physical conditions are as follows:

(A) Eye disorders:

(i) eye diseases: all applicants under the care of a physician, excluding the fitting of lenses when no disease is present;

(ii) telescopic lenses: all applicants requiring the use of telescopic lenses to pass the vision test must successfully complete a comprehensive road test before licensure and will only be referred the first time the applicant presents using telescopic lenses.