



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 9.01 Biotopic Telescopic Lenses

Section: 1. Issuance of Driver's License

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Definitions:

- **Biotopic Telescopic Lenses** - A lens system with a telescope attached to a pair of glasses, above the driver's normal line of sight. A person using biotopic telescopic lenses shall be eligible for a driver's license if he/she meets specific criteria.
- **Field Expanders** – Devices attached to each side of the eyeglasses

Requirements:

- **Visual Acuity**
 - Demonstrate a visual acuity of at least 20/200 in one or both eyes and a field of 110-degree horizontal vision without or with corrective carrier lenses. If he/she has vision in only one eye, he/she must have a field of at least 40 degrees temporal and 30-degree nasal horizontal vision. Note: If vision is greater than 20/200, (i.e. 20/300), the applicant does not qualify for a license.
 - Demonstrate a visual acuity of at least 20/60 in one or both eyes with the biotopic telescopic lenses and without the use of field expanders.
- **Required Documentation** - Submit, with the license application, an examination report from an ophthalmologist or optometrist on the Biotopic Telescopic Lens Vision Examination Form ([DPSMV 2008](#)). The report shall certify that no ocular diagnosis or prognosis currently exists or is likely to occur during the period of issuance of the license which would cause deterioration of visual acuity or visual field to levels below the minimum standards provided for in this section.
- **Driver's Education Course** - Meet all other criteria for licensure which include proper identification documentation, certificate of completion of an approved 30-hour class room driver education training course (for ages 15 - 17) and/or 6-hour pre-licensing driver's education course (age 18 or older) and successfully pass written exams.
- **Behind-the-Wheel Training** - Present proof of completion of at least 30-hours of behind-the-wheel training from a Department of Public Safety approved adaptive/biotopic instructor.
- **Driver's Skills Test** - Successfully pass a comprehensive driver's skills test administered by a third-party tester who is certified in adaptive training. The third-party tester will administer the skills test and place the results in a sealed envelope for delivery to the

Office of Motor Vehicles. The skills test is not required if the applicant is applying for a learner's permit.

Restrictions:

- A person using bioptic telescopic lenses shall be subject to the following restrictions:
 - The applicant is **only** eligible for a Class E license and shall not be permitted to operate a motorcycle or motor scooter.
 - The license shall permit the operation of a motor vehicle only during the period beginning 1/2 hour after sunrise and ending 1/2 hour before sunset ("08" restriction - Daylight driving only)
 - The applicant shall be prohibited from driving during adverse weather conditions.
 - Once the applicant has been determined "eligible," a Class E license (or learner's permit) can be issued with the following restrictions: **08 - Daylight driving only and 66 - Bioptic lenses required.**
 - Any other restrictions deemed necessary by OMV shall be applied.
- **A person using bioptic telescopic lenses may have the "Daytime Only" (08 restriction) lifted if he/she meets all the following requirements:**
 - Have been licensed with bioptic telescopic lenses for at least one year.
 - Demonstrate a visual acuity of at least 20/40 in one or both eyes with the bioptic telescopic lenses and without the use of field expanders.
 - Successfully passed a comprehensive driver's skills test at night administered by a qualified **Third-Party Testers / Adaptive Bioptic Trainers.**
 - Have no license suspensions, revocations, or at-fault accidents for the previous 12-month period.
- **Certified Bioptic Trainers:** The trainers will submit confirmation of successful completion of the 30-hour behind-the-wheel training on letterhead or a completion certificate. All documentation must be signed by the instructor that administered the training.

| Third Party Testers / Adaptive Bioptic Trainers | |
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- **Example of Bioptic Lens:**

