



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

**Section:** 1. Issuance of Driver's License

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[R.S. 32:403.5](#)

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**Definitions:**

- **Biotpic 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 biotpic 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 eye glasses

**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 biotpic 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 Biotpic 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 includes 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/biotpic 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 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 of 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	
Jack Varnado Louisiana Driving School 1352 Lindberg Drive, Suite 2 Slidell, LA 70458 (985) 643-7803 or (985) 580-1009	Charles J. Chauncy & Jill Chauncy First Class Driving School, Inc. 2710 Douglas Drive, Suite D Bossier City, LA 71111 (318) 742-9942
Sandra Robichaux NCR School of Driving, Inc. 1058 Valhi Blvd. Houma, LA 70360 (985) 580-1009	Martha Purvis Victor Manning Driving School 4539 North I-10 Service Road, Suite 202 Metairie, LA 70006 (504) 455-2103
Glenda Poulan, Dayne Huval & Ricky Poulan Southwest Safety Training, Inc. 600 Guilbeau Road Suite F Lafayette, LA 70506 (337) 989-0120	

Adaptive / Bioptic Trainers Only	
Holly Domingue, LOTR, CDRS Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center Outpatient Rehabilitation Department 611 St. Landry Street Lafayette, LA 70506 (337) 289-2859	Judith K. Otto, LOTR, CDRS Touro Infirmary Driver Assessment & Rehabilitation Program 1401 Foucher Street, W-1200 New Orleans, LA 70115 (504) 897-8557

- **Example of Bioptic Lens:**

