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Restrictions:

- The Department, upon issuing an operator's license, shall have authority, whenever there is good cause, to impose restrictions suitable to the licensee's driving ability with respect to the type of or special control device required on a motor vehicle.

Code	Purpose	Description
01	Corrective Lens	Wears glasses/contacts to operate a motor vehicle.
02	Learner's Permit	Operates a vehicle only with licensed driver. This restriction will be issued to individuals needing more practical driving experience. It may be renewed and an "M" (Motorcycle Endorsement) is allowed with such a license. (See Section 1, Policy 21.00, Motorcycle Endorsements).
03	Using Left Outside Rearview Mirror	The restriction will be added to individuals who have impaired vision worse than 20/40 in either or both eyes. The "03" restriction does not mean that eyes cannot be improved.
04	Eyes Cannot Be Improved	This is an information code designed to avoid the continued referral of an applicant whose vision cannot be improved. Should not be added unless specified by the eye doctor.
05	Automatic Transmission	This will be added for applicants who have lost or lost the use of one or both legs. If the applicant wears one or two artificial limbs, a driving test may be necessary to determine if he/she has adapted sufficiently for the safe operation of a motor vehicle without the necessity of the "05" restriction. In this case, restriction #40 (Wearing Artificial Limb) would be required. This is not the same as restriction "59".
06	Power Steering	This is to be used when a physical impairment hinders the strength or movement of the applicant's arms. This would compensate for the loss of mobility of the arms to control the steering.
07	No Passengers Allowed	This is only for the Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP). When a "P" Passenger endorsement and/or "S" School Bus endorsement is added to a CLP, this restriction is added.
08	Daytime Driving Only	This restriction will apply when the applicant's visual acuity is not 20/70 or better in both eyes or upon the recommendation of a vision specialist.

09	Special Restriction	May be used for any restriction which is not covered with a specific restriction code, or when there are four (4) or more restrictions to be used. See last page of this policy for more details. This special code should be suitable and appropriate to enable the applicant to operate a motor vehicle safely. Anytime this restriction is used, it must be completely explained to the applicant, for a new license issuance or a renewal. This restriction is no longer used. New programming (6/01) allows for six (6) endorsements. Also, the use of the 60 restriction (Restriction Card) will be used, if necessary.
10	Hearing Cannot Be Improved	This code gives information concerning the driver's disability which will aid him/her if he/she should be stopped by a police officer and is unable to communicate. To compensate for the disability, restriction #41 must be applied. This restriction code is being replaced by #73 or #74. Once all licenses with #10 have been replaced with a #73 or #74, then #10 will be deleted.
11	Must Wear Hearing Aid	This code is applied to applicants having a hearing impairment which can be improved with a hearing aid.
12	Restricted to No More than 5 Mile Radius of Home	This restriction applies to drivers that, for whatever reason, have slower than normal response times. This could be caused by the person's age, physical impairment, visual problem, etc. These same considerations would apply in determining whether to impose any of the restrictions listed under #13 to #23.
13	Restricted to No More Than a 10 Mile Radius of Home	Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in restriction #12 above.
14	Restricted to No More than a 15 Mile Radius of Home	Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in restriction #12 above.
15	Restricted to No More Than a 20 Mile Radius of Home	Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in restriction #12 above.
16	Restricted to No More Than a 25 Mile Radius of Home	Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in restriction #12 above.
17	Restricted to Rural Area Only	Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in restriction #12 above. This specifically prohibits operation of a motor vehicle by the driver in any corporate limit of any city, town, or other incorporated areas.
18	No Interstate Highway Driving	Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in restriction #12 above. The driver must not operate a motor vehicle on an interstate highway.
19	Driving Only Within Parish of Principal Residence	Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in restriction #12. The driver must operate a motor vehicle within the parish of their principal residence.
20	Restricted to Driving a Maximum of 50 m.p.h.	Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in restriction #12. The reduction in speed allows the driver more time to respond to changing traffic situations.
21	Restricted to Driving a Maximum of 45 m.p.h.	Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in restriction #12. The speed is reduced because the impairment is more severe.
22	Restricted to Driving a Maximum of 40 m.p.h.	Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in restriction #12. Restriction #18 should also be applied as this speed (40 m.p.h.) is not allowed on an interstate highway.
23	Restricted to Driving a Maximum of 35 m.p.h.	Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in restriction #12. Other restrictions, such as #12 to #19 and #30 should be considered as well, due to the physical and/or visual impairment.
24	Vision Medical Exam Required Every 6 Months	If it is determined that the driver has a progressive type of visual impairment, disease or condition, this examination must be required as reported on the vision form furnished from a vision specialist every six months, unless a longer period for periodic reexamination is specified by the vision specialist. (See restrictions #25 and #26.)
25	Vision Medical Exam Required Every Year	To be used only upon specific recommendation of a vision specialist. (See restriction #24 above.)
26	Vision Medical Exam Required Every 2 Years	To be used only upon specific recommendation of a vision specialist. (See restriction #24 above.)
27	Complete Medical Exam Required Every 6 Months	This restriction is to be applied only upon recommendation of a doctor.

28	Complete Medical Exam Required Every Year	This restriction is to be applied only upon recommendation of a doctor.
29	Complete Medical Exam Required Every Two Years	This restriction is to be applied only upon recommendation of a doctor.
30	Driving Only Between the Hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	This code may be used when a driver has an impairment which may restrict their mobility and/or judgment to the degree that he would be unable to cope with heavy traffic. The hours 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. are normally light traffic hours.
31	Seat Cushion Required	This restriction is used to compensate for a driver who is too short to reach the accelerator, brakes and/or clutch. This would only be added after an agent for the Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) has observed the driver on the road skills test.
32	Accelerator Pedal on Left Side	This restriction could be used when a driver has lost or lost the use of the right leg. A person who has lost their lower limbs and is restricted to hand controls would have restriction #34.
33	Mechanical Turn Signals	All late model vehicles are required to have mechanical signals, but this would be added to drivers who have lost the use of one or more of their upper limbs.
34	Hand Controls Required	This restriction is required on a paraplegic or at any time a driver has lost some degree of his or her reflexes in the upper/lower limbs. A road skills test must be administered.
35	Brake and Accelerator Controls Required	This restriction would be imposed for paraplegics or drivers who have lost some degree of mobility of their limbs. It differs from restriction #34 in that no hand controls for the dimmer switch is deemed necessary.
36	Extension Bar for Gas Pedal	Drivers with a significant mobility impairment (which would require an extension bar for the gas pedal) may require hand controls. Only careful judgment of all factors involved would determine if only the extension bar for gas pedal is necessary.
37	Dimmer Switch on Steering Column	Normally, restriction #34 would be used when a driver has lost a significant amount of mobility of their limbs to warrant a dimmer switch on the steering column. If an agent for the OMV deems the restriction necessary, add the restriction to the license so that the driver will know all vehicles he or she drives should be properly equipped.
38	Specific Driving Route Must Accompany License	This restriction applies to the handicapped/slow response driver, and consideration should be given to impose a driving route that meets their needs. This restriction applies whenever the driver's impairment is such that he/she would not be capable of handling heavy traffic situations or is incapable of less restricted driving.
39	Light Traffic in the Parish of Residence Only	This restriction applies to drivers that, for whatever reason, have slower than normal response times. This could be caused by the person's age, physical impairment, visual problem, etc. The driver must operate a motor vehicle within the parish of their residence in light traffic.
40	Wearing of Artificial Limb	This is added when a driver has lost one or more limbs and is using the prosthesis.
41	Inside and Outside Rearview Mirror	Should be added to drivers who cannot hear and the impairment cannot be improved with a hearing aid. The restriction of additional mirrors will aid the driver in detecting approaching traffic in the driver's blind spots.
42	Left and Right Rearview Mirrors	This code differs from restriction code #41 in that inside mirror is not mandated in this restriction.
43	Specific Visual for Louisiana CDL vision waiver, and not for Federal Alternative Vision Standard	Effective 12-01-90, must be used in conjunction with restriction #53. This restriction is to be used whenever Commercial Driver's License (CDL) applicants can only achieve 20/40 (Snellen) visual acuity in one eye. Example: Applicant is blind in one eye, but achieves 20/40 with or without corrective lenses in the good eye.
44	Eyeglasses/Contacts, Left Outside Rearview Mirror, Eyes Cannot be Improved	This combines requirements under restrictions, #1, #3, and #4.
45	Eyeglasses/Contacts, Left Outside Rearview Mirror, Eyes Cannot be Improved, Daytime Driving Only	This combines requirements under restrictions #1, #3, #4, and #8.

46	Restricted to Driving a Vehicle Equipped With Automatic Transmission, Power Steering, Mechanical Turn Signals, Hand Controls, Extension Bar for Gas Pedal	This combines requirements under restriction #5, #6, #33, #34, and #36.
47	CDL Waiver for Farm Related Service Industries	License must be accompanied by completed CDL Waiver for Farm Related Service Industries form. Allows non-CDL drivers to operate CDL vehicles for farm related service industries within 150-mile radius from their place of business or the farm which is being served. The license is only valid for providing farm related services and for not more than 180 days in a calendar year. After the 180-day period, this license will only be good for the previous class license listed on the CDL waiver form. This is a restricted license and will be indicated as such on the face of the license. The CDL waiver must be renewed for each waiver period throughout the duration of the license.
48	Light Traffic Only	This restriction applies to drivers that, for whatever reason, have slower than normal response times. This could be caused by the person's age, physical impairment, visual problem, etc. This limits operation of a motor vehicle to light traffic areas only.
49	Air Over-Hydraulic Brake System	No longer used. This restriction is for CDL drivers who pass the air brake system test, but take the skills test in a vehicle equipped with air-over-hydraulic brakes. These drivers are restricted operating vehicles equipped with a standard air brake system, but not from operating vehicles an air-over-hydraulic brake system. Notation should appear on the Skills Test Certificate to indicate "Air-Over-Hydraulic Brakes, Add 49 Restriction."
50	Hardship Restricted License	This restriction denotes an economic hardship license which allows the individual to drive under limited conditions as outlined in either the court order, the refusal interview or submit interview. The explanation to this restriction (court order or administrative documents) must be attached and carried with the license at all times.
51	Interlock Device	Hardship license specifically issued with an interlock device.
52	Intra-State Only	This restriction applies to CDL applicants who are under the age of 21. The letter "K" will appear under the restrictions section of the CDL.
53	Intra-State Only	This restriction applies to CDL applicants with a medical and/or visual problem which disqualifies them from driving outside the State of Louisiana. The letter "K" will appear under the restrictions section of the CDL.
54	Air brakes Restriction	This restriction is added to a CDL whenever the CDL applicant has not passed the air brakes written test, and/or failed the air brakes part of the skills test, or took a skills test in a vehicle not equipped with air-brakes. Applicant is not qualified to operate vehicles with air brakes. The letter "L" will appear under the restrictions section of the CDL.
55	No 18-Wheelers	This restriction is added to a CDL Class A whenever the CDL applicant has skills tested in a combination vehicle where the pulling unit was less than 26,001 pounds' gross vehicle weight rating.
56	Intra-State Only	This restriction applies to CDL applicants who have self-certified as Intra-state non-excepted or excepted. The letter "K" will appear in the restrictions section of the CDL. This restriction is automatically added in conjunction with an intra-state self-certification type of commerce. If the driver changes their self-certification from intra-state non-excepted or excepted to inter-state non-excepted or excepted, then the restriction must be removed from the CDL.
57	Interlock/Condition of Reinstatement	This restriction is added to an applicant that is required to have an ignition interlock device as a condition of reinstatement.
58	Medical Variance Documents Required	This restriction is added to any CDL applicant that holds a waiver from FMSCA for Skill's Performance Evaluation (SPE). Other restrictions may apply, depending on the waiver. The "V" restriction will appear in the restrictions section of the CDL, when the waiver field(s) and dates are entered on DLRUMD.

59	No Manual Transmission Equipped CMV	This restriction is valid for all CDL class licenses and prohibits the driver from operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) with a manual transmission. The letter "E" will appear in the restriction section of a CDL.
60	Restriction Card	This restriction is for anything not covered. It requires a "Restriction Card" be attached to license specifying the restriction.
61	Intermediate License	<p>This restriction is added to Class E licenses for minors sixteen (16) years of age who have completed their 180-day learner's permit stage. This restriction cannot be removed until the applicant reaches the age of seventeen (17).</p> <p>Intermediate driver's license holders must adhere to the following restrictions/rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No driving between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. unless accompanied by a licensed parent, guardian, or adult at least twenty-one (21) years of age or older or sibling at least eighteen (18) years or older • In addition to a licensed parent, sibling, or guardian, there may be other members of the intermediate license holder's immediate family in the vehicle. • Unless accompanied by a licensed parent, guardian, or adult at least age twenty-one or older, an intermediate license holder may not transport more than one passenger that is under twenty-one years of age and not a member of the intermediate license holder's immediate family between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
62	Front/Side Fender Mirrors	Requires mirrors to be mounted to the front fenders to increase visibility in blind spots. This restriction is to be used when an applicant has a severe mobility impairment which affects the ratio of movement of the neck.
63	Class B Passenger Endorsement	Allows the driver to operate a Class B (GVWR 26,001 and more) passenger carrying vehicle. This restriction can only be added when the skills test is performed in a Class B passenger vehicle. An "M" will print on the front of the license.
64	Class C Passenger Endorsement	Allows the driver to operate a Class C (GVWR 26,000 and less) passenger carrying vehicle. This restriction can only be added when the skills test is performed in a Class C passenger vehicle. A "N" will print on the front of the license
66	Bioptic Lens Required	This restriction denotes the requirement for the driver to wear bioptic lens when driving a Class E vehicle. Drivers with this restriction cannot obtain a motorcycle endorsement. This restriction allows customers to drive 1/2 hour before sunrise through 1/2 hour after sunset and prohibits driving during adverse weather.
67	No Tractor-Trailer CMV	This restriction is added to a CDL if an applicant performs a skills test in a combination vehicle for a Class A with the pulling unit and trailer connected with a pintle hook or other non-fifth wheel connection. This will print as an "O" restriction on the credential.
68	No Full Air Brake Equipped	This restriction is for CDL drivers who pass the air brake system test, but take the skills test in a vehicle equipped with air-over-hydraulic brakes. These drivers are restricted from operating vehicles equipped with a standard air brake system, but not from operating vehicles with an air-over-hydraulic or hydraulic brake system. This will print as a "Z" restriction on the credential.
69	No Cargo in CMV Tank Vehicle	This restriction is added to a CLP only in conjunction with the "N" Tank Endorsement. The vehicle being operated cannot have any cargo or any hazardous materials residue. This will print as an "X" restriction on the credential.
70	Loss of Vision in Left Eye	Less than 20/40 in left eye.
71	Loss of Vision in Right Eye	Less than 20/40 in right eye.
72	Vision Medical Every 4 Years	As required by the vision specialist.
73	Deaf	This code gives information concerning the driver's impairment which will aid them, if stopped by a police officer and unable to communicate. Restriction #41 must also be applied.
74	Hard of Hearing	This code gives information concerning the driver's impairment which will aid them, if stopped by a police officer and is unable to communicate. Restriction #41 must also be applied.

Endorsements

- Endorsements shall be issued provided the applicant passes the appropriate knowledge and skills tests necessary for the issuance of the endorsement and provided the applicant passes any requisite security assessment for the issuance of a particular endorsement.

Code	Endorsement	Description
E	Emergency Endorsement	This is a special endorsement for emergency vehicle operators. RS 32:408 (D)
H	Hazardous Materials	Allows a driver to operate a CMV carrying hazardous materials. Note: If a driver with an "H" endorsement receives a second conviction of any combination of reckless and/or negligent violations, the HAZMAT "H" endorsement will be permanently revoked. Once the HAZMAT endorsement is removed, it cannot be added back in Louisiana.
M	Motorcycle	Allows operator to drive a motorcycle.
N	Tank	Allows a driver to operate a CMV with a tank or tanker trailer.
P	Passenger	Allows a driver to operate a CMV with 16 or more passengers, including the driver. Must evaluate if the "P" endorsement requires a 63 or 64 restriction.
S	School Bus	Allows a driver to operate a School Bus. Note: If a driver with an "S" endorsement receives a DWI or Refusal while operating any vehicle, the "S" endorsement will be revoked for ten (10) years.
T	Double/Triple Trailers	Allows a driver to operate double and/or triple trailers.
X	Combination Tank and Hazardous Materials	This is a combination endorsement for a driver allowed to operate a tanker vehicle and a vehicle carrying hazardous materials. Note: If a driver with an "X" endorsement receives a second conviction of any combination of reckless and/or negligent violations, the "X" endorsement will be permanently revoked. The driver may, however, keep their tank "N" endorsement.

Related Policies:

Section 1, Policy 4.00 [Renewals, Class, And Restriction Changes Between Renewals](#)

Section 1, Policy 22.01 [Gender Change/Reassignment](#)