



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 23.00 Medical / Vision Examination  
Requirements and Behavior Reports**

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

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[R.S. 32:403.1](#)

[R.S. 32:403.2](#)

[R.S. 32:403.4](#)

[R.S. 32:409.1 \(A\)\(3\)](#)

[R.S. 32:403.3](#)

[R.S. 32:414 \(E\)](#)

[R.S. 32:424](#)

[R.S. 40.1356](#)

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**General:**

- When the Office of Motor Vehicles suspects physical or mental infirmity or disability that would constitute grounds for refusal of a driver's license, the Department will require one or more medical forms (from a treating medical provider) to be submitted to the Department before a license can be issued or to determine whether the driving privileges should be suspended or denied. An applicant for a Class E (operator's) or D (chauffer's) driver's license must meet a minimum distant visual acuity standard reading.
- **Disclosure of Medical / Vision Information:** Medical Information/Vision Information - Information that is contained on the medical/vision examination form will not be disclosed to any third party without the written consent or waiver from the individual whose record is being reviewed. A written waiver shall be valid for a single request for medical/vision information and shall not be valid for multiple or ongoing requests.
- **Disclosure of Driver Behavior Report Information:** Driver Behavior Report -[Form DPSMV 3005](#) is not considered a public record. The Department will not divulge any information contained in the reports regardless of whether the case is outstanding or closed. The licensed driver must seek an order from a court of legal authority for the release of the name of the reporting individual.
- **Medical Examination Form ([DPSMV2302](#)):** The medical examination form provides medical information concerning an applicant's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.
  - The medical examination form must have all sections that apply to the driver's condition completed in its entirety and address the medical concern(s) for which it was required.
  - **History Section:** Summary of past health status. This section is required to be completed by the treating physician.
  - **Orthopedic Section:** Provides information regarding the skeletal system. A road skills test may be warranted and applicable restrictions applied.

- **Hearing Section:** Provides information regarding hearing abilities.
  - An applicant with a hearing disability that could prevent the applicant from hearing automobile horns or emergency vehicles must be subject to appropriate restrictions.
  - If the applicant is deaf or hard of hearing, the physician must specify the condition on the medical examination form.
- **Cardiopulmonary Section:** Provides a history of hyper/hypotension (blood pressure), cardiac, or respiratory disorders.
  - Any diagnosis of uncontrolled or severe hypertension must include a detailed explanation of the condition and its implications for the applicant in the **Remarks** section.
  - A yearly follow-up will be required for two (2) consecutive years following the medical clearance on all cases in which the physician/internist/specialist(s) indicates "syncope".
- **Neurological Section:** Provides medical information related to the nervous system. This may include various forms of epilepsy, Parkinsonism, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, closed head injuries, traumatic brain injuries, etc.
  - If the form reveals that an applicant has had an epileptic seizure or a nocturnal seizure within the last six (6) months, driving privileges will be suspended. The driver's license cannot be renewed or issued until the applicant has completed a six-month seizure-free period.
  - A yearly follow-up will be required for two (2) consecutive years following the medical clearance on all cases involving seizures.
- **Mental Section:** Provides medical information pertaining to or relating to mental disorders.
  - If the medical report indicates a diagnosis of mental disorder by a physician, psychologist, or psychiatric social worker, a second opinion from a psychiatrist is required. Driving privileges shall be suspended until the psychiatric evaluation is completed and approved, and the driver's license cannot be issued or renewed until that time.
  - If the report from a psychiatrist indicates the applicant can safely operate a motor vehicle, the driver's license may be issued, provided no contradictory opinion regarding driving safety has been submitted by a physician, psychologist, or psychiatric social worker.
- **Diabetes Section:** Provides medical information pertaining to the severity of diabetic problems.
  - When the medical form discloses a diagnosis of Diabetes Mellitus, the physician's statements and recommendations shall be the primary factors in the licensing evaluation. The medical report shall be approved unless the physician specifically indicates a clear driving hazard, such as frequent loss of consciousness or unstable visual acuity.
- The form must be returned within thirty (30) days from the **date issued**. Failure to comply will result in the suspension of the driving privileges.
- The form is considered valid only if the date of the physician's signature has not exceeded sixty (60) days.

- **Vision Examination Form (DPSMV 2301):**
  - The vision form provides medical information regarding visual acuity as reported by either an Optometrist (Vision Specialist) or an Ophthalmologist.
  - The vision examination form must be completed in its entirety and must address the acuities in the left eye, right eye and both eyes.
  - The form must be returned within thirty (30) days from the **date issued**. Failure to comply will result in the suspension of the driving privileges.
  - The form is considered valid only if the date of the physician's signature has not exceeded sixty (60) days.
- **Driver Behavior Report (DPSMV 3005):** This report may be used by courts, law enforcement agencies, health care provider, the Office of Motor Vehicles employees, or family members to report a suspected unsafe driver.
  - The report must be completed in its entirety and must contain firsthand knowledge of the driver's behavior or medical/physical condition, which may render them unable to safely operate a motor vehicle.
  - Reports submitted by courts or law enforcement officers must identify the specific court, law enforcement officer or agency.
- **Eligibility for Hardship License:** There are no provisions for the issuance of a hardship license to a physically or mentally challenged applicant whose driver's license has been suspended.
- **Methods of Compliance:** The applicant must furnish the Department with a satisfactory medical statement(s) and/or pass a special driver's license examination.
  - The CDL Medical Examiner's Certificate must also be submitted if the applicant holds a Commercial Driver's License. See Section 1 Policy 1.04 Commercial Driver's License Self-Certification and Medicals