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Medical Fitness to Drive Guidelines

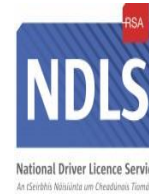
Driving Safely with a Medical Condition

Promoting safer driving for the patient and the general public





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D502 Eyesight Report Form

Guide for completing the new D502 form for NDLS

Thank you for helping us to promote safety on our roads.

Driving Licence Eyesight Report Form



To drive you must meet certain medical fitness standards. For this purpose vehicles are classed as Group 1 and Group 2. If you are applying for a vehicle in both Groups (See note 2 overleaf) please tick Group 1 and 2 on this form. Where an applicant meets the medical criteria for Group 2 vehicles, they will automatically meet the medical criteria for Group 1 vehicles.

Part 1. Driver Information:

Applicant Name:

PPSN:

Date of birth: / /
Day Month Year

Driver number (if available):

(Please X the appropriate box)
 I wish to undergo an eyesight test on foot of my application for a learner permit/driving licence as required by the Road Traffic Acts.
 My application is for a driving licence/learner permit as a driver of a **Group 1** or **Group 2** vehicle. (See note 1 overleaf).

Applicant's Signature:
Day Month Year
 (To be signed in the presence of your Medical Practitioner/Optomtrist)

This form must be submitted to National Driver Licence Service with an application for a driving licence/learner permit within one month of its completion by a Medical Practitioner or Optometrist.

Part 2: To be completed by a Medical Practitioner or Optometrist whose name is on the General Register of Medical Practitioners or on the Register of Optometrists in Ireland.

I, the undersigned registered medical practitioner/registered optometrist (delete as appropriate), report that:

- The applicant has signed the declaration in my presence
- I have examined the eyesight of the applicant by reference to the prescribed standard and in my opinion, the applicant meets the prescribed eyesight standard set out for vehicles in the *Sláinte agus Tiomáint* driver fitness medical guidelines for **(Please X the appropriate box(es) below):**

a) **Group 1 vehicles** Yes No

b) **Group 2 vehicles** Yes No

c) **Needs to wear corrective lenses to meet the standard set out overleaf** Yes No

My opinion as to (INSERT APPLICANTS NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALS) _____ eyesight is that the applicant is fit to drive vehicles of the Group indicated.

Signature of Medical Practitioner or Optometrist whose name is on the register in Ireland:
Day Month Year

Stamp of Medical Practitioner or Optometrist whose name is on the register in Ireland:
Day Month Year
 Medical Practitioner or Optometrist:

Please have your medical practitioner or optometrist initial any alteration or change made in this form. This is important in assessing the validity of the document presented.

Driving Licence Eyesight Report Form



EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. For medical fitness standards vehicles are classed as Group 1 or Group 2. The Table below describes which vehicles are in Group 1 and in Group 2. Further information on each licence category can be found on the licence application form.

Group 1 Vehicles and Licence Category	Group 2 Vehicles and Licence Category
AM	C
A	C1
A1	CE
A2	C1E
B	D
BE	D1
W	DE
	D1E

2. The following is general guidance for the medical or optical professional carrying out the eyesight test. This advice will be superseded by guidance set out in the *Sláinte agus Tiomáint* document which represents the most up to date information on medical fitness standards for drivers in Ireland. All applicants for a driving licence shall undergo a visual acuity and confrontation visual field examination to ensure that they have adequate eyesight for driving power-driven vehicles. Where there is reason to doubt that the applicant's vision is adequate, he/she shall be examined by

there is no other impairment of visual function, including glare, contrast sensitivity and twilight vision. The applicant should also be subject to a positive practical test.

B. The person shall have a binocular visual acuity, with corrective lenses if necessary, of at least 0,5 (5/12) when using both eyes together. The horizontal visual field should be at least 50 degrees left and right and 20 degrees up and down. No defects should be present within a radius of the central 20 degrees.

3. Group 1 Vehicles, Guidance for Medical Professionals the following applies:

A. Licensing may be considered in exceptional cases where the visual field standard or visual acuity standard cannot be met; in such cases the driver should undergo examination by a competent medical authority to demonstrate that

The eyesight examining doctor or optometrist must certify that this condition of monocular vision has existed for a sufficiently long time to allow adaptation and that the field of vision in this eye meets the requirement laid down in paragraph (B).

E. After any recently developed diplopia or after the loss of vision in one eye, there should be an appropriate adaptation period (of at least six months), during which driving is not allowed. After this period, driving is only allowed following a favourable opinion from the eyesight examining doctor or optometrist.

4. Group 2 Vehicles, Guidance for Medical Professionals the following applies:

A. The person shall have a visual acuity, with corrective lenses if necessary, of at least 0,8 (8/10) in the better eye and at least 0,1 (1/10) in the worse eye. If corrective lenses are used to attain the values of 0,8 (8/10) and 0,1 (1/10), the minimum acuity must be achieved either by correction by means of glasses with a power not exceeding plus eight dioptres, or with the aid of contact lenses. The correction must be well tolerated. The horizontal visual field with both eyes should be at least 160 degrees; the extension should be at least 70 degrees left and right and 30 degrees up and down. No defects should be present within a radius of the central 30 degrees.

B. A learner permit/driving licence should not be issued to a person who suffers from impaired contrast sensitivity or from diplopia.

C. After a substantial loss of vision in one eye, there should be an appropriate adaptation period (of at least six months) during which the person is not permitted to drive. After this period, driving is only permitted following a favourable opinion

from the eyesight examining doctor or optometrist.

For more information about medical fitness standards is available on the www.rsa.ie under the driver licensing tab.

The new D502 form consists of 2 pages. Drivers and Medical Professionals fill in Page 1 Explanatory Notes appear overleaf on Page 2.

Eyesight Report D502 – Page 1 - Part 1:

To be completed by the driver

A

Part 1. Driver Information:

Applicant Name:

PPSN

Date of birth
Day Month Year

Driver number (if available)

(Please X the appropriate box)
I wish to undergo an eyesight test on foot of my application for a learner permit /driving licence as required by the Road Traffic Acts.

My application is for a driving licence/learner permit as a driver of a **Group 1** or **Group 2** vehicle.
(See note 1 overleaf).

Applicant's Signature

(To be signed in the presence of your Medical Practitioner/Optometrst)
Day Month Year

This form must be submitted to National Driver Licence Service with an application for a driving licence/learner permit within one month of its completion by a Medical Practitioner or Optometrist.

A). The driver must complete Part 1 details including name, PPS Number, DOB and Driver Licence Number (if available)

B). The driver must indicate here which licence is applicable - Group 1 and or Group 2 licence.

C). The Driver must sign and enter the date.

Eyesight Report D502 – Page 1 – Part 2:

To be completed by the doctor or optometrist

Part 2: To be completed by a Medical Practitioner or Optometrist whose name is on the General Register of Medical Practitioners or on the Register of Optometrists in Ireland.

I, the undersigned registered medical practitioner/registered optometrist (delete as appropriate), report that:

- The applicant has signed the declaration in my presence
- I have examined the eyesight of the applicant by reference to the prescribed standard and in my opinion, the applicant meets the prescribed eyesight standard set out for vehicles in the *Sláinte agus Tiomáint* driver fitness medical guidelines for (Please X the appropriate box(es) below):

a) Group 1 vehicles

A

Yes No


b) Group 2 vehicles

B

Yes No

Yes No

B Needs to wear corrective lenses to meet the standard set out overleaf

My opinion as to (INSERT APPLICANTS NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALS)  is that the applicant is fit to drive vehicles of the Group indicated. eyesight

Signature of Medical Practitioner or Optometrist whose name is on the register in Ireland


C

Day

Month

Year

Stamp of Medical Practitioner or Optometrist whose name is on the register in Ireland

 If the driver fails to meet the standard for the licence that he/she is applying for the doctor should not insert the name of the driver in this question

Medical Practitioner or Optometrist Telephone Number

A). The doctor or optometrist must indicate which licence type is relevant, they must mark No if Group 2 licence does not apply.

B). Indicate if corrective lenses are used by driver.

C). The treating doctor or optometrist must

- Sign
- Stamp
- Date
- Provide a contact telephone number

Eyesight Report D502 – Page 2:

Explanatory Notes

1. Licence classifications
 - a. Group 1 Licences apply to powered 2-wheel vehicles, cars and tractors
 - b. Group 2 Licences apply to Heavy/Commercial Vehicles
2. General Guidance for medical and optical professionals
 - a. This advice is superseded by guidance set out in the Sláinte agus Tiomáint Medical Fitness to Drive Guidelines, which are updated annually

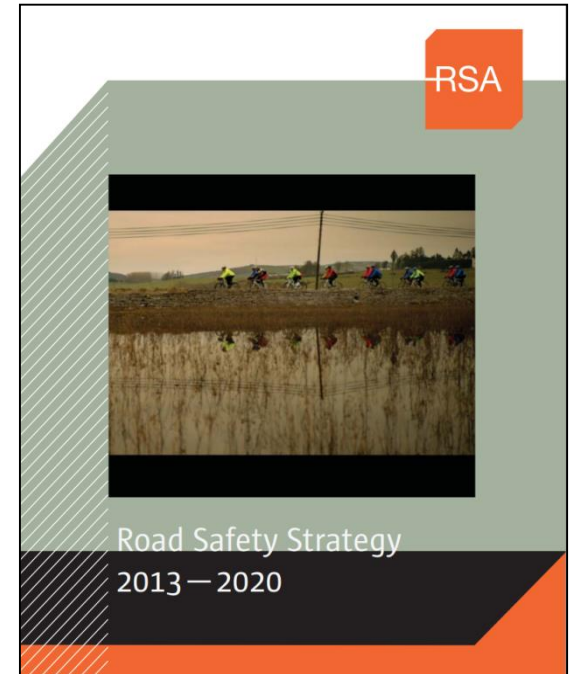


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Further details are available on the RSA and NDLS websites:

<http://www.rsa.ie/RSA/Licensed-Drivers/Safe-driving/Medical-Issues/>

<https://www.ndls.ie/medical-reports.html>

More details about Medical Fitness to Drive are available on the
National Office for Traffic Medicine website:

<https://www.rcpi.ie/traffic-medicine/>