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TIPS FOR THE DMV

DMV Vision Standards

- 20/40 with both eyes tested together and
- 20/40 in one eye and
- 20/70, at least in the other eye
- You may wear glasses or contact lenses to meet the minimum visual acuity standards.

If you have difficulty reading the eye chart, the DMV examiner will then test your distance vision with a machine called Optec 1000. The examiner will ask you to read first with both eyes and then with each eye individually. If you wear bifocal glasses, use the far distance part of your glasses.

The DMV may refuse to grant a license if you do not have a minimum best-correctable vision of 20/200 in your better eye. (Vehicle Code 12805)

The DMV takes into account the severity of your vision condition, how your vision condition affects your central and side vision, if your vision condition affects one or both eyes, whether glasses, surgery, or contact lenses can correct your vision condition, and whether the condition will get worse.

DMV Vision Form

The DMV may require you to undertake an eye examination and have the office complete a detailed vision form. Our office will perform the necessary testing and send you the form within a reasonable period of time. You may then take the DMV Vision Form and associated test results with you to the DMV. The DMV may accept the results of the DMV Vision Form and take no further action. The DMV may retest your vision. The DMV also has the option of having you take a driving test to demonstrate that you have compensated for any vision loss caused by your eye condition.

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Driving Test

You may be asked to take a driving test if you have a vision problem. The DMC is authorized to test all applicants under Vehicle Code section 12804.9.

- Your driving test will last about 20 minutes.
- Your test will consist of basic maneuvers such as: left and right turns, stops, lane changes, and driving in regular street traffic.
- Drive smoothly at all times.
- Be sure to stop behind the limiting line at crosswalks with a stop sign or red traffic light.
- Follow at a safe distance; one car length for every 10 mph.
- Signal for all lane changes and turns.
- Check your mirrors frequently ***and*** look over your shoulder before making a lane change or pulling away from the curb.
- Always use the proper lane. Turn from the correct lane into the correct lane.
- Ask questions before taking the test. The examiner will not engage in general conversation during the test.
- The examiner will check both license plates and your registration to see if it is up to date.
- The examiner will also check front and back turn signals and confirm that your car has a working brake light.
- When driving, use two hands on opposite sides of the steering wheel.