

VISION SCREENING

DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWAL GUIDE

For Medical Professionals

Starting January 1, 2025, all Kentuckians must undergo a vision screening to renew their driver's license or permit. Multiple states have adopted mandatory vision screenings to ensure drivers have the visual acuity required to operate a vehicle safely.

This new requirement, enacted during the 2021 General Assembly, aims to promote highway safety by ensuring that all drivers maintain good vision throughout their driving career. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is responsible for administering the vision requirement law for drivers seeking to renew their license.

VISION SCREENING CREDENTIALING

Qualifying medical professionals must submit a Medical Specialist Credentialing Certification (TC 94-203) to perform vision screenings for driver's license renewals. Once credentialed, osteopaths, physicians, or advanced practice registered nurses may offer vision screenings for patients who are within one year of their license renewal date.

To get certified, medical professionals must fill out the credentialing form and email it to KYTC at kytc.ddlvisionspec@ky.gov. Once approved, the Division of Driver Licensing will send a confirmation email and include the Driver Vision Testing Certification Form (TC 94-202) to be used with patients. Those who submit can expect a response within 30 calendar days. Any process related questions can be sent to tina.ferguson@ky.gov.

When a driver passes their screening, credentialed medical professionals will fill out and sign a Driver Vision Testing Certification form, confirming their patient can safely operate a vehicle. The provider will give the patient the completed form so they may proceed with license renewal at a Driver Licensing Regional Office.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Drivers have two options for vision screenings when renewing their license:

OPTION 1:

Vision screenings can be completed for free at any KYTC Driver Licensing Regional Office at the time of renewal.

OPTION 2:

Drivers may ask their KYTC-credentialed osteopath, physician, or advanced practice registered nurse for a vision screening. When a driver passes, medical professionals will provide and sign the form for patients to bring when renewing their license.

The vision screening and Driver Vision Testing Certification Form must be completed by you within 12 months of the patient's license renewal visit at a regional office.

Drivers may also ask a vision specialist (ophthalmologists or optometrists) to conduct their vision screening.

IF DRIVERS DO NOT PASS

Credentialed medical professionals will refer drivers to a vision specialist for secondary vision examination and any corrective lenses.

Vision specialists may fill out and sign a Driver Vision Testing Certification form, confirming their patient can safely operate a vehicle and proceed with license renewal. Drivers will then bring their certification form to the Driver Licensing Regional Office when renewing their license.

If the patient cannot pass vision testing sufficiently enough to operate a vehicle, you will complete the appropriate section of the certification form, then sign and submit it to the email or address listed on the form. KYTC will begin accepting vision testing certification forms beginning January 2025. Driver Vision Testing Certification and Medical Specialist Credentialing Certification forms are now available to medical professionals.