

VISION SCREENING

DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWAL GUIDE

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.

WHAT TO EXPECT

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

OPTION 1:

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

OPTION 2:

Drivers may ask their vision specialist or KYTC-credentialed osteopath, physician or advanced practice registered nurse for a vision screening. Drivers who pass will receive a Driver Vision Testing Certification Form from their provider to bring when renewing their license.

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

IF DRIVERS DO NOT PASS

Drivers **who do not pass** their vision screening at a Driver Licensing Regional Office or by a KYTC-credentialed medical professional will be referred to a vision specialist for a secondary examination.

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. The Driver Vision Testing Certification Form is available to vision specialists.