

VISION SCREENING

DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWAL GUIDE

For Vision Specialists

Starting January 1, 2025, all Kentuckians must undergo a vision screening to renew their driver's license. 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 who perform a vision exam with a vision specialist may request a form from you to confirm they have passed to satisfy the vision screening requirement.

The vision exam 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. Please give the patient the completed and signed form at the end of their appointment.

IF DRIVERS DO NOT PASS

Drivers **who do not pass** their vision screening at a Drivers Licensing Regional Office will be referred to a vision specialist for secondary vision examination and any corrective lenses.

If vision is corrected, vision specialists may fill out and sign a Driver Vision Testing Certification form (TC 94-202), confirming their patient can safely operate a vehicle and proceed with license renewal. You will give the form to the patient to bring 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, address or fax listed on the form. KYTC will begin accepting vision testing certification forms beginning January 2025. The final Driver Vision Testing Certification Form will be available for vision specialists this fall.