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State	Age-Related Restrictions	Length of License (Years)	Renewal Conditions (in person, mail, internet)	Physical Testing	Vision Testing	Visual Requirements	Mental Testing
AL	None	4	In person (or by mail if out-of-state)	Written, road sign, driving, and vision required for original	Only for original	20/40 or 20/60 with corrective lenses, 110 degrees peripheral	None
AK	None	5	In person	Written, visual, and driving for original	With regular renewal	20/40, no peripheral	None
AZ	Length of licence at age 65	From issuance until 65 th birthday, then 5	In person	Can be done by 3 rd party; written (or road) may be required at examiner's discretion	Every 12 years (and new photo)	20/40, 70 degrees peripheral	Only if you act not mentally competent – up to discretion of examiner
AR	None	4	In person	Written or oral, driving and vision for original	With regular renewal and out-of-state transfers	20/40 or 20/50 with corrective lenses, 140 degrees peripheral for person with 2 functional eyes and 105 degrees for person with one functional eye	None
CA*	At age 70 not eligible for renewal by mail	Usually 5	In person or by mail if good record or if out-of-state	Written, road sign, eye and driving for original	If not renewing over mail (if by mail several times vision required)	20/200 or better in best corrected eye, unknown peripheral	None

CO	None	5 if over 25	In person with eye test; sometimes renewal allowed by mail (randomly chosen by computer)	Written, road sign, eye, and driving for original	With regular renewal	20/40, no peripheral	Must sign form for each renewal stating that driver has no medical condition with episodes of lost consciousness
CT	Vision tests required after age 65, and 2 year license renewal for persons over age 65 upon request to DMV	4	In person unless 20+ miles from branch office or out-of-state; will use photo on record (certain ages only)	Written and oral, vision, and driving for original	For original; required for drivers older than 65	20/40 in each eye with/without corrective lenses; 20/30 if blind in one eye; 90 degrees peripheral in each eye	None unless examiner determines further testing necessary
DL	None	5	In person	Written, vision, and driving for original; written and road upon renewal at discretion of division	Every 5 years	20/40, no peripheral	None
DC*	70+ must submit doctor's report upon renewal; mandatory re-exam for all drivers over age of 75	5	In person (one-time renewal by mail if 200 or more miles away)	Written or road may be required based on medical condition (special test may be required for applicants over age 70)	With regular renewal	20/40 in one eye with no less than 20/70 in other; unknown peripheral	None
FL	Only if it is determined that you must be retested by officer or doctor	4 or 6(if safe driver)	In person or by mail, phone, or internet (for 2 consecutive renewal periods only)	Ability to read and understand highway signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic; driving for original; hearing and vision tests for renewal	With regular renewal	20/40 each eye and both eyes with/without correction or referred to a doctor (could be as low as 20/70), no peripheral	None but driver questioned about seizures or lost consciousness

* Indicates incomplete information.

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