



# FORM D502

## Driving License Eyesight Report Form



To be completed by a medical doctor or optometrist whose name is in the General Register of Medical Practitioners or in the Register of Optometrists in Ireland.

I, the undersigned registered medical practitioner/registered optometrist (delete as appropriate), report that:

- The applicant has signed the declaration in my presence
- I have examined the eyesight of the applicant by reference to the prescribed standard and in my opinion, the applicant  
**(Please tick the appropriate box(es) below)**

Meets the prescribed standard set out for vehicles in the Driver Fitness Medical Guidelines **Group 1**  **\*Group 2**   
(See notes 3 and 4 overleaf) **\*(Place 'X' in Group 2 box if NOT applicable)**

Needs to wear corrective lenses to meet the standard set out below.

Should be considered for limited duration of:

Group 1 Vehicles and Licence Category  1 year  3 years  10 years

Group 2 Vehicles and Licence Category  1 year  3 years  5 years  
*(Maximum duration of a licence for group 2 driver)*

Fails to meet the standard set out below (Please see Notes 3 and 4 overleaf)

*My opinion as to the applicant's eyesight is that the applicant is fit to drive vehicles of the Group indicated from any date up to four calendar months from today's date.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Examination 

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Stamp of Medical Practitioner or Ophthalmic Optician whose name is on the register in Ireland

Medical Practitioner's Telephone Number
















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### Explanatory Notes

1. For medical fitness standards vehicles are classed as being in Group 1 or Group 2. The Table below describes which vehicles are in Group 1 and in Group 2. Further information on each licence category can be found on the licence application form.

Where there is reason to doubt that the applicant’s vision is adequate, he/she shall be examined by a specialist (an ophthalmologist or orthoptist other medical practitioner with a special interest in defects of eyesight or optometrist).

Group 1 Vehicles and Licence Category	Group 2 Vehicles and Licence Category
AM 	C 
A 	C1 
A1 	CE 
A2 	C1E 
B 	D 
BE 	D1 
W 	DE 
	D1E 

2. The following is general guidance for the medical or optical professional carrying out the eyesight test. This advice will be superseded by guidance set out in the *Sláinte agus Tiomáint* document which represents the most up to date information on medical fitness standards for drivers in Ireland. All applicants for a driving licence shall undergo a visual acuity and confrontational field test to ensure that they have adequate eyesight for driving power-driven vehicles.

At this examination attention shall be paid, in particular, to the following: visual acuity, field of vision, twilight vision, glare and contrast sensitivity, diplopia and other visual functions that can compromise safe driving.

### 3. Group 1 Vehicles – Guidance for Medical Professionals the following applies:

**A.** licensing may be considered in exceptional cases where the visual field standard or visual acuity standard cannot be met; in such cases the driver should undergo examination by a competent medical authority to demonstrate that there is no other impairment of visual function, including glare, contrast sensitivity and twilight vision. The applicant should also be subject to a positive practical test.

**B.** The person shall have a binocular visual acuity, with corrective lenses if necessary, of at least 0,5 (6/12) when using both eyes together. The horizontal visual field should be at least 120 degrees, the extension should be at least 50 degrees left and right and 20 degrees up and down. No defects should be present within a radius of the central 20 degrees.

**C.** When a progressive eye disease is detected or declared, driving licences may be issued or renewed subject to the applicant undergoing regular examination by a competent medical authority.

**D.** A person who has total functional loss of vision in one eye or who uses only one eye must have a visual acuity of at least 0,5 (6/12), with corrective lenses if necessary. The eyesight examining doctor or optometrist must certify that this condition of monocular vision has existed for a sufficiently long time to allow adaptation and that the field of vision in this eye meets the requirement laid down in paragraph (B).

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**E.** After any recently developed diplopia or after the loss of vision in one eye, there should be an appropriate adaptation period (of at least six months), during which driving is not allowed. After this period, driving is only allowed following a favourable opinion from the eyesight examining doctor or optometrist.

#### **4. Group 2 Vehicles — Guidance for Medical Professional the following applies:**

**A.** The person shall have a visual acuity, with corrective lenses if necessary, of at least 0,8 (6/7.5) in the better eye and at least 0,1 (6/60) in the worse eye. If corrective lenses are used to attain the values of 0,8 (6/7.5) and 0,1 (6/60), the minimum acuity must be achieved either by correction by means of glasses with a power not exceeding plus eight dioptries, or with the aid of contact lenses. The correction must be well tolerated. The horizontal visual field with both eyes should be at least 160 degrees; the extension should be at least 70 degrees left and right and 30 degrees up and down. No defects should be present within a radius of the central 30 degrees.

**B.** A learner permit/driving licence should not be issued to a person who suffers from impaired contrast sensitivity or from diplopia.

**C.** After a substantial loss of vision in one eye, there should be an appropriate adaptation period (of at least six months) during which the person is not permitted to drive. After this period, driving is only permitted following a favourable opinion from the eyesight examining doctor or optometrist.

**5. More information about medical fitness standards is available on the [www.rsa.ie](http://www.rsa.ie) website under the driver licensing tab.**