

TITLE 12—DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
Division 10—Director of Revenue
Chapter 24— Driver License Bureau Rules

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

12 CSR 10-24.090 Missouri Driver License or Permit Vision Test Guidelines. The director is amending the purpose, authority, and sections (1), (2), (5), (7), (10), and (11).

PURPOSE: This amendment updates the purpose and rule authority and makes minor grammatical corrections throughout.

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the vision reading requirements necessary to receive a Missouri driver[s] license and the restrictions imposed when a person's vision is less than 20/40.

(1) The director shall require any person applying for a new driver license or permit or a person renewing a license or permit to submit to an examination of *[his/her]* **their** vision.

(2) The vision examination shall be conducted with the use of the Snellan Vision Chart or other vision device of the same standard. Vision examinations may be conducted by *[any person employed by]* **designated employees of** the Department of Revenue, fee office employees to whom the director has delegated authority, and members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. This person shall administer the vision test without cost to the applicant. Upon notification to the department, a registered optometrist or physician may conduct the vision examination at the applicant's own expense.

(5) Any person whose naked vision is less than 20/40 with either eye or both eyes may receive a conditional license or permit based upon compliance with the following standards:

(A) 20/40 or better with either eye or both eyes with corrective lenses shall be subject to the following restrictions:

1. Corrective lenses;

(B) 20/40 or better in the right eye and **the** applicant's left eye tests 20/100 or less shall be subject to the following restriction(s):

1. With corrective lenses—Left outside rearview mirror and corrective lenses; and

2. Without corrective lenses—Left outside rearview mirror. The corrective lenses restriction may not be required if the left eye reading cannot be improved to 20/40 or better by corrective lenses;

(C) 20/40 or better in the left eye and **the** applicant's right eye tests 20/100 or less shall be subject to the following restriction(s):

1. With corrective lenses—Right outside rearview mirror and corrective lenses; and

2. Without corrective lenses—Right outside rearview mirror. The corrective lenses restriction may not be required if the right eye reading cannot be improved to 20/40 or better by corrective lenses; and

(D) Any applicant not meeting the vision readings with or without correction as specified in this section shall be referred to a registered optometrist or physician for further testing.

(7) Any applicant for a driver license whose vision reading is 20/75–21/160 with either eye or both eyes with corrective lenses shall be referred to the department. The department shall require the applicant to submit to an examination to determine *[his/her]* **their** ability to operate a vehicle safely upon the public streets and highways of this state in spite of the vision infirmity. If the department is satisfied that the person safely can operate a motor vehicle, a conditional license restricting the applicant to points of operation, times of operation, or any other driving conditions deemed necessary may be issued. The examination is not required prior to **the** issuance of a permit.

(10) Vision readings completed by a registered optometrist or physician are valid for one (1) year from **the** date of eye examination.

(11) Any applicant requesting a license with **the** aid of bioptic telescopic lenses, whether monocular or binocular, must be able to pass a vision test, up to 20/160, without the aid of a telescopic lens or lenses to be eligible for a Missouri license. If the applicant has a telescopic lens or lenses mounted above the line of sight through the carrier lens of the glasses, the telescopic lens can be a supplement to the person's vision. Under no condition can the telescopic lens be used to correct the person's vision in order to meet the licensing standard up to 20/160.

*AUTHORITY: section 302.175, RSMo [2000] **2016**. * Original rule filed Dec. 2, 1986, effective March 26, 1987. Amended: Filed Sept. 17, 1987, effective Jan. 14, 1988. Amended: Filed Nov. 12, 1991, effective March 9, 1992. Amended: Filed Aug. 11, 1995, effective Feb. 25, 1996. Amended: Filed Aug. 27, 2003, effective Feb. 29, 2004. Amended: Filed Aug. 18, 2025.*

**Original authority: 302.175, RSMo 1965, amended 1987, 1989.*

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Missouri Department of Revenue, Legislative Office, 301 West High Street, Room 218, Jefferson City, MO 65105-0475. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*