

# Limited Driver's License Program

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## **Description:**

The Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Medical Review Unit, administers a Limited Driver's License Program, which allows the DMV to issue licenses to applicants who would not otherwise qualify. The DMV Medical Advisory Board, which is a volunteer group courtesy of physicians with expertise in several specialties and an optometrist, reviews medical information filed on behalf of applicants and makes recommendations to the DMV.

The goal of the DMV Limited Driver's License Program is to help people to continue to drive safely for as long as they can. A limited license allows persons to carry out their daily tasks without hardships, as well as maintain their self-respect, dignity and mobility. In issuing a limited license, the DMV takes into consideration the safety of other highway users. Limitations on an applicant's license are identified by code on the face of the license and are described on its reverse side.

Applicants for limited licenses may include persons whose abilities to drive safely, for whatever reason, have been affected after their license was issued or who may have sustained a traumatic injury that dramatically impacts their driving abilities, or who wish to obtain a new operator's license.

Applicants must undergo a medical review, which consists of filing specific medical reports with the DMV that are signed by licensed physicians. The DMV considers each medical review case on its own merits. If medical information filed on behalf of an applicant is questionable or unfavorable, it may be referred to the DMV Medical Advisory Board for its review and recommendations.

If the DMV determines that the given medical information is favorable, the applicant may be scheduled for an on-the-road skills test or retest. Upon review of an applicant's entire file, including the results of the test/retest, the DMV renders a decision as to whether the applicant is eligible for a limited license. Depending upon the applicant's medical conditions, their treating physicians or the DMV Medical Advisory Board may recommend that their medical condition be monitored for a certain period of time or for as long as they hold a license. So long as the information in the medical reports is favorable, the applicant retains their limited license.

Applicants with special needs are referred to the DMV Handicapped Driver Training Unit for training to operate a motor vehicle safely using special adaptive equipment to meet their specific needs.

*Types of limited licenses available:*

A limited license may contain one or more of the following limitations, which shall be noted on the license document:

- Operation of a motor vehicle is permitted ONLY:
- During the period of daylight beginning one-half hour before sunrise and ending one-half hour after sunset.
- When a person is using corrective lenses, not including telescopic lenses, as prescribed by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist.
- On highways that are not limited access highways.
- In a motor vehicle having an automatic transmission.
- In a motor vehicle equipped with external mirrors located on both the left and right sides of the vehicle to reflect to the vehicle operator a view of the highway of at least two hundred feet to the rear.
- In a motor vehicle having special controls or equipment.
- When using an operable hearing aid.

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## **Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:**

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Must meet the minimum medical standards to hold a license.
- Must currently meet Connecticut identity, residency and age requirements.
- 16 and 17 year old applicants must meet driver education requirements.
- Each applicant's case is considered on its own merits.

### Service Areas:

Statewide

### Program Year:

July 1 – June 30

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