



CERTIFICATE OF VISION FOR BIOPTIC DRIVERS

State Form 13226 (R5 / 10-20)
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- INSTRUCTIONS:**
1. Complete in blue or black ink.
 2. An eye doctor with expertise in low-vision care must complete this form.
 3. Mail completed Certificate to the BMV at the above address for review.
 4. Refer to the Driving with Bioptics instructional page attached to this form for additional information.

Driver's Name		Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Address (number and street)		City	State ZIP
By signing this form, I authorize this information to be released to the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles.		Signature	Date Signed (mm/dd/yyyy)
Please check one of the following and complete all appropriate blanks:			
<input type="checkbox"/> First time applicant for Indiana Bioptic driver's license Has applicant ever been licensed to drive? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, 1) in which state was applicant licensed? _____ 2) was previous license obtained with a Bioptic? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Review of Indiana Bioptic driver's license		<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal of Indiana Bioptic driver's license	
RESULTS OF EYE EXAMINATION			
Unaided visual acuity		Acuity with best Rx (Minimum 20/200)	
OD _____ OS _____		OD _____ OS _____	
Carrier lens prescription		Power and model of telescope	
OD _____ OS _____		OD _____ OS _____	
Horizontal visual field diameter (Minimum 120)		Instrument used (Enclose diagram for first time applicants.)	
OD _____ OS _____ OU _____			
Describe any tinting prescribed			
Color perception adequate to recognize traffic signal colors (red, green, amber):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Diagnosis of eye condition			
Approximate date of onset (mm/dd/yyyy)		Stability of vision (for first time applicants)	
		Vision stable for at least three (3) months? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Examination Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Dispensing date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Further vision loss is:	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Unlikely <input type="checkbox"/> Possible <input type="checkbox"/> Likely	
RECOMMENDED RESTRICTIONS			
<input type="checkbox"/> Daylight driving only		<input type="checkbox"/> Limited driving radius	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Segmented rear-view mirror	
Appropriate candidate for night driving evaluation during driving training? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
(If yes, please give results of testing in reduced illumination or other medical rationale for this recommendation in comments section below.)			
In my opinion, a vision report should be submitted to the BMV: <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially			
Comments:			
LOW VISION SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION (PRINT OR TYPE)			
Name		Degree	Telephone Number ()
Address (number and street)		City	State ZIP Code
Signature		License number	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

DRIVING WITH BIOPTICS IN INDIANA

The vision requirements for driving in Indiana allow persons with vision correctable to at least 20/50 in one eye, or at least 20/70 in each eye (assuming full peripheral visual fields), to apply for driving privileges. One or more restrictions may be placed on the license, depending on the individual's visual acuity, and driving skills.

Current guideline requirements are:

- Vision to be no poorer than 20/200 with best ordinary spectacle correction
- Visual acuity must be at least 20/40 through a bioptic telescope
- Magnifying power of the bioptic telescope may not exceed 4X
- Must have full peripheral visual fields of at least 120 degrees in horizontal diameter
- Must be able to recognize standard traffic signal colors: red, green, and amber
- Cognitive and perceptual skills must be adequate to safely operate a motor vehicle
- If the applicant has an alcohol or drug abuse problem, a twelve (12) month waiting period is in effect before the applicant can be considered for the bioptic program. This time period will allow the applicant to submit documentation from a counselor, hospital or drug/alcohol rehabilitation center showing such use/abuse is under control.

Individuals interested in obtaining driving privileges with a bioptic telescope in Indiana must successfully complete the following three-part process in order to reach that goal:

Step 1 – Vision Evaluation and Training

The individual needs to be evaluated by an eye doctor with expertise in low-vision care. The doctor will determine whether the vision guidelines described above can be met and will make recommendations regarding the advisability of applying for licensure.

Step 2 – Driving Evaluation and Training

When the doctor is satisfied that the individual is skilled in using his or her bioptic, the bioptic wearer may then schedule an evaluation at a Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV)-approved Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist (CDRS) program to be assessed to determine if he/she will be a candidate for the bioptic program. This evaluation includes assessment of cognitive and perceptual skills, reaction time, range of motion and coordination of upper and lower extremities and actual on-road testing behind-the-wheel driving. The results of this test with recommendations regarding driving training, along with a report from the low-vision specialist are forwarded to the BMV Driver Ability Department. Upon recommendation by the Indiana Medical Advisory Board and The BMV Driver Ability Department, the applicant is notified that he/she has been approved for the Bioptic Program. The applicant may need to take the knowledge test for a learner's permit or make amendments to their current license to be used for training at the Certified Driver rehabilitation Center only. Once the applicant has passed the knowledge test and received the learner's permit with restriction J - Training Purposes Only or amended their current license, driving lessons may then be scheduled at a BMV-approved Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist (CDRS). The CDCRS requires ten (10) to thirty (30) hours of this specialized driver training based on several factors such as past driving experience.

Once the Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist (CDRS) completes training of the applicant, the CDRS will send a letter to the BMV Driver Ability Department stating the number of hours completed and the area in which training was administered. The Driver Ability Department will review these documents and send the applicant's file to the BMV/C Senior Drive Examiner in their region to administer a driving skills test. **Note:** New drivers must complete a total of fifty (50) supervised driving hours with a licensed instructor or valid licensed driver who is at least twenty-five (25) years of age or older or spouse who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age or older, and hold the permit for a total of 180 valid days prior to completing the BMV driving skills test and applying for an operator's license. The hours from the Certified Driver Rehabilitation Center may count toward the supervised drive time.

Step 3 – Driving Skills Test

The BMV/C Senior Drive Examiner will administer an extended driving skills test to determine driving skills in a variety of traffic situations. Once the individual satisfies all licensing requirements, and is able to complete this test satisfactorily, a license to drive with a bioptic telescope, including any recommended restrictions, will be issued. Driving privileges can never be granted until this final step is successfully completed. Once licensed, the bioptic driver must submit a Certificate of Vision for Bioptic Drivers (State Form 13226) at specified time intervals.