

Please complete your licence and personal details and give this form to your practitioner.
Please print clearly in ink using BLOCK letters.

Licence/Learner permit no.

Licence / Permit type

- Car/Motorcycle/Light Truck (LR)
- Bus/Truck (MR, HR, HC, MC)
- Marine
- Personal Watercraft Endorsement

Licence / Permit status

- Current
- Applying for

Personal and/or health information that we collect from you in connection with the administration of your driver licence will be used for that purpose and may be used for other purposes permitted by the *Road Safety Act 1986* and the *Marine Safety Act 2010*. Your personal and/or health information may be disclosed to contractors and agents of VicRoads, the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine or other body advising VicRoads on medical fitness of drivers, occupational therapists, law enforcement agencies, other road and traffic authorities, the Transport Accident Commission, courts and other persons authorised to obtain it such as Transport Safety Victoria. You are required to give this information to VicRoads by the *Road Safety Act 1986*, *Marine Safety Act 2010* and associated regulations. Failure to provide this information may result in your application not being processed or driver licence records not being properly maintained. For further information about our use of your personal and/or health information and your rights of access to it, see VicRoads brochure *Protecting your privacy* or contact VicRoads. For other agencies or persons authorised to obtain your personal and/or health information, you should contact the agency directly for further information about their use and your rights of access to it.

I agree to the practitioner named on this form completing the report and forwarding it to VicRoads and agree to VicRoads' use and disclosure of personal and health information contained in the form in accordance with the above statement. I agree to pay all expenses in connection with this report.

Signed

Your personal details

Surname	Date of birth	D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y
First given name	Second given name								
Home address								Postcode	

It is understood that by accepting that an eyesight practitioner will complete this report, the patient agrees to pay all expenses incurred and for the report to be forwarded to VicRoads.

Assessment – to be completed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist

You must refer to the relevant national medical standards *Assessing Fitness to Drive for Commercial and Private Vehicle Drivers 2012* at austroads.com.au

You must complete this section

Visual acuity, **unaided** R 6/ L 6/ Binocular 6/

You must complete this section

Visual acuity, **aided** R 6/ L 6/ Binocular 6/

Does the patient have any of the following? *(for any Yes response, provide details in Comments section)*

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Cataracts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Poor night vision |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Diplopia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Glaucoma |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Retinitis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Diabetic retinopathy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Macular degeneration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Loss of vision in one eye |

If Yes Date of loss of sight D D M M Y Y Y Y

Yes No Nystagmus

Comments (If suitable to hold a conditional bus or truck licence, please provide details of any relevant condition/s.)

You must complete this section

Yes No Is there a visual field defect?
(If Yes, indicate type and extent in degrees along a horizon meridian. A visual field map is required. Please attach visual field mapping report.)

Yes No Are corrective lenses to be worn when driving or operating a vessel?

Yes No The patient is aware that if a follow-up eyesight report is required, they are responsible for sending it to VicRoads (applicable to holders and applicants of marine licences or personal watercraft endorsements only).

You must complete this section

Yes No N/A The patient meets the national medical standards to hold a licence/permit to drive a car (includes light truck) or motorcycle.

Yes No N/A The patient meets the national medical standards to hold a licence to drive a bus or heavy truck.

Yes No N/A In assessing the patient, I am of the opinion the patient is fit to operate a vessel safely.

Practitioner's details *(please use BLOCK letters or official stamp)*

Name of practitioner									
Address									
								Postcode	
Phone					Qualifications				
Signature of practitioner									
Date					D D M M Y Y Y Y				

Notes

If you have any doubts about the information required, or wish to discuss the case, please contact VicRoads Medical Review on 9854 2407 during business hours.

For any queries regarding a marine licence, please contact Transport Safety Victoria on 1800 223 022.

The visual criteria below have been developed by the Royal Australian College of Ophthalmologists, the Victorian College of Optometry and the Optometrists Association of Australia and published in National Fitness to Drive handbooks. These national standards are complied with by all Australian licensing jurisdictions including VicRoads.

Section 27 of the *Road Safety Act 1986* and the *Marine Safety Act 2010* provide legal indemnity to anyone who provides an opinion on visual status to VicRoads.

If VicRoads cancels, suspends or refuses to issue a licence or permit, the person involved has a right to obtain a second opinion and submit this to VicRoads for further consideration, or to appeal against VicRoads' decision to a Magistrates' Court.

All applicants for bus and truck licences must meet the criteria for cars and motorcycles as well as the criteria for buses and trucks.

Visual criteria to be met to hold a licence or permit

Condition	Cars, motorcycles, light trucks* and vessels Licence classifications = C, R, LR*, B1 and B2	Buses and trucks* Licence classifications = MR, HR, HC, MC
Acuity <i>This is the only criteria for marine licences</i>	Binocular acuity must be better than 6/12. Visual acuity must be measured with both eyes open. Aided or unaided vision is acceptable. More than one error on the 6/12 line is a fail. Corrective lenses must be made a condition on the licence if this standard is reached only when using corrective lenses.	Corrected or uncorrected visual acuity must be better than 6/9 in the best eye and at least 6/18 in the worst eye. More than two errors on the 6/9 line is a fail. Refer to <i>Assessing Fitness To Drive for Commercial and Private Vehicle Drivers 2012</i> when addressing visual criteria regarding conditional licences. Passenger vehicles (buses and taxis) are not dealt with by VicRoads. Legislation requires a standard of 6/12 minimum in each eye. Contact the Victorian Taxi Directorate for information.
Aphakia	May drive if the acuity criteria are met.	May drive if the acuity criteria are met.
Cataracts	Must meet all visual criteria. Two yearly review.	The extent and location of the cataract, together with any glare disability need to be considered. At minimum, acuity criteria must be met.
Colour vision	There have been significant improvements in road engineering with respect to red lights, the hue and intensity being enhanced to help compensate for persons with red deficiency. Therefore there is no longer a criteria regarding colour blindness and red-deficient persons (protans and protanomals) may obtain all classes of licence. Doctors should advise patients who are found to be red-deficient that they may be less aware of detecting red lights and hence should pay particular attention to traffic lights, rear braking lights and other sources of red light relevant to driving.	There have been significant improvements in road engineering with respect to red lights, the hue and intensity being enhanced to help compensate for persons with red deficiency. Therefore there is no longer a criteria regarding colour blindness and red-deficient persons (protans and protanomals) may obtain all classes of licence. Doctors should advise patients who are found to be red-deficient that they may be less aware of detecting red lights and hence should pay particular attention to traffic lights, rear braking lights and other sources of red light relevant to driving.
Diplopia	A licence will not be issued if diplopia is within the central 20°. May drive if an eye patch is worn and meets the 'loss of vision in one eye' condition, or if diplopia is long standing with adequate compensation.	A licence will not be issued unless present only on extreme lateral gaze (whether persistent or recurrent).
Eye patch	If eye is padded for any reason (due to acute short term problems), the patient should not drive until the pad is removed and vision has returned.	If eye is padded for any reason (due to acute short term problems), the patient should not drive until the pad is removed and vision has returned.
Glaucoma	May drive if visual acuity and visual field criteria are met. Will be subject to annual review of vision and visual fields.	Criteria for visual fields must be met. If considered suitable, a licence may be considered subject to annual review of visual fields.
Loss of vision in one eye	Should not drive for three months after loss of binocular vision. May then drive if vision in good eye meets visual acuity standards.	May drive if the acuity criteria are met. Refer to <i>Assessing Fitness To Drive for Commercial and Private Vehicle Drivers 2012</i> when addressing visual criteria regarding conditional licences.
Nystagmus	Should not drive if binocular visual acuity is worse than 6/12.	Visual acuity criteria must be met.
Poor night vision	A conditional licence may be issued for daylight driving.	A conditional licence may be issued for daylight driving.
Post surgery	Should not drive unless cleared by an ophthalmologist.	Should not drive for four weeks following surgery to the eye that will alter visual acuity unless cleared by an ophthalmologist.
Visual field defects	Should not drive if an homonymous hemianopia is present or if the extent of the visual field is less than 110 degrees along the horizontal meridian. Visual field maps should be provided to VicRoads. Quadrantanopias and scotomas may be considered.	Drivers with a visual field loss, who have a residual field of 140 degrees or more along the horizontal meridian may be considered for a conditional licence. Applicants with visual field loss must provide documentary evidence of a residual visual field that meets the criterion specified in section 10.3 of <i>Assessing Fitness To Drive for Commercial and Private Vehicle Drivers 2012</i> available at austroads.com.au

*The Light Rigid (LR) licence category includes vehicles up to 8 tonnes GVM as well as small passenger buses. VicRoads will issue a LR category restricted to allow the operation of light trucks and exclude passenger buses.