



INJURY PREVENTION: OLDER DRIVERS

50-State Compilation

State Laws Regarding Older Drivers

As of September 30, 2015

| State | Citation | Renewal Period (years) ¹ | Vision Testing ² | Road Testing ³ | Additional Provisions |
|-------|---|---|---|---|---|
| AL | ALA. CODE §§ 32-6-1; 32-6-21 | 4 | --- | --- | --- |
| AK | ALASKA STAT. ANN. § 28.15.101 | 5 | Required upon renewal for drivers 69+ | --- | No electronic renewal or by mail for drivers 69+ |
| AZ | ARIZ. REV. STAT. ANN. §§28-3171–28-3172; 28-3101; 28-3164 | 0 (license is valid until age 65); 5 (65+) | Required for renewal for all drivers 65+. Vision test must be updated every 12 years. | | No renewal by mail for drivers 70+ |
| AR | ARK. CODE ANN. § 27-16-901 | 4 (effective until 12/31/15); 8 (effective 1/1/16) | Required upon renewal for all drivers | --- | --- |
| CA | CAL. VEH. CODE §§ 12814(a); 12814.5; 12816 | 5 | Required upon renewal for drivers 70+ | At the discretion of the administrative agency upon renewal for all drivers | Age alone cannot be a reason to require testing (vision or road) upon renewal No renewal by mail for drivers 70+ |

This compilation contains no entry where a state statute imposes no affirmative vision or road testing requirements for older drivers.

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| CO | COLO. REV. STAT. ANN. §§ 42-2-114; 42-2-118 | 5 | If renewing by mail, 66+ must submit a signed form from an optometrist or ophthalmologist that they have the requisite visual acuity set by regulation | --- | No electronic renewal for drivers 66+ |
| CT | CONN. GEN. STAT. ANN. §§ 14-41; 14-41(a) | 6 (until 65); 2 or 6 (65+) ⁴ | --- | --- | --- |
| DE | DEL. CODE ANN. Tit. 21, §§ 2713; 2715 | 8 | Required upon renewal for all drivers (may be waived the administrative agency) | Required upon renewal for all drivers (may be waived by the administrative agency) | --- |
| DC | D.C. CODE § 50-1401.01 D.C. MUN. REGS. tit. 18, § 105; 110; 111 | 8 | Required upon renewal for drivers 70+ | At the discretion of the administrative agency upon renewal for all drivers | Age alone cannot be a reason to require road testing upon renewal No renewal by mail or electronic means for drivers 70+ Drivers 70+ shall furnish a statement from a practicing physician certifying that, after examination, the physician has found the applicant to be physically and mentally competent to operate a motor vehicle |
| FL | FLA. STAT. ANN. § 322.18 | 8 (until 80); 6 (80+) | Required upon renewal for drivers 80+ | --- | --- |
| GA | GA. CODE ANN. §40-5-32 | 8 (until 59); 5 (59+) | Required upon renewal for drivers 64+ | --- | No renewal by mail or electronic means for drivers 65+ |
| HI | HAW. REV. STAT. §§ 286-106; 286-107 HAW. CODE R. § 19-122-5 | 8 (until 72); 2 (72+) | Required upon renewal for all drivers | At the discretion of the administrative agency upon renewal for all drivers | --- |

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| ID | IDAHO CODE ANN. §§ 49-313; 49-319(1)(e) IDAHO ADMIN. CODE r. 39.02.76.011 | 4 or 8 ⁴ (21-62); 4 (63+) | Required upon in-person renewal for all drivers | --- | No electronic renewal or by mail for drivers 70+ |
| IA | IOWA CODE ANN. §§ 321.186; 321.186A; 321.196 IOWA ADMIN. CODE r. 761-604.50 (321) | 8 (until 72); 2 (72+) | Required upon renewal for drivers 70+ (or a report signed by a licensed vision specialist that they have the requisite visual acuity set by regulation) | Required upon renewal for all drivers (may be waived by the administrative agency) | The administrative agency may require testing (vision or road) of any driver 65+ who has been involved in an accident and the information on the investigating officer's report indicates the need for reexamination. No renewal by mail or electronic means for drivers 70+ |
| IL | 625 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 5/6-103; 5/6-109; 5/6-115 ILL. ADMIN. CODE tit. 92. § 1030.25 | 4 (until 81); 2 (81-86); 1 (87+) | Required upon renewal for drivers 75+ | Required upon renewal for drivers 75+ | No renewal by mail, electronic means, or telephone for drivers 75 + |
| IN | IND. CODE ANN. §§ 9-24-12-1; 9-24-12-5; 9-24-12-10 | 6 (until 74); 3 (75-84); 2 (85+) | Required upon renewal for drivers 75+ | --- | No renewal by mail or electronic means for drivers 75+ |
| KS | KAN. STAT. ANN. § 8-247 | 6 (until 74) 4 (65+) | Required upon renewal for all drivers | At the discretion of the administrative agency upon renewal for all drivers | --- |
| KY | KY. REV. STAT. ANN. § 186.410 | 4 | --- | --- | --- |



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| LA | LA. REV. STAT. ANN. §§ 32:403.1; 32:408; 32:412 | 6 | Required upon renewal for drivers 70+ | Required upon renewal for all drivers | No renewal by mail or electronic means for drivers 70+ (may be granted an exception if person 70+ is diagnosed with a disability that prevents the driver from renewing in person and submits a sworn affidavit by a physicians certifying that the person possesses all cognitive functions reasonably necessary to be a prudent driver.) Applicants for an original driver's license (NOT a renewal) who are 60+ shall attach to their application a detailed report from a duly licensed physician or optometrist indicating the applicant's visual acuity and a detailed medical report from a duly licensed physician indicating the applicant's physical condition and specifying any defects that might impair the applicant's ability to drive safely |
| ME | ME. REV. STAT. tit. 29-A, §§ 1303, 1406-a | 6 (until 65) 4 (65+) | Required upon every other renewal for drivers age 40-61; required upon each renewal for drivers 62+ | --- | No renewal by mail or electronic means for drivers 62+ --- |
| MD | MD. CODE ANN., TRANSP. §§ 16-103.1; 16-115 | 8 | Required upon renewal for drivers 40+ | --- | Applicants 70+ may not be granted an original license unless: the applicant shows proof of his/her previous satisfactory operation of a motor vehicle; or written certification acceptable to the administrative agency from a licensed physician attesting to the general physical and mental qualifications of the applicant |

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| MA | MASS. GEN. LAWS ANN. Ch. 90, § 8 | 1 or 5 ⁴ | Required upon renewal for drivers 75+ | --- | Age alone may not be a reason to require testing (vision or road) upon original license application. No renewal by mail or electronic means for drivers 75+ |
| MI | MICH. COMP. LAWS ANN. § 257.314 | 4 | --- | --- | --- |
| MN | MINN. STAT. ANN. § 171.13 | 4 | Required upon renewal for all drivers | --- | Age alone may not be the basis for examination of a driver's competency at any time.--- |
| MS | MISS. CODE ANN. § 63-1-47 | 4 or 8 ⁴ | --- | --- | --- |
| MO | MO. ANN. STAT. §§ 302.175; 302.177 | 6 (until 70) 3 (70+) | Required upon renewal for all drivers | --- | --- |
| MT | MONT. CODE ANN. §§ 61-5-111; 61-5-207 | 8 (until 75) 4 (75+) | Required upon renewal for all drivers | --- | --- |
| NE | NEB. REV. STAT. § 60-490 | 5 | Required upon renewal for drivers 72+ | At the discretion of the administrative agency upon renewal for all drivers | No renewal by electronic means for drivers 72+ |
| NV | NEV. REV. STAT. ANN. §§ 483.380; 483.382; 483.384 NEV. ADMIN. CODE § 483.430 | 4 | Renewal by mail only allowed for drivers 71+ if the driver includes a report from a licensed ophthalmologist, optometrist or physician stating that the driver has the requisite visual acuity set by regulation | At the discretion of the administrative agency upon renewal for all drivers | No renewal by mail for drivers 71+ unless they submit a statement from a licensed physician affirming that it is the opinion of the physician that the applicant is physically able to safely operate a motor vehicle |
| NH | N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 263:7 N.H. CODE ADMIN. R. ANN. Saf-C 1007.01 | 5 | Required upon renewal for all drivers (unless renewal is online, then the driver must attest that they have the requisite visual acuity set by regulation) | At the discretion of the administrative agency upon renewal for all drivers if there is reason to believe the applicant suffers from a physical or psychological impairment dangerous to public safety | Age alone may not be a reason to require testing (vision or road) upon renewal |



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| NJ | N.J. STAT. ANN. §§ 39:3-10c; 39:3-10f; 39:3-29.5 | 4 (until 70) 2 or 4 ⁴ (70+) | Required once every 10 years for all drivers (can be a screening certified by any licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist) | --- | --- |
| NM | N.M. STAT. ANN. §§ 66-5-14; 66-5-19; 66-5-21 | 4 or 8 ⁴ (until 67); 4 (67-74); 1 (75+) | Required upon renewal for drivers 75+ | --- | No renewal by mail or electronic means for drivers 75+ |
| NY | N.Y. VEH. & TRAF. LAW § 502 15 CRR-NY 5.1 | 8 | Required upon renewal for all drivers | --- | --- |
| NC | N.C. GEN. STAT. ANN. § 20-7 | 8 (until 66) 5 (66+) | --- | --- | Drivers 60+ are not required to parallel park as part of road testing |
| ND | N.D. CENT. CODE ANN. §§ 39-06-14; 39-06-19 | 6 (until 78) 4 (78+) | Required upon renewal at the administrative agency, or have a signed certificate from an optometrist or ophthalmologist stating the driver has the requisite visual acuity set by regulation | --- | --- |
| OH | OHIO REV. CODE ANN. §§ 4507.09; 4507.12 | 4 | Required upon renewal for all drivers | --- | --- |
| OK | 47 OK Stat. § 47-6-115; 47-6-105; 6-101 | 4 | --- | --- | Fees are reduced for drivers 62-64. Fees waived for drivers 65+--- |
| OR | OR. REV. STAT. ANN. §§ 807.130; 807.150 OR. ADMIN. R. 735-062-0060 | 8 | Required upon renewal for drivers 50+ | Required upon renewal for all drivers (can be waived by the administrative agency) | --- |

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| PA | 75 PA. CONS. STAT. ANN. §§ 1508–1508.1, 1514 67 PA. CODE § 73.4 | 4 (until 65) 13 months to 2 years ⁵ (65+) | --- | At the discretion of the administrative agency upon renewal for all drivers | --- |
| RI | R.I. GEN. LAWS ANN. § 31-10-30 | 5 (until 75) 2 (75+) | At the discretion of the administrative agency upon renewal for all drivers | At the discretion of the administrative agency upon renewal for all drivers | --- |
| SC | S.C. CODE ANN. §§ 56-1-130; 56-1-210; 56-1-220; | 5 | Required upon renewal for all drivers | --- | --- |
| SD | S.D. CODIFIED LAWS §§ 32-12-42–32-12-43; 32-12-43.1 | 5 | Required upon renewal for drivers 65+ | --- | To renew online or by mail, drivers 65+ must submit a vision statement signed by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist that supplies proof that the applicant has adequate eyesight |
| TN | TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 55-50-337; § 55-50-338 | 5 (effective until 12/31/15); 8 (effective 1/1/16) | --- | --- | Licenses for drivers 65+ never expire |
| TX | TEX. TRANSP. CODE ANN. §§ 521.271; 521.2711; 521.273; 521.274 | 6 (until 85); 2 (85+) | Required upon renewal for drivers 79+ | --- | No renewal by mail or electronic means for drivers 79+ |
| UT | UTAH CODE ANN. §§ 53-3-205; 53-3-214 | 5 | Required upon renewal for drivers 65+ | Required upon renewal for all drivers unless applicant shows: no suspensions, no revocations, no conviction for reckless driving, and no more than four reportable violations in the preceding five years | --- |
| VT | VT. STAT. ANN. Tit. 23, § 601–639 | 2 or 4 ⁴ | --- | --- | --- |



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| VA | VA. CODE ANN. § 46.2-330 | 8 (until 75+); 5 (75+) | Required upon renewal for drivers 75 + | At the discretion of the administrative agency upon renewal for all drivers | No renewal by mail or electronic means for drivers 75+ --- |
| WA | WASH. REV. CODE ANN. §§ 46.20.120; 46.20.130; 46.20.181 WASH. ADMIN. CODE § 308-104-019 | 6 | Required upon renewal for all drivers (can be waived by the administrative agency) | Required upon renewal for all drivers (can be waived by the administrative agency) | No renewal by electronic means for drivers 70+ |
| WV | W. VA. CODE ANN. §§ 17B-2-12; 17B-2-12a | 8 | Required upon renewal for all drivers | --- | --- |
| WI | WIS. STAT. ANN. § 343.16 | 8 | Required upon renewal for all drivers (or a report by an ophthalmologist, optometrist or physician that the driver has the requisite visual acuity set by regulation) | --- | --- |
| WY | WYO. STAT. §§ 31-7-114; 31-7-119 | 4 | Required upon renewal for all drivers | Required upon renewal for all drivers (can be waived by the administrative agency) | --- |

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¹ Renewal period for older drivers starting at age 60. This renewal period may be the same as for other drivers, or more frequent depending on the state. Numbers in parentheses represent the applicable ages if the law provides more than one renewal period for older drivers in the state. For example: 4 (65-74); 1 (75+) means that for drivers between 65 and 74, renewal is every 4 years, and for drivers 75 and older, renewal must occur every year.

² State laws that include provisions for vision testing of older drivers. The applicant must meet the standards set by the state's administrative agency.

³ State laws that include provisions for road testing of older drivers. The applicant must meet the standards set by the state's administrative agency.

⁴ Driver chooses renewal period.

⁵ Administrative agency has discretion to choose a period between 13 months and 2 years.