

R17-4-502. General Provisions for Visual, Physical, and Psychological Ability to Operate a Motor Vehicle Safely

- A. Applicant's or licensee's responsibility. To comply with the Division's screening process for safe operation of a motor vehicle, an applicant or licensee shall:
1. Provide the Division with all requested information about the applicant's or licensee's visual, physical, or psychological condition;
 2. Successfully complete all required examinations;
 3. Obtain all required evaluations;
 4. Ensure timely submission of evaluation reports to the Division; and
 5. Appear at all required interviews.
- B. Screening process for safe operation of a motor vehicle. This subsection and subsections (C) through subsection (E) state the screening process for safe operation of a motor vehicle.
1. An applicant shall complete the application, including the medical screening questions and certification.
 2. An applicant without a valid driver license, who successfully completes all required examinations, shall obtain an evaluation if:
 - a. The Division informs the applicant that the applicant's responses to the medical screening questions indicate the existence of a disqualifying medical condition; or
 - b. The applicant comes under subsection (C)(1)(a), subsection (C)(1)(c), or subsection (C)(1)(d).
 3. An applicant for license renewal shall successfully complete an examination if the applicant's responses to the medical screening questions indicate that since the applicant's last driver license renewal:
 - a. The applicant has developed a visual, physical, or psychological condition that may constitute a disqualifying medical condition; or
 - b. There has been a change in an existing visual, physical, or psychological condition that may constitute a disqualifying medical condition.
 4. As soon as an applicant's medical condition allows, the applicant shall notify the Division, in writing or by telephone, that the applicant has or may have a medical condition not previously reported to the Division that affects the applicant's functional ability.
 5. Upon receipt of the notification required under subsection (B)(4), the Division shall require the applicant to:
 - a. Complete the medical screening questions and certification on the application, and
 - b. Continue with the screening process for safe operation of a motor vehicle.
- C. Evaluation, interview, and additional evaluation. An applicant or licensee shall submit to an evaluation, attend an interview, or submit to an additional evaluation as required by the Division.
1. The Division shall require an evaluation if the Director notifies the applicant or licensee in writing that:
 - a. The applicant or licensee comes under the provisions of R17-4-503 or R17-4-506;
 - b. The applicant or licensee reports a possible disqualifying medical condition or fails to successfully complete an examination;
 - c. The applicant or licensee exhibits unexplained confusion, loss of consciousness, or incoherence that is observed by Division personnel; or
 - d. A person with direct knowledge submits to the Division written information about specific events or conduct indicating the applicant or licensee may have a disqualifying medical condition.
 2. The applicant or licensee shall have the physician, appropriate specialist, or certified substance abuse counselor who performs an evaluation submit, to the Division's Medical Review Program, an evaluation report on a Division-prescribed form.
 3. If the evaluation report on the applicant or licensee is inconclusive regarding the existence of a disqualifying medical condition, the Division shall require the applicant or licensee to appear for an interview to explain information in the evaluation report.
 4. If the Division is unable to determine whether a disqualifying medical condition exists after an interview with the applicant or licensee, the Division shall require an additional evaluation, performed by an appropriate specialist and reported to the Division's Medical Review Program on a Division-prescribed form.
 5. An applicant or licensee shall pay for any expense incurred by the applicant or licensee to show compliance with the visual, physical, and psychological standards for a driver license.
- D. Licensing action. The Division shall take a licensing action after requiring an applicant or licensee to complete an examination successfully, obtain an evaluation and submit an evaluation report, or appear at an interview.
1. The Division shall deny a driver license if an applicant:
 - a. Fails to complete successfully an examination; or
 - b. Fails to:
 - i. Obtain an evaluation;
 - ii. Have a physician, appropriate specialist, or certified substance abuse counselor submit an evaluation report to the Division within 30 days after the Division notifies the applicant that an evaluation is required; or
 - iii. Appear at an interview; or
 - c. Has an evaluation report submitted that indicates a disqualifying medical condition.

2. The Division shall summarily suspend a licensee's driver license under A.R.S. §§ 28-3306(A)(5) and 41-1064(C) for a reason stated in subsection (D)(1).
3. The Division shall issue a revocation notice with a notice of summary suspension. The revocation notice shall inform the licensee that:
 - a. Unless the Division receives the licensee's timely hearing request under subsection (F), the revocation becomes effective:
 - i. Fifteen days after the date the licensee is personally served with the notice; or
 - ii. Twenty days after the date the notice is mailed to the licensee.
 - b. A person who wishes to obtain a license after suspension or revocation shall reapply for a license as follows:
 - i. After suspension as specified in A.R.S. § 28-3315(H), or
 - ii. After revocation as specified in A.R.S. § 28-3315(B).
4. The Division shall issue a driver license to an applicant or shall not suspend or revoke a licensee's driver license if:
 - a. The applicant or licensee successfully completes all required examinations and the Division does not require an evaluation, or
 - b. The applicant or licensee obtains all required evaluations and the most recent evaluation report submitted on behalf of the applicant or licensee conclusively indicates no disqualifying medical condition.
- E. Driver license restrictions. If an applicant or licensee uses an adaptation, including those listed below to demonstrate functional ability during an examination, the Division shall indicate the adaptation as a restriction on a driver license issued to the applicant or licensee and on the applicant's or licensee's driving record.
 1. Automatic transmission,
 2. Hand dimmer switch,
 3. Left-foot gas pedal,
 4. Parking-brake extension,
 5. Power steering,
 6. Power brakes,
 7. Six-way power seat,
 8. Right-side directional signal,
 9. A device that enables an operator to spin the steering wheel,
 10. A device that enables full foot control,
 11. Dual outside mirrors,
 12. Chest restraints,
 13. Shoulder restraints,
 14. A device that extends pedals,
 15. A device that enables full hand control, and
 16. Adapted seat.
- F. Hearings. This subsection states the hearing procedure for licensing actions taken by the Division after the screening process for safe operation of a motor vehicle.
 1. If the Division takes an adverse licensing action under this Section, an applicant or licensee may request a hearing with the Division's Executive Hearing Office. A hearing request is timely if received by the Division:
 - a. Within 15 days after the date the notice is delivered to the applicant or licensee, or
 - b. Within 20 days after the date the notice is mailed to the applicant or licensee.
 2. A.A.C. R17-1-501 through R17-1-511 and R17-1-513 govern a hearing conducted under this subsection.
 3. The administrative law judge shall sustain, modify, or void the Division's licensing action.
- G. The Division shall not release information required to be submitted to the Division under this Section by an applicant or licensee except to a person or entity qualified under A.R.S. § 28-450(B).