

West Lancashire Borough Council

Medical Examination for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers

Notes for applicants and medical practitioners

- All applications for a hackney carriage and/or private hire driver licence must be accompanied by a satisfactory medical examination report to the DVLA Group 2 medical standards. This is regardless of the age of the applicant.
- The medical examination report form required is the current DVLA Medical Examination Report for a Group 2 Licence 'V4', which can be found on the gov.uk site at this link.
- Applicants are required to undertake a medical examination on application then
 on the anniversary of the grant of the licence in the year before their 45th birthday
 and every 5 years until the age of 65 (i.e., to coincide with the driver's 50th, 55th,
 60th and 65th birthdays) whereupon an annual examination is required on the
 anniversary of the grant of the licence.
- The Authority will expect medical examinations to be conducted by the applicant's own general practitioner or medical practice. Where this cannot be achieved, the examination must be completed by a suitably qualified medical practitioner with access to the applicant's full medical history. Where a full medical history cannot be obtained, a sufficiently detailed medical history summary provided by the applicant's general practitioner or practice will be acceptable, as long as it allows the medical practitioner to fully and accurately complete the medical assessment and make an appropriate and informed consideration and declaration.
- Before booking an appointment with a GP or alternative medical practitioner, applicants are advised to read the useful information and notes provided by the DVLA at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/assessing-fitness-to-drive-a-guide-for-medical-professionals
- Should specified medical conditions be identified which could impact on the applicant's fitness to drive the application may be refused. Each application will however be considered on its own merits.
- If after reading these notes, you have any doubts about your ability to meet the
 medical standards, please consult your doctor before you arrange for this medical
 report to be completed. The doctor may charge you for completing it, and in the
 event of your application being refused, the fee you pay the doctor is not
 refundable.



- Where there remains any doubt about the fitness of any applicant, the Committee will review the medical evidence and make any final decision considering the medical evidence available.
- The medical examination must be no more than 4 months old when the licence is granted.
- Medical practitioners will find it helpful to consult the DVLA's useful information and notes produced for Medical Practitioners at -https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/assessing-fitness-to-drive-a-guide-for-medical-professionals
- If the medical examination report is not being completed by the applicant's own GP, medical practitioners must confirm the applicant's identity before examination, i.e. through appropriate photographic identification such as a passport.



Medical examination report for a Group 2 (bus or lorry) licence

For advice on how to fill in this form, read the leaflet INF4D available at www.gov.uk/reapply-driving-licence-medical-condition Please use black ink when you fill in this report.



Applicants: you must fill in all grey sections of this report. This includes the section below, your full name and date of birth at the end of each page and the declaration on page 8.

Important: This report is only valid for 4 months from date of examination.												
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Medical professionals must fill in all green sections on this report.

Important information for doctors carrying out examinations.

Before you fill in this report, you must check the applicant's identity and decide if you are able to fill in the Vision

must inform the applicant that they will need to ask an optician or optometrist to fill in the Vision assessment.										
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Important: Signatures must be provided at the end of this report



Medical examination report

Vision assessment



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1.	Please confirm () the scale you are using to express the applicant's visual acuities. Snellen Snellen expressed as a decimal LogMAR	5. Does the applicant report symptoms of any of the following that impairs their ability to drive? Please indicate below and give full details
2.	The visual acuity standard for Group 2 driving is at least 6/7.5 in one eye and at least 6/60 in the other. (a) Please provide uncorrected visual acuities for each eye. Snellen readings with a plus (+) or minus (-) are not acceptable. If 6/7.5, 6/60 standard is not met, the applicant may need further assessment by an optician.	Please indicate below and give full details in Q7 below. (a) Intolerance to glare (causing incapacity rather than discomfort) and/or (b) Impaired contrast sensitivity and/or (c) Impaired twilight vision 6. Does the applicant have any other ophthalmic condition affecting their
	R L Yes No (b) Are corrective lenses worn for driving? If No, go to Q3.	visual acuity or visual field? If Yes, please give full details in Q7 below.
	If Yes, please provide the visual acuities using the correction worn for driving. Snellen readings with a plus (+) or minus (-) are not acceptable. If 6/7.5, 6/60 standard is not met, the applicant may need further assessment by an optician.	7. Details or additional information
	Co) What kind of corrective lenses are worn to meet this standard? Glasses Contact lenses Both together	
	(d) If glasses are worn for driving, is the corrective power greater than plus (+)8 dioptres in any meridian of either lens? (e) If correction is worn for driving, is it well tolerated? If No, please give full details in Q7.	Name of examining doctor, optician or optometrist undertaking vision assessment I confirm that this report was filled in by me at examination and the applicant's history has been
3.	Is there a history of any medical condition that may affect the applicant's binocular field of vision (central and/or peripheral)? If Yes, please give full details below.	taken into consideration. Signature of examining doctor, optician or optometrist
	If formal visual field testing is considered necessary, DVLA will commission this at a later date.	Date of signature Please provide your GOC or GMC number
4.	Is there diplopia? (a) Is it controlled? Please indicate below and give full details in Q7. Patch or Glasses Other glasses with frosted glass prism provide details)	Doctor, optometrist or optician's stamp
Ар	plicant's full name Please do not o	Date of birth DDMMYY detach this page



Medical examination report

Medical assessment

Must be filled in by a doctor

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1 Neurological disorders	2 Diabetes mellitus
Please tick ✓ the appropriate boxes Is there a history or evidence of any neurological disorder (see conditions in questions 1 to 11 below)? If No, go to section 2, Diabetes mellitus If Yes, please answer all questions below and enclose relevant hospital notes.	Yes No Does the applicant have diabetes mellitus? If No, go to section 3, Cardiac If Yes, please answer all questions below. 1. Is the diabetes managed by: (a) Insulin? Yes No Yes No
Yes No 1. Has the applicant had any form of seizure? (a) Has the applicant had more than one seizure episode? (b) If Yes, please give date of first and last episode. First episode Last episode Last episode Last episode (c) Is the applicant currently on anti-epileptic medication? If Yes, please fill in the medication section 8, page 6. (d) If no longer treated, when did treatment end? (e) Has the applicant had a brain scan? If Yes, please give details in section 9, page 7. (f) Has the applicant had an EEG? If you have answered Yes to any of above, you must supply medical reports.	If No, go to 1c If Yes, please give date started on insulin. (b) Are there at least 6 continuous weeks of blood glucose readings stored on a memory meter or meters? If No, please give details in section 9, page 7. (c) Other injectable treatments? (d) A Sulphonylurea or a Glinide? (e) Oral hypoglycaemic agents and diet? If Yes to any of (a) to (e), please fill in the medication section 8, page 6. (f) Diet only? 2. (a) Does the applicant test blood glucose at least twice every day? (b) Does the applicant test at times relevant to driving (no more than 2 hours before the start of the first journey and every
2. Has the applicant experienced yes No dissociative/'non-epileptic' seizures? (a) If Yes, please give date of most recent episode. (b) If Yes, have any of these episode(s) occurred or are they considered likely to occur whilst driving?	2 hours while driving)? (c) Does the applicant keep fast-acting carbohydrate within easy reach when driving? (d) Does the applicant have a clear understanding of diabetes and the necessary precautions for safe driving?
3. Stroke or TIA? If Yes, give date. (a) Has there been a full recovery? (b) Has a carotid ultrasound been undertaken? (c) If Yes, was the carotid artery stenosis >50% in either carotid artery?	 3. (a) Has the applicant ever had a hypoglyaemic episode? (b) If Yes, is there full awareness of hypoglycaemia? 4. Is there a history of hypoglycaemia in the last 12 months requiring the assistance of another person?
(d) Is there a history of multiple strokes/TIAs? 4. Sudden and disabling dizziness or vertigo within the last year with a liability to recur?	If Yes, please give details and dates below.
5. Subarachnoid haemorrhage (non-traumatic)?	5. Is there evidence of: Yes No
6. Significant head injury within the last 10 years?	(a) Loss of visual field? (b) Severe peripheral neuropathy, sufficient
7. Any form of brain tumour?	to impair limb function for safe driving?
8. Other intracranial pathology?	V N
9. Chronic neurological disorder(s)?	6. Has there been laser treatment or intra-vitreal treatment for retinopathy?
10. Parkinson's disease?11. Blackout, impaired consciousness or loss of awareness within the last 10 years?	If Yes, please give most recent date of treatment.
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3 Cardiac		c Peripheral arterial disease (excluding Buerger's disease)	
a Coronary artery disease		aortic aneurysm/dissection '	
Is there a history or evidence of coronary artery disease? If No, go to section 3b, Cardiac arrhythmia If Yes, please answer all questions below and enclose relevant hospital notes.	Yes No	Is there a history or evidence of peripheral arterial disease (excluding Buerger's disease), aortic aneurysm or dissection? If No, go to section 3d, Valvular/congenital heart If Yes, please answer all questions below and enclose relevant hospital notes.	Yes No disease
Has the applicant ever had an episode of angina? If Yes, please give the date of the last known attack,	Yes No		Yes No
2. Acute coronary syndrome including myocardial infarction? If Yes, please give date.	Yes No	2. Does the applicant have claudication? If Yes, would the applicant be able to undertake 9	Yes No
3. Coronary angioplasty (PCI)? If Yes, please give date of most recent intervention.	Yes No	minutes of the standard Bruce Protocol ETT? 3. Aortic aneurysm? If Yes:	Yes No
4. Coronary artery bypass graft surgery?If Yes, please give date.5. If Yes to any of the above, are there any	Yes No Yes No	 (a) Site of aneurysm: Thoracic Abdominal (b) Has it been repaired successfully? (c) Please provide latest transverse aortic diameter measurement and date obtained using measurement and date boxes. 	
physical health problems or disabilities (e.g. mobility, arthritis or COPD) that would make the applicant unable to undertake 9 minutes of the standard Bruce Protocol ETT? Please give detail	he	4. Dissection of the aorta repaired successfully? If Yes, please provide copies of all reports including those dealing with any surgical treatment.	Yes No ent.
b Cardiac arrhythmia		5. Is there a history of Marfan's disease? If Yes, please provide relevant hospital notes.	Yes No
Is there a history or evidence of cardiac arrhythmia? If No, go to section 3c, Peripheral arterial diseas If Yes, please answer all questions below and encl relevant hospital notes.		d Valvular/congenital heart disease Is there a history or evidence of valvular or congenital heart disease? If No, go to section 3e, Cardiac other	Yes No
1. Has there been a significant disturbance of cardiac rhythm? (e.g. sinoatrial disease, significant atrio-ventricular conduction defect, atrial flutter or fibrillation, narrow or broad	Yes No	If Yes, answer all questions below and provide relevant hospital notes.	Yes No
complex tachycardia) in the last 5 years?2. Has the arrhythmia been controlled satisfactorily for at least 3 months?	Yes No		Yes No
3. Has an ICD (Implanted Cardiac Defibrillator) or biventricular pacemaker with defibrillator/cardiac resynchronisation therapy defibrillator (CRT-D type) been implanted?	Yes No	3. Is there a history of aortic stenosis? If Yes, please provide relevant reports (including echocardiogram).	Yes No
4. Has a pacemaker or a biventricular pacemaker/ cardiac resynchronisation therapy pacemaker (CRT-P type) been implanted? If Yes:	Yes No	4. Is there history of embolic stroke?	Yes No
 (a) Please give date of implantation. (b) Is the applicant free of the symptoms that caused the device to be fitted? 		significant symptoms?	Yes No
(c) Does the applicant attend a pacemaker clinic regularly?		licence application?	

e Cardiac other			vided, give details in section 9, page 7 and provide relevan	
Is there a history or evidence of heart failure? If No, go to section 3f, Cardiac channelopathies	Yes I	No 2	. Has an exercise ECG been undertaken Ye (or planned)?	es No
If Yes, please answer all questions and enclose relevant hospital notes. 1. Please provide the NYHA class,		3	Has an echocardiogram been undertaken (or planned)?	es No
if known. 2. Established cardiomyopathy? If You please give details in section 9 page 7	Yes I	No	(a) If undertaken, is or was the left ejection fraction greater than or equal to 40%?	
If Yes, please give details in section 9, page 7.3. Has a left ventricular assist device (LVAD) or other cardiac assist device been implanted?	Yes I	No	. Has a coronary angiogram been undertaken Ye (or planned)?	s No
4. A heart or heart/lung transplant?	Yes I		. Has a 24 hour ECG tape been undertaken Ye (or planned)?	es No
5. Untreated atrial myxoma?	Yes I		. Has a loop recorder been implanted Ye (or planned)?	es No
f Cardiac channelopathies				
Is there a history or evidence of the following conditions? If No, go to section 3g, Blood pressure			Has a myocardial perfusion scan, stress Yee echo study or cardiac MRI been undertaken (or planned)?	es No
1. Brugada syndrome?	Yes	No	Psychiatric illness	
2. Long QT syndrome? If Yes to either, please give details in section 9, page 7 and enclose relevant hospital notes.	Yes	ill If	there a history or evidence of psychiatric ness within the last 3 years? No, go to section 5, Substance misuse Yes, please answer all questions below.	es No
g Blood pressure			Significant psychiatric disorder within the past 6 months? If Yes, please confirm condition.	es No
All questions must be answered. If resting blood pressure is 180 mm/Hg systolic or and/or 100mm/Hg diastolic or more, please take a 2 readings at least 5 minutes apart and record the of the 3 readings in the box provided. 1. Please record today's best resting blood pressure reading.	further	3.	past 12 months, including psychotic depression? (a) Dementia or cognitive impairment? (b) Are there concerns which have resulted	es No es No
2. Is the applicant on anti-hypertensive treatment? If Yes, please provide three previous readings with dates if available.	Yes		in ongoing investigations for such possible diagnoses? Substance misuse	
	Y Y	o If	there a history of drug/alcohol misuse r dependence? No, go to section 6, Sleep disorders Yes, please answer all questions below.	es No
	T		in the past 6 years?	es No
3. Is there a history of malignant hypertension? If Yes, please give details in section 9, page 7 (including date of diagnosis and any treatment etc)	Yes	No	(a) Is it controlled? (b) Has the applicant undergone an alcohol detoxification programme?	
h Cardiac investigations			If Yes, give date started:	es No
Have any cardiac investigations been undertaken or planned? If No, go to section 4, Psychiatric illness	Yes I	No 2	Persistent alcohol misuse in the past 3 years? (a) Is it controlled?	
If Yes, please answer questions 1 to 7.			Use of illegal drugs or other substances, or misuse Ye of prescription medication in the last 6 years?	es No
 Is there a history of the following: (a) left bundle branch block (LBBB)? (b) right bundle branch block (RBBB)? If yes to (a) or (b), please provide relevant report(s) or comment in section 9, page 7. 	Yes	No	(a) If Yes, the type of substance misused? (b) Is it controlled? (c) Has the applicant undertaken an opiate treatment programme? If Yes, give date started	
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6	Sleep disorders		6. Does the applicant have a history of liver disease of any origin?
1.	Is there a history or evidence of Obstructive Sleep Apnoea Syndrome or any other medical condition causing excessive sleepiness? If No, go to section 7, Other medical condition	es No	If Yes, is this the result of alcohol misuse? If Yes, please give details in section 9, page 7.
	If Yes, please give diagnosis and answer all que below.		7. Is there a history of renal failure? If Yes, please give details in section 9, page 7.
	a) If Obstructive Sleep Apnoea Syndrome, plea indicate the severity:	se	8. Does the applicant have severe symptomatic Yes respiratory disease causing chronic hypoxia?
	Mild (AHI <15) Moderate (AHI 15 - 29) Severe (AHI >29) Not known If another measurement other than AHI is us	ed, it	9. Does any medication currently taken cause the applicant side effects that could affect safe driving? If Yes, please fill in section 8, Medication and give symptoms in section 9, page 7.
	must be one that is recognised in clinical pra as equivalent to AHI. DVLA does not prescri different measurements as this is a clinical is Please give details in section 9 page 7, Further	be ssue.	10. Does the applicant have any other medical Yes No condition that could affect safe driving?If Yes, please provide details in section 9, page 7.
	b) Please answer questions (i) to (vi) for all sleed conditions.	p	8 Medication
	(ii) Is it controlled successfully?	es No	Please provide details of all current medication including eye drops (continue on a separate sheet if necessary).
	(iii) If Yes, please state treatment.		Medication Dosage
	(iv) Is applicant compliant with treatment?	es No	Reason for taking:
	(v) Please state period of control:		Approximate date started (if known):
	years months (vi) Date of last review.		Medication Dosage
			Reason for taking:
7	Other medical conditions		Approximate date started (if known):
1.	Is there a history or evidence of narcolepsy?	es No	Medication Dosage
2.	Is there currently any functional impairment that is likely to affect control of the vehicle?	es No	Reason for taking: Approximate date started (if known):
3.	Is there a history of bronchogenic carcinoma your or other malignant tumour with a significant liability to metastasise cerebrally?	es No	Medication Dosage
4.	Is there any illness that may cause significant Y fatigue or cachexia that affects safe driving?	es No	Reason for taking: Approximate date started (if known):
5.	is the applicant profoundly deat?	es No	Medication Dosage
	If Yes, is the applicant able to communicate in the event of an emergency by speech or by using a device, e.g. a textphone?	es No	Posson for taking:
	or by using a device, e.g. a textpriorie?		Reason for taking: Approximate date started (if known):
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9 Further details	10 Consultants' details
Please send us copies of relevant hospital notes. Do not send any notes not related to fitness to drive. Use the	Please provide details of type of specialists or consultants, including address.
space below to provide any additional information.	Consultant in
	Reason for attendance
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	Address
	Date of last appointment:
	Consultant in
	Reason for attendance
	Name
	Address
	Date of last appointment:
	If more consultants seen give details on a separate sheet.
	11 Examining doctor's signature and stamp To be filled in by the doctor carrying out the examination. Please make sure all sections of the form have been filled in. The form will be returned to you if you do not do this. I confirm that this report was filled in by me at examination and I have taken the applicant's history into account. I also confirm that I am currently GMC registered and licensed to practise in the UK or I am a doctor who is medically registered within the EU, if the report was filled in outside the UK.
	Signature of examining doctor
	Date of signature
	Doctor's stamp
Applicant's full name	Date of birth DDMMYY

The applicant must fill in this page Applicant's declaration

You **must** fill in this section and **must not** alter it in any way.

Please read the following important information carefully then sign to confirm the statements below.

Important information about fitness to drive

As part of the investigation into your fitness to drive, we (DVLA) may require you to have a medical examination and/or some form of practical assessment. If we do, the individuals involved in these will need your background medical details to carry out an appropriate assessment.

These individuals may include doctors, orthoptists at eye clinics or paramedical staff at a driving assessment centre. We will only share information relevant to the medical assessment of your fitness to drive.

Also, where the circumstances of your case appear to suggest the need for this, the relevant medical information may need to be considered by one or more of the members of the Secretary of State's Honorary Medical Advisory Panels. The membership of these Panels conforms strictly to the principle of confidentiality.

For information about how we process your data, your rights and who to contact, see our privacy notice at www.gov.uk/dvla/privacy-policy

Declaration

I authorise my doctor, specialist or appropriate healthcare professional to disclose medical information or reports about my health condition to the DVLA, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport, that is relevant to my fitness to drive.

I understand that the doctor that I authorise, may pass this authorisation to another registered healthcare professional, who will be able to provide information about my medical condition that is relevant to my fitness to drive.

I understand that the Secretary of State may disclose such relevant medical information as is necessary to the investigation of my fitness to drive to doctors and other healthcare professionals such as orthoptists, paramedical staff and the Secretary of State for Transport's Honorary Medical Advisory panel members.

I declare that I have checked the details I have given on the enclosed questionnaire and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief they are correct.

I understand that it is a criminal offence if I make a false declaration to obtain a driving licence and can lead to prosecution.

Name	
Signature	
Date	
I authorise the Secretary of State to correspond with medical professionals electronic channels (fax and/or email)	via
Yes No	
Checklist	.
 Have you signed and dated the declaration? 	es
 Have you checked that the optician, optometrist or doctor has filled in all parts of the report and all relevant hospital notes have been enclosed? 	es
Important	
This report is valid for 4 months from the date the doctor, optician or optometrist signs it.	
Please return it together with your application form.	