

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Applicant: This card and your Physical Examination Card should be presented to your doctor at the time of your physical examination.

**MINIMUM PHYSICAL STANDARDS FOR OPERATORS OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE
FOR PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION OR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES AND SERVICE BUSES**

Section 14-44-1. Minimum physical standards.

- (a) No person shall be issued a license for the operation of a Public Passenger Transportation Permit or service bus pursuant to section 14-44 of the General Statutes or have such license renewed unless he first submits evidence on a form prescribed by the commissioner that he has successfully completed a physical examination given by a licensed doctor of medicine or osteopathy except that an optometrist may perform that portion of the medical examination which pertains to visual acuity, field of vision and the ability to recognize colors.
- (b) A person shall be deemed to have successfully passed the physical examination required by subsection (a) of this regulation if the person:
- (1) Has no loss of a foot, leg, hand, or an arm or has been granted a waiver by the commissioner of motor vehicles. No waiver shall be granted unless the person has submitted to the commissioner a medical examiner's certificate stating that he or she is physically qualified to drive such vehicle;
 - (2) Has no impairment of the use of a foot, leg, hand, fingers, or an arm, and no other structural defect which is likely to interfere with his or her ability to control and safely drive the vehicle or has been granted a waiver as described in subdivision 1;
 - (3) Has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of diabetes mellitus currently requiring insulin for control. No waiver of this requirement shall be considered by the commissioner unless the applicant has submitted to the commissioner a physician's certificate stating that the applicant is physically qualified to drive such vehicle and the applicant completes a DMV questionnaire concerning his or her diabetic condition. No waiver shall be granted unless both the certificate and questionnaire clearly show that the applicant has not suffered from altered consciousness due to hypoglycemia within 5 years of submitting such form or questionnaire:

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- (4)** Has no current clinical diagnosis of myocardial infarction, angina pectoris, coronary insufficiency, thrombosis, or any other cardiovascular disease of a variety known to be accompanied by syncope, dyspnea, collapse, or congestive cardiac failure;
- (5)** Has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of a respiratory dysfunction likely to interfere with his or her ability to control and drive a motor vehicle safely;
- (6)** Has no current clinical diagnosis of high blood pressure likely to interfere with his or her ability to operate a motor vehicle safely;
- (7)** Has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of rheumatic, arthritic, orthopedic, muscular, neuromuscular, or vascular disease which interferes with his or her ability to control and operate a motor vehicle safely;
- (8)** Has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a motor vehicle;
- (9)** Has no mental, nervous, organic, or functional disease or psychiatric disorder likely to interfere with his or her ability to drive a motor vehicle safely;
- (10)** Has distant visual acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in each eye without corrective lenses or visual acuity separately corrected to 20/40 (Snellen) or better with corrective lenses, distant binocular acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in both eyes with or without corrective lenses, field of vision of at least 70 degrees in the horizontal meridian in each eye, and the ability to recognize the colors of traffic signals, and devices showing standard red, green and amber;
- (11)** First perceives a forced whispered voice in the better ear at not less than 5 feet with or without the use of a hearing aid or, if tested by use of an audiometric device, does not have an average hearing loss in the better ear greater than 40 decibels at 500Hz, 1,000Hz, and 2,000Hz with or without a hearing aid when the audiometric device is calibrated to American National Standard (Formerly ASA Standard) Z24.5-1951;
- (12)** Does not use an amphetamine, narcotic or any habit-forming drug; and
- (13)** Has no current clinical diagnosis of alcoholism.