

Key Provisions of State Laws Pertaining to Older Driver Licensing Requirements

(Current as of October 2014)

State	"Older Driver" Age ¹	Restrictions on Licensing Renewal ²	Accelerated Renewal & Term (if applicable)	Testing Mandates	State DMV Suspension Authority for Failure to Submit to Examination ³	Medical Advisory Boards ⁴	Other Information
Alabama	N/A	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 4 years. <i>Ala. §32-6-1</i>	N/A	Yes <i>Ala. §32-6-44</i>	Yes <i>Ala. §32-6-41</i>	N/A
Alaska	69 <i>AS §28.15.101</i>	In-person <i>AS §28.15.101</i>	No. Standard renewal – every 5 years. <i>AS §28.15.101</i>	N/A	N/A	No	N/A
Arizona	65 <i>A.R.S. §28-3171</i>	In-person at age 70 <i>A.R.S. §28-3172</i>	Yes – every 5 years. <i>A.R.S. §28-3171</i>	Vision or proof of verification of test conducted less than 3 months before submission. <i>A.R.S. §28-3172</i>	Yes <i>A.R.S. §28-3314</i>	Yes <i>A.R.S. §28-3051</i>	A driver's license is valid until age 65, unless medical restrictions require a shorter expiration period. <i>A.R.S. §28-3171</i>
Arkansas	N/A	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 4 years. <i>A.C.A. §27-16-901</i>	N/A	Yes <i>A.C.A. §27-16-909</i>	Yes <i>A.C.A. §27-16-909</i>	N/A
California	70 <i>Cal.Vehicle Code §12814.5</i>	In-person <i>CA DMV⁵</i>	No. Standard renewal – every 5 years. <i>Cal.Vehicle Code §12816</i>	Vision <i>CA DMV</i>	Yes <i>CA DMV</i>	No	N/A

¹ This is the age at which the State Department of Motor Vehicle places restrictions or modifications on the driver.

² In this chart, restrictions on licensing renewal and testing mandates, when applicable, apply to drivers when they reach the older driver age, referenced in the preceding column.

³ An examination may include, among other things, a physical examination, vision test, written driver's test, or submission of medical reports from licensed physicians.

⁴ Legislatively authorized

⁵ All California DMV references are sourced to information available to the public on that State's DMV Web site. See

www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/about/senior/senior_top

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Colorado	66 <i>C.R.S.A. §42-2-118</i>	In-person or by mail <i>C.R.S.A. §42-2-118</i>	No. Standard renewal – every 5 years. <i>C.R.S.A. §42-2-114</i>	Renewal by mail must include a signed statement from an optometrist or ophthalmologist attesting to an eye exam within the past 6 months and the results. <i>C.R.S.A. §42-2-118</i>	Yes <i>C.R.S.A. §42-2-111</i>	Yes <i>C.R.S.A. §42-2-112</i>	If deemed appropriate, the DMV may require a driver involved in a fatal motor vehicle crash to submit to an examination. But if the DMV fails to mail notice within 90 days of receiving notice of the crash, the DMV shall not require examination based on that crash. <i>C.R.S.A. §42-2-111</i>
Connecticut	65 <i>C.G.S.A. §14-41a</i>	N/A	Yes – every 2 years (optional) ⁶ . Standard renewal – every 6 years. <i>C.G.S.A. §§14-41; 14-41a</i>	N/A	Yes <i>C.G.S.A. §14-46e</i>	Yes <i>C.G.S.A. §14-46b</i>	N/A
Delaware	N/A	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 8 years. <i>21 Del.C. §2715</i>	N/A	Yes <i>21 Del.C. §2724</i>	Yes <i>21 Del.C. §2723</i>	N/A
District of Columbia	70 <i>18 DCMR §111</i>	In-person <i>18 DCMR §111</i>	No. Standard renewal – every 8 years. <i>18 DCMR §110</i>	Vision; doctor’s statement deeming driver mentally and physically qualified to operate a motor vehicle <i>18 DCMR §302</i>	N/A	No	Discretionary refusal to renew is specifically noted with regards to persons with diabetes, seizure disorders, Alzheimer’s, hearing impairment. <i>D.C. Code §18-106</i>

⁶ Drivers age ≥ 65 are permitted to renew for either a 2-year period or the general 6-year period.

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Florida	80 <i>F.S.A. §322.18</i>	In-person, unless a vision test was submitted electronically in advance by a doctor or optometrist. <i>F.S.A. §322.18</i>	Yes – every 6 years. Standard renewal – every 8 years. <i>F.S.A. §322.18</i>	Vision <i>F.S.A. §322.18</i>	Yes <i>F.S.A. §322.221</i>	Yes <i>F.S.A. §322.125</i>	N/A
Georgia	60/64 <i>Ga. Code Ann. §40-5-32</i>	N/A	Yes – every 5 years. Standard renewal – every 8 years. <i>Ga. Code Ann. §40-5-32</i>	Vision test for drivers age ≥ 64 <i>Ga. Code Ann. §40-5-32</i>	Yes <i>Ga Comp. R. & Regs. 375-3-5-.01</i>	Yes <i>Ga Comp. R. & Regs. 375-3-5-.01</i>	Every veteran’s or honorary license ⁷ expires every 8 years until the holder reaches age 65. <i>Ga. Code Ann. §40-5-32</i>
Hawai’i	72 <i>HRS §286-106</i>	N/A	Yes – every 2 years. Standard renewal – every 8 years. ⁸ <i>HRS §286-106</i>	N/A	Yes <i>HAR §19-122-355</i>	Yes <i>HRS §286-4.1</i>	Any driver, regardless of age, must renew in person, or submit proof of an examination not more than 6 months prior to the license expiration date, which states the driver has met the physical requirements established by the state DMV. <i>HRS §286-107</i>
Idaho	63 <i>I.C. §49-319</i>	In-person for drivers age ≥ 70. <i>IDAPA 39.02.76.011</i>	No – But drivers age ≥ 63 must renew every 4 years. <i>I.C. §49-319</i>	N/A	N/A	No	N/A

⁷ An honorably discharged veteran is entitled to a free veteran’s driver’s license.

⁸ Standard renewal for drivers 24 years and younger is every 4 years. *HRS §286-106*

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Illinois	75/81 625 ILCS 5/6-109; 5/6-115	N/A	Yes – every 2 years for drivers age 81-86; 12 months for drivers age ≥ 87. Standard renewal – every 4 years. 625 ILCS 5/6-115	Vision test and actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control of the motor vehicle for drivers age ≥ 75. 625 ILCS 5/6-109	Yes 625 ILCS 5/6-907	Yes 625 ILCS 5/6-902	Every driver shall report to the Secretary of State any medical condition that is likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to safely operate a motor vehicle within 10 days of the driver becoming aware of the condition. 625 ILCS 5/6-116.5
Indiana	75 IC §9-24-12-1	In-person IC §9-24-12-5	Yes – every 3 years for drivers age 75-84 and 2 years for drivers age ≥ 85. Standard renewal – every 6 years. IC §§9-24-12-1; 9-24-12-10	Vision IC §9-24-12-5	N/A	Yes IC §9-14-4-1	N/A
Iowa	70 IA DMV	In-person or by mail for drivers age 70 and over. IA DMV ⁹	Yes – every 4 years for drivers age 70; 3 years for 71; 2 years for ≥72. Standard renewal – every 8 years. IA DMV; I.C.A. §321.196	Vision I.C.A. §321.186A	N/A	Yes Iowa Admin. Code 761-600.4	N/A
Kansas	65 K.S.A. §8-247	N/A	Yes – every 4 years. Standard renewal term – every 6 years. K.S.A. §8-247	N/A	N/A	Yes K.S.A. §8-255b	N/A

⁹ All Iowa DMV references are sourced to information available to the public on that State’s DMV Web site. See www.iowadot.gov/mvd/ods/olderdrivers.htm

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Kentucky	N/A	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 4 years. <i>KRS §186.412</i>	N/A	Yes <i>601 KAR 13:090</i>	Yes <i>601 KAR 13:090</i>	N/A
Louisiana	70 <i>La. R.S. §32:412</i>	In-person <i>La. R.S. §32:412</i>	No. Standard renewal – every 4 years. ¹⁰ <i>La. R.S. §32:412</i>	N/A	Yes <i>La. R.S. §§32:424; 40:1356</i>	Yes <i>La. R.S. §40:1351</i>	Persons age ≥ 60, applying for a license for the first time in LA shall attach a report from a doctor or optometrist indicating visual ability, and from a licensed doctor indicating physical condition, including any defects that would impair the driver’s ability to exercise reasonable control of a motor vehicle. <i>La. R.S. §32:403.1</i>
Maine	40/62/65 <i>29-A M.R.S.A. §1303</i>	N/A	Yes – every 4 years for drivers age ≥ 65. <i>29-A M.R.S.A. §1406-A</i>	Drivers age ≥ 40 must pass a vision test at the time of their license renewal. Persons age ≥ 62 must pass a vision test at each renewal. <i>29-A M.R.S.A. §1303</i>	Yes <i>29-A M.R.S.A. §1258</i>	Yes <i>29-A M.R.S.A. §1258</i>	N/A

¹⁰ Effective July 1, 2015, standard renewal shall be every 6 years.

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Maryland	40 <i>MD Code, Transportation §16-115</i>	Vision test required for persons age ≥ 40; mail or electronic renewal is not permitted. <i>MD Code, Transportation §16-115</i>	No. Standard renewal – every 8 years. <i>MD Code, Transportation §16-115</i>	Persons age ≥ 40 must take a vision test upon renewal. <i>MD Code, Transportation §16-115.</i>	N/A	Yes <i>MD Code, Transportation §16-118</i>	If a person age ≥ 70 applies for a new license, he/she must present proof of previous satisfactory operation of a motor vehicle or written certification from a licensed doctor attesting to general physical and mental qualifications. <i>MD Code, Transportation §16-103.1</i>
Massachusetts	75 <i>M.G.L.A. 90 § 8</i>	In-person <i>M.G.L.A. 90 § 8</i>	No. Standard renewal – every 5 years. <i>M.G.L.A. 90 § 8</i>	Vision <i>M.G.L.A. 90 § 8</i>	Yes <i>540 CMR 24.03</i>	Yes <i>M.G.L.A. 90 § 8C</i>	N/A
Michigan	N/A	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 4 years. <i>M.C.L.A. §257.314</i>	N/A	Yes <i>M.C.L.A. §257.320</i>	Yes <i>Mich. Admin. Code R. 257.852; Michigan.gov/SOS</i>	A doctor or optometrist who submits a report regarding a driver's physical or mental qualifications to operate a motor vehicle shall recommend a period of suspension (at least 6 months for an operator's license; at least 12 months for a CDL), upon a finding that the driver cannot operate a motor vehicle in such a manner that would jeopardize the safety of persons and property. <i>M.C.L.A. §333.5139</i>
Minnesota	N/A	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 4 years. <i>M.S.A. §171.27</i>	N/A	Yes <i>M.S.A. §171.13; Minnesota Rules 7409.2800</i>	Yes <i>Minnesota Rules 7410.3000</i>	The Commissioner of Public Safety shall not require an examination for the reason that a driver has attained a certain age. <i>M.S.A. §171.13</i>

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Mississippi	N/A	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 4 or 8 years at the driver’s option. <i>Miss. Code Ann. §63-1-47</i>	N/A	Yes <i>Miss. Admin. Code 31-1:9.4</i>	Yes <i>Miss. Admin. Code 31-1:9.4</i>	N/A
Missouri	70 <i>V.A.M.S. §302.177</i>	N/A	Yes – every 3 years. Standard renewal – every 6 years. <i>V.A.M.S. §302.177</i>	N/A	Yes <i>V.A.M.S. §302.291</i>	Yes <i>V.A.M.S. §302.292</i>	N/A
Montana	75 <i>MCA §61-5-111</i>	N/A	Yes – every 4 years. Standard renewal – every 8 years. <i>MCA §61-5-111</i>	N/A	Yes <i>MCA §61-5-207</i>	Yes <i>MCA §61-5-125</i>	The age of a driver, by itself, does not constitute evidence of a condition requiring reexamination or a medical evaluation. <i>MCA §61-5-207</i>
Nebraska	72 <i>Neb.Rev.St. §60-4,122</i>	E-renewal is not permitted. <i>Neb.Rev.St. §60-4,122</i>	No. Standard renewal – every 5 years. <i>Neb.Rev.St. §60-490</i>	N/A	Yes <i>Neb.Rev.St. §60-4,118</i>	Yes <i>Neb.Rev.St. §60-4,118.02</i>	N/A
Nevada	65/71 <i>NAC §§483.043; 483.430</i>	Mail renewal permitted for drivers age ≥ 71 only with a letter from a doctor attesting to the ability of the driver to operate a motor vehicle and the driver’s visual acuity. <i>NAC 483.430</i>	Yes – every 4 years for drivers age ≥ 65. Standard renewal – every 4 or 8 years. ¹¹ <i>NAC §483.043</i>	N/A	Yes <i>NAC 483.320</i>	Yes <i>NAC §483.400</i>	N/A

¹¹ Effective January 1, 2018, all license renewals shall occur every 8 years, except for drivers age ≥ 65.

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New Hampshire	N/A	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 5 years. <i>N.H. Rev. Stat. §263:10</i>	N/A	N/A	Yes <i>N.H. Rev. Stat. §263:6-b</i>	Every driver who appears in person to renew his/her license must complete a visual acuity examination. But every driver who is eligible to renew his/her license online ¹² shall attest to the fact that he/she meets the visual acuity standards. <i>N.H. Code Admin. R. Saf-C 1007.01</i>
New Jersey	N/A	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 48 months. <i>N.J.S.A. 39:3-10</i>	N/A	Yes <i>NJ DMV</i>	Yes <i>NJ DMV</i>	Every driver shall take and successfully pass a screening of his/her vision at least once every 10 years as a condition for renewal. <i>N.J.S.A. §39:3-10c</i>
New Mexico	67 <i>NMSA §66-5-19</i>	In-person or by mail. <i>NM DMV¹³</i>	Yes – every 4 years for drivers age 67-74; every year for drivers age ≥ 75. Standard renewal – every 4 or 8 years (at driver’s option). <i>NMSA §66-5-19</i>	N/A	Yes <i>NMSA §66-5-31</i>	Yes <i>NMSA §66-5-6</i>	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 8 years. <i>Veh & Traf §506</i>	N/A	Yes <i>Veh & Traf §506</i>	Yes <i>Veh & Traf §541</i>	N/A

¹² A license may be renewed online only once in every other license renewal cycle.

¹³ All New Mexico DMV references are sourced to information available to the public on that State’s DMV Web site. See www.mvd.newmexico.gov/

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North Carolina	66 N.C.G.S.A. §20-7	N/A	Yes – every 5 years. Standard renewal – every 8 years. N.C.G.S.A. §20-7	N/A	Yes N.C.G.S.A. §20-29.1	Yes N.C.G.S.A. §20-9	The DMV may not require a person who is at least 60 years old to parallel park a motor vehicle as part of a road test. N.C.G.S.A. §20-7
North Dakota	78 NDCC §39-06-19	N/A	Yes – every 4 years. Standard renewal – every 6 years. NDCC §39-06-19	N/A	Yes NDCC §39-06-34	Yes NDAC 37-08-01-01	A court may direct the DMV director to require an individual to submit to reexamination. NDCC §39-06-34.1
Ohio	N/A	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 4 years. R.C. §4507.09	N/A	N/A	No	N/A
Oklahoma	N/A	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 4 years. 47 Okl.St. Ann. §6-115	N/A	Yes Okla. Admin. Code 595:10-5-17; 47 Okl.St. Ann. §6-120	Yes 47 Okl.St. Ann. §6-118	N/A
Oregon	50 OAR 735-062-0060	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 8 years. O.R.S. §807.130	All drivers age ≥ 50 must have their eyesight tested by the DMV prior to each renewal. OAR 735-062-0060	N/A	No	While there is no established medical advisory board, there is a medical determination officer who determines whether a person is eligible for a license in light of mental and physical impairment concerns. O.R.S. §807.090
Pennsylvania	N/A	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 4 years. 75 Pa.C.S.A. §1514	N/A	Yes 75 Pa.C.S.A. §1519	Yes 75 Pa.C.S.A. §1517	N/A

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Puerto Rico	N/A	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 6 years. <i>9 L.P.R.A. §5064</i>	N/A	Yes <i>9 L.P.R.A. §5071</i>	Yes <i>9 L.P.R.A. §5060</i>	N/A
Rhode Island	75 <i>Gen.Laws 1956, §31-10-30</i>	N/A	Yes – every 2 years. Standard renewal – every 5 years. <i>Gen.Laws 1956, §31-10-30</i>	N/A	N/A	Yes <i>Gen.Laws 1956, §31-10-44</i>	N/A
South Carolina	65 <i>Code 1976 §56-1-210</i>	N/A	Yes – every 5 years. Standard renewal – every 10 years. <i>Code 1976 §56-1-210</i>	Vision test <i>Code 1976 §56-1-220</i>	Yes <i>Code 1976 §56-1-270</i>	Yes <i>Code 1976 §56-1-221</i>	Any driver involved in 4 crashes within a 24-month period may be required to take any portion of the driver’s license examination if the director of the DMV deems appropriate. <i>Code 1976 §56-1-225</i>
South Dakota	65 <i>SDCL §32-12-43.1</i>	Mail or electronic renewal permitted if vision statement is included. <i>SDCL §32-12-43.1</i>	No. Standard renewal – every 5 years. <i>SDCL §32-12-42</i>	Vision statement signed by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist. <i>SDCL §32-12-43.1</i>	Yes <i>SDCL §32-12-46</i>	No	N/A
Tennessee	N/A	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 5 years. <i>T.C.A. §55-50-337</i>	N/A	Yes <i>Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1340-01-04-.07</i>	Yes <i>Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1340-01-04-.06</i>	A driver required to undergo re-examination may take the written and/or vision portion of the driver examination test without limitation, and the on-the-road skills portion up to 3 times. <i>Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1340-01-04-.07</i>

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Texas	79/85 V.T.C.A., Transportation Code §§521.274; 521.2711	In-person for drivers age ≥ 79. V.T.C.A., Transportation Code §521.274	Yes – every 2 years. Standard renewal – every 6 years. V.T.C.A., Transportation Code §521.2711	N/A	N/A	Yes V.T.C.A., Health & Safety Code §12.092	N/A
Utah	65 U.C.A. 1953 §53-3-214	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 5 years. U.C.A. 1953 §53-3- 214	Vision test U.C.A. 1953 §53-3-214	Yes U.C.A. 1953 §53-3-221	Yes U.C.A. 1953 §53- 3-303	N/A
Vermont	N/A	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 4 years. 23 V.S.A. §601	N/A	N/A	No	The DMV may designate licensed doctors, ophthalmologists, oculists and optometrists as examiners of motor vehicle operators. 23 V.S.A. §637
Virginia	75 ¹⁴ Va. Code Ann. §46.2-330	In-person ¹⁵ Va. Code Ann. §46.2-330	Yes – every 5 years. Standard renewal – every 8 years. Va. Code Ann. §46.2- 330	Vision test (unless proof of test completed within 90 days) ¹⁶ Va. Code Ann. §46.2- 330	N/A	Yes Va. Code Ann. §46.2-204	N/A
Washington	N/A	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 5 years. RCWA §46.20.181	N/A	Yes RCWA §46.20.305	No	N/A

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West Virginia	N/A	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 8 years. <i>W. Va. Code §17B-2-12</i>	N/A	Yes <i>W. Va. Code §17B-3-7</i>	No ¹⁷ <i>W. Va. Code §17B-2-7a</i>	N/A
Wisconsin	N/A	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 8 years. <i>W.S.A. §343.16</i>	N/A	N/A	Yes <i>W.S.A. §343.16</i>	N/A
Wyoming	N/A	N/A	No. Standard renewal – every 4 years. <i>W.S. 1977 §31-7-119</i>	N/A	Yes <i>W.S. 1977 §31-7-122</i>	No	N/A

Notes:

Due to increased physical impairments that many drivers face as they age, most states have enacted legislation that places additional restrictions or requirements on older drivers. These laws include license renewal requirements, accelerated license renewal terms, and testing mandates. Medical Advisory Boards are addressed, as well.

Please note that most States have legislation specifying a process for a third party to request that a driver submit to examination or re-examination. For example, a criminal justice agency, physician or member of the general public may request cancellation of a driver’s license, but must explain the need for re-evaluation. In some cases legislation specifies that such a request may not be anonymous. In most cases this process is not exclusive to older drivers. These provisions are not included in the table, as these provisions are common to most states and are typically not exclusive to older drivers, but can be applicable to any licensed driver with medical conditions.

Key Terms:

- “Older Driver” Age – the age at which a State may set forth certain requirements for driver’s license renewal. Multiple ages may be noted, reflecting multiple requirements, as applicable.
- Restrictions on Licensing Renewal – Generally, this category includes type of renewal required (in-person versus online, electronically, by mail, etc.) once a driver reaches the “Older Driver” age.

¹⁷ The code provides that “the driver’s licensing advisory board shall continue to exist until the first day of July, [2009].”

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- Accelerated Renewal & Term (if applicable) – addresses whether a State requires an accelerated, or shorter, renewal period once a driver reaches the “Older Driver” age, and if so, the term (i.e., every 5 years). Standard renewal term is also provided.
- Testing Mandates – includes types of testing required, if any, for older driver license renewal (i.e., vision test, physician’s statement).
- Suspension Authority by State Motor Vehicle Department for Failure to Submit to Examination – indicates if a State’s DMV has the authority to suspend or revoke an older driver’s license for failure or refusal to submit to examination. An examination may include, among other things, a physical examination, vision test, written driver’s test, or submission of medical reports from licensed physicians.
- Medical Advisory Boards – addresses whether the State has a legislatively authorized Medical Advisory Board in conjunction with the DMV.

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