



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
OFFICE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

**Section:** I Issuance of Driver's License  
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**BIOPTIC TELESCOPIC LENSES**

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**POLICY:**

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To view Louisiana Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

**AUTHORITY**

R.S. 32:403.5

**DEFINITION**

Bioptic telescopic lenses are a lens system with a telescope attached to a pair of glasses, above the driver's normal line of sight. A person using bioptic telescopic lenses shall be eligible for a driver's license if he meets specific criteria.

**ELIGIBILITY**

**An applicant using bioptic telescopic lenses shall be eligible for a driver's license if he meets ALL of the following criteria. Each applicant must:**

- Demonstrate a visual acuity of at least 20/200 in one or both eyes and a field of 110 degrees horizontal vision without or with corrective carrier lenses. If he has vision in only one eye, he must have a field of at least 40 degrees temporal and 30 degrees nasal horizontal vision. Note: If vision is greater than 20/200, i.e., 20/300, the applicant does not qualify for a license.
- Demonstrate a visual acuity of at least 20/60 in one or both eyes with the bioptic telescopic lenses and without the use of field expanders (devices attached to each side of the eye glasses).
- Submit, with the license application, an examination report from an ophthalmologist or optometrist on the Bioptic Telescopic Lens Vision Examination form ([DPSMV 2008](#)). The report shall certify that no ocular diagnosis or prognosis currently exists or is likely to occur during the period of issuance of the license which would cause deterioration of visual acuity or visual field to levels below the minimum standards provided for in this section.
- Present proof of completion of at least 30-hours of behind-the-wheel training from a Department of Public Safety approved adaptive/biopic instructor.
- Successfully pass a comprehensive driver's skills test administered by a third party tester who is certified in adaptive training. The third party tester will administer the skills test and place the results in a sealed envelope for delivery to the Office of Motor Vehicles. The skills test is not required if the applicant is applying for a learner's permit.
- Meet all other criteria for licensure which includes proper identification documentation, certificate of completion of an approved 30-hour class room driver education training course (for ages 15 - 17) and/or 6-hour pre-licensing driver's education course (age 18 or older) and successfully pass written exams.

**RESTRICTIONS**

**A person using bioptic telescopic lenses shall be subject to the following restrictions:**

- The applicant is eligible ONLY for a Class E license and shall not be permitted to operate a motorcycle or motor scooter.
- The license shall permit operation of a motor vehicle only during the period beginning 1/2 hour after sunrise and ending 1/2 hour before sunset ("08" restriction - Daylight driving only)
- The applicant shall be prohibited from driving during adverse weather conditions.
- Once the applicant has been determined "eligible," a Class E license (or learner's permit) can be issued with the following restrictions: **08 - Daylight driving only** and **66 - Bioptic lenses required**.
- Any other restrictions deemed necessary by OMV shall be applied.

**A person using bioptic telescopic lenses may have the "Daytime Only" (08 restriction) lifted if he meets all of the following requirements. The applicant must:**

- Have been licensed with bioptic telescopic lenses for at least one year.
- Demonstrate a visual acuity of at least 20/40 in one or both eyes with the bioptic telescopic lenses and without the use of field expanders.
- Successfully pass a comprehensive driver's skills test at night administered by a qualified **Third Party Testers / Adaptive Bioptic Trainers**.
- Have no license suspensions, revocations or at-fault accidents for the previous 12 month period.

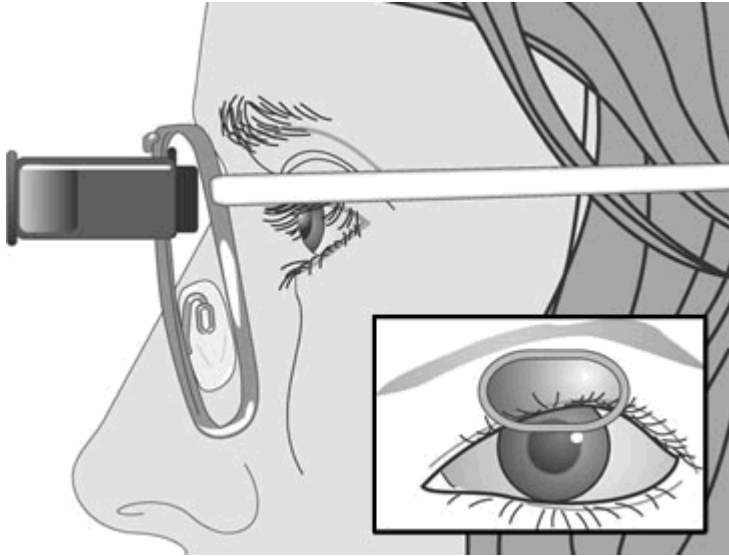
**CERTIFIED BIOPTIC TRAINERS**

The trainers will submit confirmation of successful completion of the 30 hour behind-the-wheel training on letterhead or a completion certificate. All documentation must be signed by the instructor that administered the training.

<b>Third Party Testers / Adaptive Bioptic Trainers</b>	
Jack Varnado Louisiana Driving School 1352 Lindberg Drive, Suite 2 Slidell, LA 70458 (985) 643-7803	Charles J. Chauncy & Jill Chauncy First Class Driving School, Inc. 2710 Douglas Drive, Suite D Bossier City, LA 71111 (318) 742-9942
Sandra Robichaux NCR School of Driving, Inc. 6300 West Park Avenue Houma, LA 70364 (985) 580-1009	Martha Purvis Victor Manning Driving School 4539 North I-10 Service Road, Suite 202 Metairie, LA 70006 (504) 455-2103
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<b>Adaptive / Bioptic Trainers Only</b>	
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**Example of Bioptic Lens**



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