



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 13.00 Restrictions and Endorsements**

**Section:** 1. Issuance of Driver's License

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**General:** The Department, upon issuing an operator's license, shall have authority whenever good cause appears to impose restrictions suitable to the licensee's driving ability with respect to the type of, or special control device required on, a motor vehicle.

**Restrictions:** A restriction will be imposed to compensate for a handicap which would hinder the safe operation of a motor vehicle. These restrictions must be suitable and appropriate to assure the safe operation of motor vehicles.

- **01 CORRECTIVE LENS** (Glasses/contacts)
- **02 OPERATING A VEHICLE ONLY WITH LICENSED DRIVER** - In the case of applicants seventeen (17) years of age and above, this restriction will be issued to individuals needing more practical driving experience. An "02" restricted license may be renewed and it is permissible to include an "07" (motorcycle endorsement) with such a license. (See Section I, Policy #21.00).
- **03 USING LEFT OUTSIDE REARVIEW MIRROR** - The restriction will be added to individuals who have impaired vision worse than 20/40 in either or both eyes. The "03" restriction does not mean that eyes cannot be improved.
- **04 EYES CANNOT BE IMPROVED** - This is an information code designed to avoid the continued referral of an applicant whose vision cannot be improved. Should not be added unless specified by the eye doctor.
- **05 AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION** - This will be added for applicants who have lost one or both legs, or have lost the use of one or both legs. If the applicant wears one or two artificial limbs, a driving test may be necessary to determine if he/she has adapted sufficiently for the safe operation of a motor vehicle without the necessity of the "05" restriction. In this case, restriction #40 (wearing artificial limb) would be required.
- **06 POWER STEERING** - This is to be used when a physical handicap hinders the strength or movement of the applicant's arms. This would compensate for the loss of mobility of the arms to control the steering.

- **07 NO PASSENGERS ALLOWED** - This is only for the Commercial Learner's Permit. When a "P" passenger endorsement and/or "S" School Bus endorsement is added to a CLP this restriction is added.
- **08 DAYTIME DRIVING ONLY** - This restriction will apply when the applicant's visual acuity is not 20/70 or better in each eye or upon the recommendation of a vision specialist.
- **09 SPECIAL RESTRICTION** - May be used for any restriction which is not covered with a specific restriction code, or when there are four (4) or more restrictions to be used. See last page of this policy for more details. This special code should be suitable and appropriate to enable the applicant to operate a motor vehicle safely. Anytime this restriction is used, it must be completely explained to the applicant, whether it be for a new license issuance or a renewal. This restriction is hereby abolished. With new programming (6/01), computer will allow 6 endorsements. Also the use of the 60 restriction (Restriction Card) will be used if necessary.
- **10 HEARING CANNOT BE IMPROVED (THIS RESTRICTION CODE IS BEING REPLACED BY #73 OR #74. ONCE ALL LICENSES WITH#10 HAVE BEEN REPLACED WITH A #73 OR #74 THEN #10 WILL BE DELETED)** - This code gives information concerning the driver's disability which will aid him if he should be stopped by a police officer and is unable to communicate. To compensate for the disability, restriction #41.0 must be applied.
- **11 MUST WEAR HEARING AID** - This code is applied to applicants having a hearing problem which can be improved with a hearing aid.
- **12 RESTRICTED TO NO MORE THAN 5 MILE RADIUS OF HOME** - This restriction applies to handicapped drivers that, for whatever reason, have slower than normal response times. This could be caused by the person's age, physical disability, visual problem, etc. These same considerations would apply in determining whether to impose any of the restrictions listed under numbers 13 through 19.
- **13 RESTRICTED TO NO MORE THAN A 10 MILE RADIUS OF HOME** - Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in restriction #12 above.
- **14 RESTRICTED TO NO MORE THAN A 15 MILE RADIUS OF HOME** - Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in restriction #12 above.
- **15 RESTRICTED TO NO MORE THAN A 20 MILE RADIUS OF HOME** - Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in restriction #12 above.
- **16 RESTRICTED TO NO MORE THAN A 25 MILE RADIUS OF HOME** - Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in restriction #12 above.
- **17 RESTRICTED TO RURAL AREA ONLY** - This restriction may also apply to a handicapped individual with a slow response time, whatever the cause. This specifically prohibits operation of a motor vehicle by the handicapped driver in any corporate limit of any city, town or other incorporated areas.

- **18 NO INTERSTATE HIGHWAY DRIVING** - This driver must not operate a motor vehicle on an interstate highway. Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in restriction #12 above.
- **19 DRIVING ONLY WITHIN PARISH OF PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE** - Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in restriction #12 above.
- **20 RESTRICTED TO DRIVING A MAXIMUM OF 50 M.P.H.** - This restriction is applied to a driver, for whatever reason, who has a slower than normal response time. This may be caused by the person's age, physical or visual disability, etc. The reduction in speed allows the driver more time to respond to changing traffic situations. These same considerations would apply in determining whether to impose restriction #21-#23.
- **21 RESTRICTED TO DRIVING A MAXIMUM OF 45 M.P.H.** - Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in #20. The speed is reduced because the disability is more severe.
- **22 RESTRICTED TO DRIVING A MAXIMUM OF 40 M.P.H.** - Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in #20. Restriction #18 should also be applied as this speed (40 m.p.h.) is not allowed on an interstate highway.
- **23 RESTRICTED TO DRIVING A MAXIMUM OF 35 M.P.H.** - Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in #20 and #22. Other restrictions, such as #12-#19 and #30 should be considered as well, due to the physical and/or visual disability.
- **24 VISION MEDICAL EXAM REQUIRED EVERY 6 MONTHS** - If it is determined that the driver has a progressive type of visual disability, disease or condition, this examination must be required in the form of a vision report furnished from a vision specialist every six months, unless a longer period for periodic reexamination is specified by the vision specialist. (See restrictions #25 and #26.)
- **25 VISION MEDICAL EXAM REQUIRED EVERY YEAR** - To be used only upon specific recommendation of a vision specialist. (See restriction #24 above.)
- **26 VISION MEDICAL EXAM REQUIRED EVERY 2 YEARS** - To be used only upon specific recommendation of a vision specialist. (See restriction #24 above.)
- **27 COMPLETE MEDICAL EXAM REQUIRED EVERY 6 MONTHS** - This restriction is to be applied only upon recommendation of a doctor.
- **28 COMPLETE MEDICAL EXAM REQUIRED EVERY YEAR** - This restriction is to be applied only upon recommendation of a doctor.
- **29 COMPLETE MEDICAL EXAM REQUIRED EVERY TWO YEARS** - This restriction is to be applied only upon recommendation of a doctor.
- **30 DRIVING ONLY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.** - This code may be used when a driver has a disability which may restrict his mobility and/or judgment to the degree that he would be unable to cope with heavy traffic. The hours 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. are normally light traffic hours.
- **31 SEAT CUSHION REQUIRED** - This restriction is used to compensate for a driver who is too short to reach the accelerator, brakes and/or clutch. This would only be added after the Motor Vehicle officer has observed the driver on the outside driving test.

- **32 ACCELERATOR PEDAL ON LEFT SIDE** - This restriction could be used when a driver has lost his right leg or the use of the right leg. This is a seldom used restriction since a person who has lost their lower limbs would normally be restricted to hand controls covered in restriction #34.
- **33 MECHANICAL TURN SIGNALS** - All late model vehicles are required to have mechanical signals but this would still be added to drivers who have lost the use of one or more of their upper limbs.
- **34 HAND CONTROLS REQUIRED** - This restriction is required on a paraplegic or at any time a driver has lost some degree of his or her reflexes in the upper/lower limbs. This also would be added in the case of dwarfs and amputees. A road skills test must be administered.
- **35 BRAKE AND ACCELERATOR CONTROLS REQUIRED** - This restriction would be imposed for paraplegics or on drivers who have lost some degree of mobility of their limbs. It differs from restriction #34 in that no hand controls for the dimmer switch is deemed necessary.
- **36 EXTENSION BAR FOR GAS PEDAL** - This is a seldom used restriction because drivers with a significant mobility handicap which would require an extension bar for the gas pedal would normally need hand controls. Only careful judgment of all factors involved would determine if only the extension bar for gas pedal is necessary.
- **37 DIMMER SWITCH ON STEERING COLUMN** - This is another restriction which is seldom used alone. Normally, restriction #34 would be used when a driver has lost a significant amount of mobility of his limbs to warrant a dimmer switch on the steering column. If the Motor Vehicle officer deems the restriction necessary, add the restriction to the license so that the driver will know all vehicles he or she drives should be properly equipped.
- **38 SPECIFIC DRIVING ROUTE MUST ACCOMPANY LICENSE** - This restriction applies to the handicapped/slow response driver and consideration should be given to impose a driving route that meets his/her needs. This restriction applies whenever the driver's disability is such that he/she would not be capable of handling heavy traffic situations or is incapable of less restricted driving.
- **39 LIGHT TRAFFIC IN THE PARISH OF RESIDENCE ONLY** - Determination for this restriction is to be based on the same criteria as stated in restriction #17.
- **40 WEARING OF ARTIFICIAL LIMB** - This is added when a driver has lost one or more limbs and has learned to use the prosthesis as well as the natural limb.
- **41 INSIDE AND OUTSIDE REARVIEW MIRROR** - Should be added to drivers who cannot hear and the disability cannot be improved with a hearing aid. The restriction of additional mirrors will aid the driver in detecting approaching traffic in the driver's blind spots.
- **42 LEFT AND RIGHT REARVIEW MIRRORS** - This code differs from restriction code #41 in that inside mirror is not mandated in this restriction.
- **43 SPECIFIC VISUAL FOR CDL** - (Effective 12-01-90, must be used in conjunction with restriction #53). This restriction is to be used whenever CDL applicants can only achieve 20/40 (Snellen) visual acuity in one eye. EXAMPLE:

Applicant is blind in one eye, but achieves 20/40 with or without corrective lenses in the good eye. Applicant must have been employed as a commercial vehicle driver continuously since March 31, 1990.

- **44 EYEGLASSES/CONTACTS, LEFT OUTSIDE REARVIEW MIRROR, EYES CANNOT BE IMPROVED** - This combines requirements under restrictions, #1, #3, and #4.
- **45 EYEGLASSES/CONTACTS, LEFT OUTSIDE REARVIEW MIRROR, EYES CANNOT BE IMPROVED, DAYTIME DRIVING ONLY** - This combines requirements under restrictions #1, #3, #4, and #8.
- **46 RESTRICTED TO DRIVING A VEHICLE EQUIPPED WITH AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, POWER STEERING, MECHANICAL TURN SIGNALS, HAND CONTROLS, EXTENSION BAR FOR GAS PEDAL** - This combines requirements under restriction #5, #6, #33, #34, and #36.
- **47 CDL WAIVER FOR FARM RELATED SERVICE INDUSTRIES** - License must be accompanied by completed CDL Waiver for Farm Related Service Industries form. Allows non-CDL drivers to operate CDL vehicles for farm related service industries within 150-mile radius from their place of business or the farm which is being served. The license is only valid for providing farm related services and for not more than 180 days in a calendar year. After the 180-day period, this license will only be good for the previous class license listed on the CDL waiver form. This is a restricted license and will be indicated as such on the face of the license. The CDL Waiver must be renewed for each waiver period throughout the duration of the license.
- **48 LIGHT TRAFFIC ONLY** - Applies to the handicapped driver that has slower than normal responses due to age, physical disorder, or visual problems. This limits operation of a motor vehicle to light traffic areas only.
- **49 AIR OVER-HYDRAULIC BRAKE SYSTEM - NO LONGER USED.** This restriction is for CDL drivers who pass the air brake system test, but take the skills test in a vehicle equipped with air-over-hydraulic brakes. These drivers are restricted operating vehicles equipped with a standard air brake system, but not from operating vehicles an air-over-hydraulic brake system. Notation should appear on the Skills Test Certificate to indicate "Air-Over-Hydraulic Brakes, Add 49 Restriction."
- **50 HARDSHIP RESTRICTED LICENS** - This restriction denotes an economic hardship license which allows the individual to drive under limited conditions as outlined in either the court order, the refusal interview or submit interview. The explanation to this restriction (court order or administrative documents) must be attached and carried with the license at all times. (See Section I, P/P Statement#27.0 entitled "Hardship License")
- **51 INTERLOCK DEVICE** - Hardship license specifically issued with an interlock device.
- **52 INTRA-STATE ONLY** - This restriction applies to commercial driver's license applicants who are under the age of 21. The letter "**K**" will appear under the restrictions section of the CDL.
- **53 INTRA-STATE ONLY** - This restriction applies to commercial driver's license applicants with a medical and/or visual problem which disqualifies them from

driving outside the State of Louisiana. The letter "K" will appear under the restrictions section of the CDL.

- **54 AIRBRAKES RESTRICTION** - This restriction is added to a commercial driver's license whenever the CDL applicant has not passed the airbrakes written test, and/or failed the airbrakes part of the skills test, or took a skills test in a vehicle not equipped with air-brakes. Applicant is not qualified to operate vehicles with airbrakes. The letter "L" will appear under the restrictions section of the CDL.
- **55 NO 18-WHEELERS** - This restriction is added to a commercial driver's license (Class A) whenever the CDL applicant has skills tested in a combination vehicle where the pulling unit was less than 26,001 pounds' gross vehicle weight rating.
- **56 INTRA-STATE ONLY** - This restriction applies to commercial driver's license applicants who have self-certified as INTRA-STATE non-excepted or excepted. The letter "K" will appear in the restrictions section of the CDL. This restriction is automatically added in conjunction with an INTRA-STATE self-certification type of commerce. If the driver changes his self-certification from INTRA-STATE non-excepted or excepted to INTER-STATE non-excepted or excepted then the restriction must be removed from the driver's license when the certification is changed.
- **57 INTERLOCK/CONDITION OF REINSTATEMENT** - This restriction is added to an applicant that is required to have an ignition interlock device as a condition of reinstatement.
- **58 MEDICAL VARIANCE DOCUMENT REQUIRED** - This restriction is added to any commercial driver's license applicant that holds a waiver from FMSCA for vision, diabetes, or Skill's Performance Evaluation (SPE).
- **59 NO MANUAL TRANSMISSION EQUIPPED CMV** - This restriction is valid for all CDL class licenses and prohibits the driver from operating a vehicle with a manual transmission. The letter "E" will appear in the restriction section of a CDL Class license.
- **60 RESTRICTION CARD** - This restriction is for anything not covered. It requires a "Restriction Card" be attached to license specifying the restriction.
- **61 INTERMEDIATE LICENSE** - This restriction is added to Class E licenses for minors sixteen (16) years of age who have completed their 180 day learner's permit stage. This restriction cannot be removed until the applicant reaches the age of seventeen (17).
- **62 FRONT/SIDE FENDER MIRRORS** - Requires mirrors to be mounted to the front fenders to increase visibility in blind spots. This restriction is to be used when an applicant has a severe mobility impairment which affects the ratio of movement of the neck.
- **63 CLASS B PASSENGER ENDORSEMENT** - Allows the driver to operate a Class B (GVWR 26,001 and more) passenger carrying vehicle. This restriction can only be added when the skills test is performed in a Class B passenger vehicle. An "M" will print on the front of the license.
- **64 CLASS C PASSENGER ENDORSEMENT** - Allows the driver to operate a Class C (GVWR 26,000 and less) passenger carrying vehicle. This restriction

can only be added when the skills test is performed in a Class C passenger vehicle. An "N" will print on the front of the license

- **66 BIOPTIC LENS REQUIRED** - This restriction denotes the requirement for the driver to wear bioptic lens when driving a Class E vehicle. Drivers with this restriction cannot obtain a motorcycle endorsement. This restriction allows customers to drive 1/2 hour before sunrise through 1/2 hour after sunset and prohibits driving during adverse weather. (See Policy 9.01 Bioptic Telescopic Lens)
- **67 NO TRACTOR-TRAILER CMV** - This restriction is added to a commercial driver's license if an applicant performs a skills test in a combination vehicle for a Class A with the pulling unit and trailer connected with a pintle hook or other non-fifth wheel connection. This will print as an "O" restriction on the credential.
- **68 NO FULL AIR BRAKE EQUIPPED** - This restriction is for CDL drivers who pass the air brake system test, but take the skills test in a vehicle equipped with air-over-hydraulic brakes. These drivers are restricted from operating vehicles equipped with a standard air brake system, but not from operating vehicles with an air-over-hydraulic or hydraulic brake system. This will print as a "Z" restriction on the credential.
- **69 NO CARGO IN CMV TANK VEHICLE** - This restriction is added to a Commercial Learner's Permit only in conjunction with the "N" Tank Endorsement. The vehicle being operated cannot have any cargo or any hazardous materials residue.
- **70 LOSS OF VISION IN LEFT EYE** (LESS THAN 20/40 in left eye)
- **71 LOSS OF VISION IN RIGHT EYE** (LESS THAN 20/40 in right eye)
- **72 VISION MEDICAL EVERY 4 YEARS** as required by the vision specialist.
- **73 DEAF** - This code gives information concerning the driver's disability which will aid him if he should be stopped by a police officer and is unable to communicate. To compensate for the disability, restriction #41.0 must be applied.
- **74 HARD OF HEARING** - This code gives information concerning the driver's disability which will aid him if he should be stopped by a police officer and is unable to communicate. To compensate for the disability, restriction #41.0 must be applied.
- **Endorsements:** Endorsements shall be issued for a commercial drivers' license provided the applicant passes the appropriate knowledge and skills test necessary for the issuance of the endorsement and provided the applicant passes any requisite security assessment for the issuance of a particular endorsement.
  - **E-** Emergency Endorsement - This is a special endorsement for emergency vehicle operators for which there are no administrative procedures at this time.
  - **H** - Hazardous materials
  - **M** – Motorcycle
  - **N** - Tank
  - **P** – Passenger
  - **S** - School bus

- **T** - Double/Triple trailers
- **V** - Variance restriction - 58 restriction (Restriction currently prints under endorsement section of the current driver's license)
- **X** - Combination tank and hazardous materials

**Notes:**

- If a driver with an "**H**" endorsement receives a second conviction of any combination of reckless and/or negligent violations, the hazmat "**H**" endorsement will be permanently revoked. Once the hazmat endorsement is removed, it cannot be added back in Louisiana.
- If a driver with an "**X**" endorsement receives a second conviction of any combination of reckless and/or negligent violations, the "**X**" endorsement will be permanently revoked. The driver may, however, keep his tank "**N**" endorsement. Once the hazmat endorsement is removed, it cannot be added back in Louisiana.
- If a driver with an "**S**" endorsement receives a DWI or Refusal while operating any vehicle, the "**S**" endorsement will be revoked for ten (10) years.
- When a CDL driver has a waiver from FMCSA for vision, diabetes, or Skill's Performance Evaluation (SPE), the 58 restriction and the "**V**" endorsement will populate when the waiver field(s) and dates are entered on DLRUMD.

**Related Policies:**

Section 1, Policy 4.00 [Renewals, Class And Restriction Changes Between Renewals](#)

Section 1, Policy 22.01 [Gender Change/Reassignment](#)