



Limited Vision Condition Program: Using a Biotopic Telescopic Lens

State law provides an opportunity for persons with a limited vision condition who use a biotopic telescopic lens to be eligible for restricted driving privileges in Oregon.

Who is eligible?

A person otherwise eligible for Oregon driving privileges whose vision meets the following criteria:

- Has visual acuity in the better eye with best lens correction that is no better than 20/80 and no worse than 20/200;
 - Has no ocular diagnosis or prognosis that may result in deterioration of the person's corrected vision below a 20/200 level of visual acuity;
 - Has a visual field of at least 120 degrees horizontally and 80 degrees vertically; and
 - Would be aided by using a biotopic telescopic lens when operating a motor vehicle.
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What driving privileges is the person eligible for?

A Class C license (or instruction permit) with the following restrictions:

- Driving during daylight hours only;
- Driving only when using a biotopic telescopic lens.

The daylight restriction will be removed when the person completes the following steps:

- 1) Is examined by a vision specialist who indicates on a report submitted to DMV that the person's vision does not prohibit the ability to safely operate a motor vehicle at night.
 - 2) Provides a certificate from a rehabilitation training specialist stating the person has successfully completed nighttime training and can safely operate a vehicle at night.
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What are the steps to be licensed under this program?

- Be examined by a vision specialist who reports to DMV that the person's vision meets the program's criteria to be licensed.
 - Be fitted by a licensed vision specialist with a biotopic telescopic lens mounted on the carrier lens.
 - Enroll in a rehabilitation training program offered by a specialist certified by DMV to train persons with a low vision condition in the use of biotopic telescopic lens while driving.
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- Pass DMV's written knowledge test.
 - Be issued by DMV a special limited vision condition learner's permit to be used during driver training.
 - Submit to DMV a certificate issued by a rehabilitation training specialist certifying that the person has successfully completed a rehabilitation training program.
 - Pass a DMV-provided drive test (call (503) 945-5523 to schedule).
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What DMV fees are applicable?

- Class C Knowledge Test - \$5.00
 - Special limited condition learner's permit - \$13.00
 - Class C Instruction Permit - \$23.50 (if applicable)
 - Class C Drive Test - \$9.00
 - Class C License - \$60.00 (if applicable)
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What are other requirements of this program?

- The special limited condition learner's permit can only be used to drive with a certified training specialist as part of the rehabilitation training program.
 - Every two years, the person must provide a new certification from a licensed vision specialist and pass a DMV-provided drive test.
 - In addition to the requirements under this program, a driver under 18 years of age must meet all the requirements of a provisional license:
 - 1) Have an instruction permit (this differs from a special limited condition learner's permit) for a minimum of six months; **and**
 - 2) Complete a Driver's Education Course (not the specialized training required by this program) and have 50 hours of supervised driving; **or**

Have 100 hours of supervised driving prior to being issued a provisional license.
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For More Information

Call Driver Safety at (503) 945-5086

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