

Iowa Law requires all applicants to pass a satisfactory vision screening.

The vision screening given by the Driver License Examiner indicates that your visual acuity is less than the standard minimum of 20/40 or your peripheral vision is less than the standard minimum of 140 binocular, as established by the Department. In all probability you will be a much safer driver with improved vision. Therefore, you are being asked to have your eyes examined by a vision specialist of your choice to determine whether your vision can be improved by corrective lenses or treatment. Please return the completed form to the Driver License Examiner. If new lenses are prescribed, please pick them up before you return to the Driver License Examiner.

Explanation for Vision Specialist

All applicants for licenses and some drivers whose records cast doubt on their ability to drive safely are given a vision screening, conducted by Driver License personnel. When more accurate measurements are needed, when improvement in vision would add substantially to safety, or when unusual eye defects are apparent, the person is asked to visit a vision specialist.

You are asked to fill in the form and identify the restrictions necessary for the safe operation of a motor vehicle. If the case is an unusual one, any additional comments you may have would be appreciated. Attach a separate sheet if needed.

Iowa law allows for an applicant to have their visual acuity and peripheral vision tested by a vision specialist with no follow-up by Driver License personnel. The applicant would need acuity of 20/40 or better and a peripheral field of 140 or better to be licensed without any special restrictions. Please ensure that applicants for whom new lenses are prescribed actually pick up the lenses before they go to the Driver License Examiner/Issuance Station for testing or renewal.

Please sign this report and include your address, phone number and license number for proper identification.

Iowa vision standards can be reviewed at <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/asp/ACODocs/DOCS/4-21-2010.761.604.pdf>.