

Medical or Vision Conditions

GET THERE YOUR WAY – CONVENIENT PERSONALIZED TRAVEL

Temporary or permanent medical or vision-related conditions may affect your driving. If you're ineligible to drive, we're here to help ease the challenges related to identity and mobility. There are options available to help you get where you need to go.

MEDICAL OR VISION RELATED SANCTIONS

The reason(s) for a medical sanction on your driving record is unique to you and may include varying degrees of physical, mental, cognitive, or vision-related impairment.



STEP 1

Have a recommendation from your health care professional.

If you would like to get your license back, it is important to understand that your first step is a recommendation from your health care professional (i.e. MD, DO, ARNP, PAC, or vision specialist). Your doctor may request additional medical evaluations with specialists or a medically-based driving evaluation.



STEP 2

Take a knowledge and on-road driving test.

Once you have a recommendation from your doctor or specialist to reinstate your driving privileges, you'll also need to take a knowledge and on-road driving test before we can reinstate your driving privileges.



ID CARD

You are eligible to receive a free identification card (ID) if your Iowa driver license has been withdrawn due to a medical or vision-related sanction.

Contact us or stop by one of our issuance service center locations to receive your free non-driver ID card.

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Whether temporary or long-term, the time may come when it is simply no longer possible for you to continue to drive safely, and for your own sake and the sake of others, you must stop driving and consider alternative ways to get where you need to go.

Retiring from driving doesn't mean you have to lose your freedom and mobility. There are many alternatives to driving.

Visit our website (<https://iowadot.gov/GETTHEREYOURWAY>) to learn more about the following transportation options.



PUBLIC TRANSIT

Available in all 99 counties in Iowa, either by large bus, small bus, or van.



IOWA RIDESHARE

Our ride matching system will help you quickly, and securely, find a carpool or vanpool.



TAXI SERVICES

Just search "taxi services in (your town)" online for your available options.



UBER/LYFT

Available in much of Iowa and can be accessed online and through the mobile app.



NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

Available to qualifying Iowa Medicaid members. To determine if you qualify, contact your Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO).



RENEWING A DRIVER'S LICENSE WITH A MEDICAL OR VISION-RELATED REQUIREMENT

When renewing a driver's license, you may be required to provide a medical or vision report completed by your health-care provider. If we have determined that you need this report, it will be listed on the back of your license as a restriction and the form you need to have completed will be mailed to you a month before you need to submit the completed form back to us. Your license may also list additional driving-related restrictions (i.e. no nighttime driving, no interstate driving, no manual transmission, etc.). Have questions? Contact us or visit us at one of our service centers.

PROFESSIONAL DRIVING SKILLS ASSESSMENT

A medically based driver evaluation provides an objective assessment of a person's ability to safely drive. These evaluations are usually provided by occupational therapists and/or driver rehabilitation specialists. A clinical assessment typically includes evaluation of arm and leg strength and mobility, reaction time for braking, visual acuity and field of view, attention, concentration, perception, memory, and reasoning skills. An

on-road assessment evaluates the ability to drive safely in traffic. Driver rehabilitation specialists work with drivers when adaptive equipment is needed and provide training needed to become proficient in controlling the vehicle.

You should first discuss your needs and concerns with your primary care provider as most medically based programs require a referral. Your local hospital's occupational therapy

department may offer an evaluation of skills necessary for driving or help you locate a program in your area. Organizations below can also help you locate a program.

Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists, Inc.

www.aded.net or (866-672-9466)

American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.

www.aota.org/older-driver
or (301) 652-2682

LOCAL & ONLINE RESOURCES

Office of Persons with Disabilities (Iowa Department of Human Rights)

<https://humanrights.iowa.gov/cas/pd/>

Your Health and Driving Safely

https://iowadot.gov/mvd/driverslicense/Driver%20Fitness_WEB.pdf

Epilepsy Foundation: Driving and Transportation

<https://www.epilepsy.com/living-epilepsy/driving-and-transportation>

Get There Your Way

<https://iowadot.gov/mvd/driverslicense/Medical-Vision>

Iowa Vocational Rehab

<https://ivrs.iowa.gov/>
(515) 281-4211
(main office, Des Moines)

Iowa Legal Aid

<https://www.iowalegalaid.org/>
(1-800-532-1275)