

Low Vision Guidelines (Bioptic Lens and/or Telescopic Lens Wearer)

Applicants for Class D, PD, or H licenses who are handicapped by low vision acuity, but who otherwise qualify for a driving privilege, may be licensed under the following guidelines:

Qualifications:

The applicant shall have acceptable mobility and shall be free of all mental impairments.

Prior to application, the bioptic wearer shall complete training in driving with a bioptic telescopic lens(es) from a driving instructor certified in this field.

The applicant shall have a visual acuity of at least 20/200 in both eyes with the best conventional non-telescopic corrective lens(es), and a full visual field.

The central field vision loss shall not exceed five (5) degrees.

The applicant's visual acuity with the bioptic telescope shall be at least 20/60.

The power of the bioptic telescope shall not exceed four power (4x).

The bioptic telescopic lens(es) may be fit either monocularly or binocularly, but shall be located superior to the normal line of gaze.

The applicant shall have a horizontal visual field diameter of no less than one hundred fifty (150) degrees without the use of field expanders.

The applicant shall present a report on a form supplied by the department by an optometrist or ophthalmologist identified by a recognized professional organization as one especially qualified in the field of Low Vision care. [Bioptic Certification Form](#)

The applicant shall present certification of having completed a certified driver training course completed while the applicant was wearing the bioptic telescopic lens(es).

Applications are reviewed by the Driver Improvement Section (615) 251-5235.