

**186.579 Restricted operator's license requiring daytime driving, use of bioptic telescopic device, and vehicle with left and right outside mirrors -- Removal of restrictions -- Annual submission of comprehensive visual examination -- Suspension of license.**

- (1) The Transportation Cabinet shall issue, to an applicant who successfully passes the operator's license examination outlined in KRS 186.578(4), an operator's license with the following restrictions:
  - (a) Required use of a bioptic telescopic device;
  - (b) Restricted to daytime driving upon the recommendation of a vision specialist or upon failure of a nighttime examination administered under KRS 186.578; and
  - (c) Restricted to vehicles with left and right outside mirrors.
- (2) A restriction to daytime driving in accordance with subsection (1) of this section shall be removed if the applicant or licensed driver:
  - (a) Obtains a recommendation from a vision specialist;
  - (b) Successfully completes an evaluation by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation's bioptic driving program and training specifically designed for night driving from a certified driver training program; and
  - (c) Passes a comprehensive night driving examination.
- (3)
  - (a) Subject to the requirements of paragraph (b) of this subsection, an operator's license issued under KRS 186.578 and 186.579 shall be valid for four (4) years or (8) years at the discretion of the applicant as outlined in KRS 186.4101.
  - (b) The holder of a license issued in accordance with this section and KRS 186.578 shall submit the results of a comprehensive visual examination to Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation each year before the last day of the birth month of the license holder. An operator's license shall be subject to suspension if the license holder does not submit results of the comprehensive visual examination required under this paragraph.
  - (c) If the vision specialist completing the examination required under paragraph (b) of this subsection certifies that the conditions causing the visual impairment are stable, then the license shall remain valid. If the conditions causing the visual impairment are unstable or deteriorating, the license holder may be required to undergo additional testing as required by the department and may have his or her operator's license suspended if he or she cannot successfully pass the tests.

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