

Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles

Requirements for Bioptic Telescope Lens Wearers



MINIMUM VISION REQUIREMENTS

- **Visual Acuity:** must be 20/200 or better in one or both eyes through the carrier lens (eyeglasses), AND must be 20/70 or better in one or both eyes through the bioptic telescopic lens, which must be mounted to the carrier lens.
- **Horizontal Vision (without field expanders):** must be 70 degrees or better. If one eye only, standard is 40 degrees or better temporal and 30 degrees nasal.

LICENSE RESTRICTIONS

Bioptic drivers are subject to the following minimum restrictions:

- Licensee must wear the bioptic and the carrier lens while driving. Driving during daylight hours only (beginning 1/2 hour after sunrise and ending 1/2 hour before sunset). **NOTE:** This restriction may be lifted after one year if the licensee's visual acuity is 20/40 or better in one or both eyes without field expanders and the licensee can pass a night driving road skill examination.
- Endorsements to drive special vehicles, such as buses, large trucks, commercial vehicles, and motorcycles, are not permitted. Last Updated: August 25, 2020

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