

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department of Revenue

Article 52.—Motor Vehicle Drivers' Licenses

92-52-12. Standards for vision examinations.

(a) Definitions. For the purposes of this regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Director" means director of vehicles, division of vehicles of the department of revenue.

(2) "New driver" means a person who has never held a driver's license or permit in any jurisdiction, and who has never unlawfully operated a motor vehicle in any jurisdiction.

(b)(1) Each driver's license applicant shall be deemed to have a "good driving record" pursuant to K.S.A. 8-295, and amendments thereto, if the applicant:

(A) Is a new driver; or

(B) during the previous three years, has not been:

(i) Involved in a motor vehicle accident as the driver of a motor vehicle;

(ii) convicted of any moving violation as defined in K.A.R. 92-52-9;

(iii) placed on diversion on a charge of a moving violation; or

(iv) subject to adverse administrative action resulting in suspension, revocation, restriction, denial, cancellation or non-renewal of a driver's license or permit.

(2) In determining whether each applicant has a good driving record, consideration shall not be given to the applicant's previous failure to meet the 20/60 acuity standard of K.S.A. 8-295, and amendments thereto.

(c) Criteria to determine whether each applicant "can safely operate a vehicle," as that term is used in K.S.A. 8-295, and amendments thereto, shall include:

(1) A form prescribed by the director and completed by the applicant's ophthalmologist or optometrist reporting the applicant's static visual acuity, visual fields, diagnosis of visual condition and prognosis, and recommendations to the need of an annual vision exam; and

(2) an actual test of the applicant's driving ability by an examiner employed by the director at a time and place arranged by the director. Each test shall be performed by an examiner who has training and experience in testing a visually impaired driver. No applicant shall be permitted to take a driving test if the examiner has cause to believe that allowing the applicant to drive creates an unreasonable risk to any person's safety.

Before a driving test will be administered, each applicant:

(A) Shall comply with the requirement specified in paragraph (c)(1); and

(B) may be required to secure a determination by the Kansas medical advisory board that there is no reason to believe the applicant's eyesight would preclude the applicant from safely operating a vehicle. The requirement to secure this determination shall be imposed at the director's discretion. The applicant may be required to submit to additional tests that the director or the Kansas medical advisory board deem necessary to make a determination.

(Authorized by K.S.A. 8-234b; implementing K.S.A. 8-295; effective Feb. 26, 1990; amended Dec. 26, 2025.)

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