



To: Diabetes Jersey, Diabetes Centre

Changes to Driving Licence Medical Certificates and Driving Licence Medical Standards

As you may be aware, in March 2021 the States Assembly adopted amendments to the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956 to enable future changes to driving licence medical certificate requirements and standards. Since then, DVS has worked on arrangements to amend secondary legislation and develop administrative processes to support these new arrangements.

The changes will align Jersey's driver medical standards with those of the UK and the European Union, enhancing road safety and standardising knowledge requirements for the medical community.

The new arrangements will come into force on **Saturday 5th October 2024**. This may affect drivers who apply for, hold, or renew their driving licence after that date.

The attached guide and link to the relevant gov.je page set out the changes in full, however key changes are:

- **Categories of vehicle**, which are now set out as 'Group 1' (Leisure, cars, and motorcycles) and 'Group 2' (Vocational), with one main change being those who drive Medium Goods Vehicles or minibuses now being included in Group 2, which requires a medical on application and more regularly after the age of 45.
- **When a medical is required** is now under the following circumstances:
 - each initial application that includes a Group 2 category, or
 - renewal of a Group 2 category once the driver is older than 45, with a subsequent medical every 5 years (previously 10 years), or
 - annually once a Group 2 driver is over 65 years of age (unchanged), or
 - if a medical condition has been declared as part of any driving licence application.
- **Standards for the following conditions:**
 - Field of vision will now be considered as part of the vision standards, acuity requirements are amended and introduced for Group 1, in addition to the simple number plate check.
 - those affected by epilepsy and seizures are subject to revised conditions to continue driving with this condition.
 - those affected by diabetes who are treated with insulin or other hypoglycaemic drugs must declare their condition and may need to meet certain conditions to continue to drive, which will include lorries and buses which is currently not permitted.
- **Updated medical certificate forms** (GP1 and GP2), which are similar those currently used in the UK.

Publicity regarding these changes will be initiated on **Monday 8th July, 2024**.

It should be noted that, under the new requirements, it is not anticipated there will be significant additional demand for medicals in the period up to 2029; renewals are generally spread out at a low level until 2029 when there will be a requirement for a mass renewal. The Parish Authorities will establish arrangements to deal with this mass renewal process.

With this in mind, we attach the following:

- 1) The revised medical forms which will apply from 5th October 2024 (GP1 and GP2).
- 2) Summary sheet for amendments to Diabetes, Vision, and Epilepsy standards.
- 3) Copies of posters that you may wish to display at your practice.
- 4) A guide to the changes and some questions and answers.

Further information can also be found on the Government of Jersey website:

<https://www.gov.je/drivinglicencemedicals>

The scheme will be launched with the forms provided and any feedback on their use will be captured by DVS which could lead to revised versions being issued in the future.

If you have any queries about the new arrangements or require further information, please contact driver and vehicle standards at:

dvsinfo@gov.je

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