



# South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

## Report of Vision Screening for Non-Commercial Beginner Permits or Driver's Licenses

**412-NC**  
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**FORM IS ONLY VALID FOR 12 MONTHS FROM DATE OF VISION SCREENING**

\*\*\*\* This form is void if there are any alterations or erasures on it. \*\*\*\*

Your Name	Date of Birth	Driver's License Number
Your Address	City	State
Your Signature	Date	Telephone Number

**THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY A LICENSED EYE CARE PROFESSIONAL**

\*\*\*\* Do not return this form to an individual requiring corrective lenses until new lenses are fitted. \*\*\*\*

An individual **must** meet the minimum acceptable vision requirements, without the use of a telescopic lens or other attachment, provided below to obtain and maintain a South Carolina non-commercial driver's license or beginner's permit.

The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles' minimum visual acuity requirements to operate a non-commercial motor vehicle, **with or without corrective lenses**, are as follows:

- **20/70 or better in at least one eye; OR**
  - ✓ If an individual's weaker eye is **worse than 20/200**, the stronger eye must read **20/40** or better.
- **Worse than 20/70** in each eye but **20/70 or better with botheyes** together.

Distant Vision Only	Right Eye	Left Eye	Both Eyes
Without Corrective Lens	20/	20/	20/
With Corrective Lens	20/	20/	20/
New Prescription	20/	20/	20/

The licensed eye care professional is to answer all of the questions below based on the requirements listed above for a non-commercial license.

**DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL'S VISION MEETS THE ABOVE STANDARDS TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE.**

**SECTION A - DRIVING RESTRICTIONS**

1. Is a corrective lens, such as a conventional type spectacle or a contact lens, needed to operate a motor vehicle? .....  Yes  No
2. Is the individual's vision worse than 20/200 in one eye? .....  Yes  No
3. Should the individual be restricted to daylight driving only? .....  Yes  No

**SECTION B - PERMANENT SIGHT IMPAIRMENT**

4. a) Does the individual have a permanent sight impairment? .....  Yes  No
- b) If yes, which eye? .....  Yes  No

**SECTION C - RECHECK VISUAL FITNESS**

5. Indicate when the individual's eyes should be rechecked to determine visual fitness to operate a motor vehicle.  
 in 6 months       in 1 year       in 2 years       in 5 years       Other (Comments)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Professional No. \_\_\_\_\_ being licensed to practice  
Printed Name of Licensed Eye Care Professional \_\_\_\_\_ in the state of \_\_\_\_\_, certify that

I have performed a vision screening of the eyes of the above named individual. This is a true record of this screening and the individual met the visual acuity standards without the use of a telescopic lens or other attachment. I further certify that I have answered all of the questions above and that he or she signed in my presence.

Signature of Licensed Eye Care Professional	Screening Date	Telephone Number
Business Address	City	State
		Zip Code

**Verify that the individual is not applying for a CDL. Complete SCDMV Form 412-CDL if applying for a CDL.**



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**Instructions for Driver**

The simple eye test given by the SC Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) determines if you have 20/40 vision or better. If unable to pass the SCDMV's vision screening you must have your eyes screened by an eye care professional to determine if your eyes meet the Department's vision screening requirements. Therefore, you are being asked to have your eyes screened by an eye care professional to determine if your sight can be improved by glasses or treatments. If glasses will make you a safer driver, your license will permit you to drive only while wearing them.

Please do not ask the SCDMV to recommend an eye care professional as they are forbidden to do so.

If you have any questions about how well you must be able to see to be granted the privilege of driving on the streets and highways of South Carolina, the Department personnel will be glad to answer them.

**Instructions for Eye Care Professional**

Any individual applying for an **initial** non-commercial beginner's permit or driver's license, or **transferring** his or her **state of record** to SC, or a driver whose record casts doubt on his or her ability to drive safely **must pass a simple vision test** by Department personnel. When more accurate measurements are needed, or when unusual eye defects are apparent, the individual is asked to visit an eye care professional. In some cases, a screening by more than one eye care professional is requested.

You must provide the reading results and complete all of the questions. The individual must meet the visual acuity standards without the use of a telescopic lens or other attachment. Provide any additional comments for any special circumstance that you feel should be considered for the SCDMV's evaluation. Use a separate sheet if needed and attach it to the form.

Kindly sign this report and give your professional number. For proper identification, have the individual screened sign the report in your presence.

No recommendations or suggestions as to which eye care professional to visit are given by Department personnel. Only reports from licensed eye care professional can be accepted. The eye care professional assumes no responsibility in making this report other than that of truthfully representing the facts.

**Mail Medical Information To:**

Department of Motor Vehicles  
Driver Improvement Office  
P.O. Box 1498  
Blythewood, S.C. 29016-0016

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