

Appendix G. Licensing Procedures for Older Drivers

State/Jurisdiction	Length of Renewal Cycle	Accelerated Renewal	Other Provisions
Alabama	Four years	None	None
Alaska	Five years	None	Mail renewal not available to people age 69 and older and to people whose prior renewal was by mail
Arizona ¹	Until age 65 ¹	Five years for people age 65 and older	People age 70 and older may not renew by mail; any person age 65 or older must submit a vision test verification of an examination of the applicant's eyesight; the vision test must be conducted not more than three months before
Arkansas	Four years	None	None
California	Five years	None	At age 70, mail renewal is prohibited; no more than two sequential mail renewals are permitted, regardless of age
Colorado	Ten years	Five years for people age 61 and older	Mail or electronic renewal not available to people age 61 and older and to people whose prior renewal was by mail or electronic
Connecticut	Four years or six years	None that are safety related ²	None that are safety related ²
Delaware	Five years	None	None
Florida	Six years with clean record; four years otherwise	None	Only two successive renewals may be made electronically or by mail regardless of age; renewal applicants age 80 and older must pass a vision test administered at any driver's license office or, if applying for an extension by mail, must pass a vision test administered by a licensed physician or optometrist ⁴
Georgia	Five years or 10 years	Five years for people 60 and older	Vision test required at renewal for drivers older than age 64
Hawaii	Six years	Two years for people age	None

		72 and older	
Idaho	Four years or 8 years	Drivers age 21 to 62 have the choice of a four- or eight-year license; drivers age 63 and older will receive a four-year license	None
Illinois	Four years	Two years for drivers ages 81 to 86; one year for drivers age 87 and older	Renewal applicants age 75 and older must take a road test
Indiana	Four years	Three years for drivers age 75 and older	None
Iowa	Five years	Two years for drivers age 70 and older	None
Kansas	Six years	Four years for drivers age 65 and older	None
Kentucky	Four years	None	None
Louisiana	Four years	None	Mail renewal not available to people age 70 and older and to people whose prior renewal was by mail
Maine	Six years	Four years for drivers age 65 and older	Vision test required as first renewal after driver's 40 th birthday and at every second renewal until age 62; thereafter, at every renewal ⁵
Maryland	Five years	None	Age alone is not grounds for reexamination of drivers; applicants for an initial license age 70 and older must provide proof of previous satisfactory operation of a vehicle or physician's certificate of fitness; vision test required at age 40 and older at every renewal ⁵
Massachusetts	Five years	None	None that are safety related ⁵
Michigan	Four years	None	None
Minnesota	Four years	None	None that are safety related ⁵
Mississippi	Four years	None	None
Missouri	Six years	Three years for drivers age 70 and older and age 21 and younger	None
Montana	Eight years or four years if by mail or on 75 th birthday, whichever occurs first	Four years for drivers age 75 and older	A person may not renew by mail for consecutive terms
Nebraska	Five years	None	Requires drivers (regardless of age) who are visually

			impaired to renew their licenses more frequently, unless supported by a doctor's statement
Nevada	Four years	None	Applicants for mail renewal age 70 and older must include a medical report; none that are safety related ⁵
New Hampshire	Five years	None	Renewal applicants age 75 and older must take a road test
New Jersey	Four years	None	None
New Mexico	Four or eight years at driver's option.	Four years for drivers who would turn 75 in the last half of an eight-year renewal cycle	None
New York	Five years	None	None
North Carolina	Eight years	5 years for drivers 54 and older	People age 60 and older are not required to parallel park in the road test
North Dakota	Four years	None	None
Ohio	Four years	None	None
Oklahoma	Four years	None	None that are safety related ⁵
Oregon	Eight years	None	Vision screening is required every eight years for drivers age 50 and older.
Pennsylvania	Four years	None	None
Rhode Island	Five years	Two years for drivers age 70 and older	None
South Carolina	10 years ⁶	Five years for drivers age 65 and older	Vision test required for people 65 and older. Beginning October 1, 2008, every licensee will be required to submit to a vision test every 5 yrs.
South Dakota	Five years	None	None
Tennessee	Five years	None	Licenses issued to people age 65 and older do not expire ⁵
Texas	Six years	Two years for drivers age 85 and older	Mail or electronic renewal not available to people 79 and older. Drivers over 85 are required to pass a vision test and demonstrate an ability to operate a motor vehicle before renewing license.
Utah	Five years	None	Vision test not required for people age 65 and older
Vermont	Four years	None	None

Virginia	Five years	None	Vision test required for people 65 and older
Washington	Five years	None	No online renewals permitted after age 65;no online renewal permitted if medical condition exists that requires monitoring
West Virginia	Five years	None	None
Wisconsin	Eight years	None	None
Wyoming	Four years	None	None
District of Columbia	Five years	None	At age 70 or nearest renewal date thereafter, a vision test is required and a reaction test may be required; applicants must provide a statement from a practicing physician certifying the applicant to be physically and mentally competent to drive; at age 75 or nearest renewal date thereafter, and on each subsequent renewal date, the applicant also may be required to complete the written and road tests ³
Puerto Rico	Six years	None	None
U.S. Virgin Islands	No information	No information	No information

Notes

1. In Arizona, the license is valid until age 65. Any person age 65 and older who is renewing by mail must submit a vision test verification form, provided by the department, or verification of an examination of the applicant's eyesight. The vision test or examination must be conducted not more than three months before.
2. In Connecticut, people age 65 and older may choose a two-year or six-year renewal cycle. A personal appearance at renewal generally is required. Upon a showing of hardship, people age 65 and older may renew by mail.
3. The District of Columbia specifically states that an applicant shall not be required to retake the written or road test based solely on advanced age.
4. In Florida, only two successive renewals may be made electronically or by mail, regardless of age.
5. Some states' licensing laws specifically prohibit licensing administrators from treating people differently solely by virtue of advanced age. Maryland law specifies that age alone is not grounds for reexamination of drivers; applicants for an initial license age 70 and older must provide proof of previous satisfactory operation of a vehicle or a physician's certificate of fitness. Massachusetts law prohibits discrimination by reason of age with regard to licensing. Minnesota and Nevada law specify that age alone is not a justification for reexamination. In Nevada, applicants for mail renewal age 70 and older must include a medical report.
6. License fee reduced for drivers between the ages of 62 and 64 and are waived for drivers age 65 and older in Oklahoma; fees are reduced for drivers age 60 and older in Tennessee.
7. Beginning Oct. 1, 2008, every licensee will be required to submit to a vision test every five years.

Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, AAA, and NCSL 2006.