

# Steps to Achieving a Bioptic Driver's License in South Carolina

- 1 Low Vision Evaluation**  
by an Optometrist or Ophthalmologist to determine if vision requirements are met in order to qualify to drive with a bioptic telescope (SCDMV Form 412-LV)
- 2 Pre-Driving Evaluation**  
by a Certified Driving Rehabilitation Specialist (CDRS) (Part 1A)
- 3 Bioptic Telescope Prescribed**  
IF DMV vision requirements are met AND CDRS Pre-Driving Evaluation is successfully completed
- 4 Get a SC Driver's Permit**  
Individual, without a current license, submits SCDMV Form 412-LV to the Driver Improvement Office for approval to be administered a learner's permit test
- 5 Take a State-Approved Classroom Driver Education Course**  
(only applicable to a new driver or a minor)
- 6 Referred to ECP, CLVT, or COMS** for training with the bioptic lense (as a pedestrian)
- 7 Bioptic Driving Training as a Passenger** with a CDRS (Part 1B)
- 8 Behind-the-Wheel Bioptic Driving Training as a Driver** with a CDRS (Part 2)
- 9 Bioptic Driving Training Certificate Awarded to Trainee**  
(Certificate shall be sent to the DMV and to the supervising low vision doctor)
- 10 Driver Improvement Office will send letter of approval** and DMV contact information to the trainee to schedule road test (Appointment required for testing)
- 11 Contact DMV to set up road test** in Blythewood, SC
- 12 On-Road Driving Test** Administered by DMV  
Must test with the bioptic lense within 12 months of completing Bioptic Driver Training
- 13 Driver's License Awarded with Restrictions**
- 14 Annual Low Vision Evaluation SCDMV Form 412-LV must be submitted** within 60 days of issuance of low vision license anniversary date or risk loss of license.

#### Please note:

- The driving road test with the DMV must take place within 12 months of completing Bioptic Driving Training
- If road test is failed after three attempts, no additional testing permitted until the individual has successfully repeated Bioptic Driver Training Program and received approval from Driver Improvement to retake road test. (Mandatory SCDMV return testing procedures will be followed for retaking road test).



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