

1 19A NCAC 03B .0201 is proposed for readoption without substantive changes as follows:

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3 **19A NCAC 03B .0201 DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATION AND ONLINE RENEWAL**

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5 (a) The Division shall issue a driver's license to any person who ~~passes the tests and meets the requirements listed~~
6 ~~below and is otherwise eligible under G.S. 20 and completes to hold a license.~~ Applicants for a driver's license are
7 subject to the following tests and requirements:

- 8 (1) ~~The Knowledge Examination Examination.~~ This is an automated computer ~~test examination that~~
9 ~~tests the applicant's on~~ knowledge of rules of the road. An audio component allows applicants with
10 reading comprehension difficulties to listen to the test questions by use of earphones. Eighty percent
11 of the questions shall be answered correctly ~~in order to pass pass the knowledge examination.~~ For
12 the issuance of a remote renewal, the requirement of a knowledge examination shall be waived.
- 13 (2) ~~The Road Sign Examination tests the applicant's Signs. This is a test on~~ knowledge of highway
14 signs and their meanings. Applicants for a regular Class "~~C~~" C license shall correctly identify ~~nine~~
15 ~~9 of twelve~~ 12 road signs. Applicants for "~~A~~" A or "~~B~~" B licenses shall correctly identify all road
16 signs. For the issuance of a remote renewal, the requirement of the road signs test shall be waived.
- 17 (3) ~~The Visual Acuity Test. The Test examines an~~ applicant's visual ~~ability to identify letters or symbols~~
18 ~~from a specific distance. The applicant's vision acuity~~ shall be 20/40 or better in ~~at least one either~~
19 ~~eye or both eyes together~~ to receive an unrestricted license. A license ~~is~~ shall be restricted to require
20 corrective lenses if acuity is less than 20/40 in either eye or both eyes together.
- 21 (4) ~~The Road Test Test. The road test~~ measures the applicant's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely
22 in actual traffic situations. The required maneuvers are: quick stop, turnabout, backing, approach
23 corner, right turns, left turns, traffic lights, use of vehicle operating equipment, starts, use of lanes,
24 use of brakes, following, and paying attention. ~~Approval or disapproval Pass or failure is determined~~
25 ~~by the driver license examiner~~ based upon the applicant's ability to correctly execute the required
26 maneuvers. The test is scored by the driver license examiner. For the issuance of a remote renewal,
27 the requirement of a road test may be waived.
- 28 (5) ~~The Remote Renewal allows drivers to remotely renew Renewal. The renewal of a driver's license~~
29 ~~by mail, telephone, mail or electronic device. Applicants will~~ shall find instructions for remote
30 renewal on the Division of Motor Vehicles' Website at <http://www.ncdot.gov/dmv>. A driver's
31 license issued by remote renewal expires in accordance with G.S. 20-7(f)(6)c.
- 32 (6) ~~The Attestation allows an Attestation. An applicant-eligible applicant~~ to make an application
33 for a remote renewal to ~~shall truthfully attest to affirm~~ the following as part of the application for a
34 remote renewal:
- 35 (A) The applicant is a resident of North ~~Carolina; Carolina and currently resides at the address~~
36 ~~listed on the license to be renewed;~~
- 37 (B) The license holder's name as it appears on the license to be renewed has not changed;

- 1 (C) All information provided during the application for a remote renewal has been provided
2 truthfully;
- 3 (D) ~~That the~~ The applicant knows of no change in his or her vision since the last time the
4 applicant passed the visual acuity test in Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule that would impair
5 the applicant's ability to safely drive a motor vehicle; and
- 6 (E) That no change in physical or mental abilities has occurred since the last issuance.
- 7 (7) ~~The Photo Requirement instructs that Requirement. The requirement of~~ a newly captured photo in
8 G.S. 20-7(n)(4) shall be waived for an applicant eligible to make application for a remote renewal,
9 providing the applicant has an existing DMV photo on file.
- 10 (8) Upon completion of the remote renewal process, the license shall be renewed if all criteria in G.S.
11 20-7 are met. The applicant ~~may~~ shall use the current license for all ~~legitimate~~ driver license
12 purposes until the license becomes invalid for some other reason, or receipt of the new license card.
- 13 (b) The tests contained in Paragraph (a) of this Rule shall be administered as follows:
- 14 (1) ~~First time applicants.~~ Applicants applying for a driver's license for the first time shall complete the
15 full ~~examination, examination~~ to include the knowledge examination, road signs test, visual acuity
16 test, and road test. Applicants in this Subparagraph are not eligible to apply for remote renewal.
- 17 (2) ~~Renewals and licenses expired less than two years.~~ Applicants seeking to renew a valid, unexpired
18 North Carolina driver's license shall complete the road signs test and visual acuity test, unless the
19 applicant is renewing remotely. Applicants possessing a previously issued North Carolina driver's
20 license, expired less than two years, shall complete the road signs test and visual acuity test. An
21 applicant shall attest during the application for a remote driver license renewal that the applicant
22 knows of no change in his or her vision as set out in ~~Part Subparagraph~~ (a)(6)(D) of this Rule.
- 23 (3) Applicants possessing a previously issued North Carolina driver's license expired greater than two
24 ~~years.~~ Applicants years shall complete the full examination, to include the knowledge examination,
25 road signs test, visual acuity test, and road test. Applicants in this Subparagraph are not eligible to
26 apply for remote renewal.
- 27 (4) ~~Applicants with a driver's license issued by another State, which is valid and current, or expired~~
28 ~~less than two years.~~ Applicants seeking to transfer their current driver's license from another state
29 or applicants possessing a driver's license issued by another state that is expired less than two years
30 shall complete the road signs test and visual acuity test. Applicants in this Subparagraph are not
31 eligible to apply for remote renewal.
- 32 (5) Applicants with a driver's license issued by another state, expired more than two years ~~years.~~
33 ~~Applicants~~ shall complete the full examination, to include the knowledge examination, road signs
34 test, visual acuity test, and road test. Applicants in this Subparagraph are not eligible to apply for
35 remote renewal.
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37 *History Note: Authority G.S. 20-2; 20-7(a),(c),(f); 20-39; S.L. 2014-100, s. 34.8(a), 34.8(b);*

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