

1 19A NCAC 03B.0201 is proposed for amendment as follows:
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3 **19A NCAC 03B .0201 DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATION**

4 (a) The Division shall issue a driver's license to any person who passes the driver license examination and
5 is otherwise eligible to hold a license. Applicants for a driver's license are subject to the following tests:

- 6 (1) ~~Written Test.~~ Knowledge Examination. This is a ~~an automated computer~~ test on
7 knowledge of rules of the road. ~~A pictorial or oral test is used for applicants who cannot~~
8 ~~read, upon request.~~ An audio component allows customers with reading comprehension
9 difficulties to listen to the test questions by use of earphones. ~~Seventy~~ Eighty percent of
10 the questions must be answered correctly.
- 11 (2) Road Signs. This is a test on knowledge of highway signs and their meanings.
12 Applicants for a regular Class "C" license must correctly identify nine of twelve road
13 signs. Applicants for "A" or "B" licenses must correctly identify all road signs.
- 14 (3) Visual Acuity. Applicant's visual acuity must be 20/40 or better in ~~each eye~~ either or
15 both eyes to receive an unrestricted license. License is restricted accordingly if acuity is
16 less than 20/40.
- 17 (4) Road Test. The road test measures the applicant's ability to operate a motor vehicle
18 safely in actual traffic situations. The required maneuvers are: ~~down shift,~~ quick stop,
19 turnabout, ~~stop on grade, start on grade,~~ backing, approach corner, right turns, left turns,
20 traffic lights, use of controls, starts, ~~clutch,~~ use of lanes, use of brakes, following and
21 attention. Approval or disapproval is determined by the driver license examiner.
22 ~~Applicants with expired out of state licenses and applicants with North Carolina licenses~~
23 ~~expired more than one year will be required to take the complete examination.~~

24 (b) The tests contained in subsection (a) will be administered as follows:

- 25 (1) First time applicants. Applicants applying for a driver's license for the first time must
26 complete the full examination, to include the knowledge examination, road signs test,
27 visual acuity test, and road test.
- 28 (2) Renewals and licenses expired less than two years. Applicants seeking to renew a valid,
29 unexpired North Carolina driver's license must complete the road signs test and visual
30 acuity test. Applicants possessing a previously issued North Carolina driver's license,
31 expired less than two years, must complete the road signs test and visual acuity test.
- 32 (3) Applicants possessing a previously issued North Carolina driver's license, expired greater
33 than two years. Applicants must complete the full examination.
- 34 (4) Applicants with a valid and current driver's license issued by another State. Applicants
35 seeking to transfer their current driver's license from another state must complete the
36 road signs test and visual acuity test.
- 37 (5) Applicants with a driver's license issued by another state, expired less than two years.
38 Applicants possessing a driver's license issued by another state which is expired less than
39 two years must complete the road signs test and visual acuity test.

1 (6) Applicants with a driver's license issued by another state, expired more than two years.
2 Applicants must complete the full examination.

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