

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

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

7 (1) Knowledge Examination. This is an automated computer test on knowledge of rules of the road.  
8 An audio component allows ~~customers~~ applicants with reading comprehension difficulties to listen  
9 to the test questions by use of earphones. Eighty percent of the questions shall be answered  
10 correctly in order to pass the knowledge examination. For the issuance of a remote renewal, the  
11 requirement of a knowledge examination shall be waived.

12 (2) Road Signs. This is a test on knowledge of highway signs and their meanings. Applicants for a  
13 regular Class "C" license shall correctly identify nine of twelve road signs. Applicants for "A" or  
14 "B" licenses shall correctly identify all road signs. For the issuance of a remote renewal, the  
15 requirement of the road signs test shall be waived.

16 (3) Visual Acuity ~~Test~~. ~~Applicant's~~ The Applicant's visual acuity shall be 20/40 or better in either eye  
17 or both eyes together to receive an unrestricted license. License is restricted to require corrective  
18 lenses if acuity is less than 20/40 in either eye or both eyes together.

19 (4) Road Test. The road test measures the applicant's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely in  
20 actual traffic situations. The required maneuvers are: quick stop, turnabout, backing, approach  
21 corner, right turns, left turns, traffic lights, use of controls, starts, use of lanes, use of brakes,  
22 ~~following~~ following, and attention. Approval or disapproval is determined by the driver license  
23 examiner based upon the applicant's ability to execute the required maneuvers. For the issuance  
24 of a remote renewal, the requirement of a road test shall be waived.

25 (5) Remote Renewal. The renewal of a driver's license by mail, telephone, or electronic device.  
26 Applicants will find instructions for remote renewal on the Division of Motor Vehicles' Website  
27 at <http://www.ncdot.gov/dmv>. A driver's license issued by remote renewal expires in accordance  
28 with G.S. 20-7(f)(6).

29 (6) Attestation. An applicant eligible to make application for a remote renewal must truthfully attest  
30 to the following as part of the application for a remote renewal:

31 (i) The applicant is a resident of North Carolina and currently resides at the address on the  
32 license to be renewed;

33 (ii) The license holder's name as it appears on the license to be renewed has not changed;

34 (iii) All information provided during the application for a remote renewal has been provided  
35 truthfully;

36 (iv) That no change in vision has occurred since the last successful visual acuity test  
37 examination completed by DMV to safely operate a motor vehicle; and

38 (v) That no change in physical or mental abilities has occurred since the last issuance.

1           (7)     Photo Requirement. The requirement of a newly captured photo in G.S. 20-7(n)(4) shall be  
2                    waived for an applicant eligible to make application for a remote renewal providing the applicant  
3                    has an existing DMV photo on file.

4           (8)     Upon completion of the remote renewal process the license shall be renewed if all criteria in G.S.  
5                    20-7 are met. The current license may be used for all legitimate driver license purposes until the  
6                    license becomes invalid for some other reason, or receipt of the new license card.

7 (b) The tests contained in Paragraph (a) ~~will~~ shall be administered as follows:

8           (1)     First time applicants. Applicants applying for a driver's license for the first time shall complete  
9                    the full examination, to include the knowledge examination, road signs test, visual acuity test, and  
10                  road test. First time applicants are not eligible for remote renewal.

11          (2)     Renewals and licenses expired less than two years. Applicants seeking to renew a valid, unexpired  
12                  North Carolina driver's license shall complete the road signs test and visual acuity test.  
13                  Applicants possessing a previously issued North Carolina driver's license, expired less than two  
14                  years, shall complete the road signs test and visual acuity test. An applicant shall attest during the  
15                  application process for a remote driver license renewal that no change in vision has occurred in the  
16                  past six months that may impair their ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.

17          (3)     Applicants possessing a previously issued North Carolina driver's license expired greater than two  
18                  years. Applicants shall complete the full examination, to include the knowledge examination, road  
19                  signs test, visual acuity test, and road test. Applicants whose driver licenses have expired greater  
20                  than two years are not eligible to make application for a remote renewal.

21          (4)     Applicants with a driver's license issued by another State, which is valid and ~~current~~ current, or  
22                  expired less than two years. Applicants seeking to transfer their current driver's license from  
23                  another state ~~or shall complete the road signs test and visual acuity test.~~ A applicants possessing a  
24                  driver's license issued by another state which is expired less than two years shall complete the  
25                  road signs test and visual acuity test. Applicants in this section are not eligible to make an  
26                  application for a remote renewal.

27          (5)     Applicants with a driver's license issued by another state, expired more than two years.  
28                  Applicants shall complete the full examination, to include the knowledge examination, road signs  
29                  test, visual acuity test, and road test. Applicants in this section are not eligible to make an  
30                  application for a remote renewal.

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32 *History Note:*     Authority G.S. 20-2; 20-7 (a) through (f); ~~(e)~~ 20-39; S.L. 2014-100 Section 34.8(a), 34.8(b)  
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