

## Medical requirements for new LGV and PCV licence holders

Medical standards for drivers wishing to hold entitlement for LGV or PCV are higher than those required for car drivers. The conditions listed below prevent you from holding categories C1, C1+E, D1, D1+E, C, C+E, D, and D1+E.

### Epileptic Attack

Applicants must have been free of epileptic seizures and anti epileptic medication for the last 10 years.

### Diabetes

Insulin treated diabetics who wish to drive vehicles in categories C1 and C1+E may qualify for entitlement under certain conditions, however, generally if your diabetes is control by insulin you will be barred from holding LGV or PCV entitlements.

### Eyesight

All drivers must be able to read in good daylight a number plate at 20.5 metres (67 feet), if you need glasses or corrective lenses to do this, these must be worn whilst driving. Applicants for LGV and PCV categories must also have;

- A visual acuity of at least 6/9 in the better eye;
- A visual acuity of at least 6/12 in the worse eye; and
- If these are achieved by correction, the uncorrected visual in each eye must be no worse than 3/60.

Your application will be refused if you have

- Uncontrolled diplopia (double vision)
- Or do not have a normal binocular field of vision.

All applicants who fail to meet the epilepsy, diabetes or eyesight requirements must be refused by law.

### Other medical conditions which may affect your application


In addition to those medical conditions covered by law, applicants are likely to be refused if they are unable to meet the national recommended guidelines in the following cases:

- A myocardial infarction, any episode of unstable angina, CABG or coronary angioplasty within the last 3 months.
- A significant disturbance of cardiac rhythm within the last 5 years unless special criteria are met.
- Suffer from or receiving medication for angina or heart failure.
- Hypertension where the BP is persistently 180 systolic and/or over 100 diastolic.
- A stroke or TIA within the last 12 months.
- Unexplained loss of consciousness within the past 5 years.

- Meniere's (inner ear disorders) and other conditions causing disabling vertigo within the past 12 months that has likelihood to reoccur.
- Recent severe head injury with severe continuing after effects or major brain surgery.
- Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis or other chronic neurological disorders likely to affect limb power and co-ordination.
- Psychotic illness in the past 3 years or suffering from dementia.
- Persistent alcohol, drug or substance dependency or misuse in the past 3 years.
- Unable to communicate by telephone in an emergency.
- If major psychotropic or neuroleptic medication is being taken.
- Any malignant condition within the last 2 years likely to spread to the brain e.g. Ca lung or malignant melanoma.
- Any other serious medical condition which may cause problems for road safety when driving a LGV or PCV categorised vehicle.

## Medical practitioners

More detailed information on the above conditions and driving can be located in the 'at a glance guide for medical practitioners'.

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