

## Driving eyesight rules

It is the Policy of Dowse Haulage Ltd that all drivers when their driving license is due for the six monthly insurance checks are required to take an eyesight test on the Dowse premises, which will involve the covering of each eye in turn and to read from a number plate at 20.5 Meters. If you need glasses, wear them during the test.

If you fail the test it will be noted in your personnel file for insurance purposes.

This test is an indication of the condition of your eyesight to which you may need to see your optician

You must wear glasses or contact lenses every time you drive if you need them to meet the 'standards of vision for driving'.

You must tell DVLA if you've got any problem with your eyesight that affects both of your eyes or the remaining eye if you only have one eye.

This doesn't include being short or long sighted or colour blind. You also don't need to say if you've had surgery to correct short sightedness and can meet the eyesight standards.

Check if you need to tell DVLA about your eyesight problem by searching the [A to Z of medical conditions](#) that could affect you're driving.

You could be prosecuted if you drive without meeting the standards of vision for driving.

### Standards of vision for driving

You must be able to read (with glasses or contact lenses, if necessary) a car number plate made after 1 September 2001 from 20.5 meters.

You must also meet the minimum eyesight standard for driving by having a visual acuity of at least decimal 0.5 (6/12) measured on the [Snellen scale](#) (with glasses or contact lenses, if necessary) using both eyes together or, if you have sight in one eye only, in that eye.

You must also have an adequate field of vision – your optician can tell you about this and do a test.

### Lorry and bus drivers

You must have a visual acuity at least 0.8 (6/7.5) measured on the Snellen scale in your best eye and at least 0.1 (6/60) on the Snellen scale in the other eye. Glasses or contact lenses can be worn to reach this standard but they can't have a corrective power greater than plus (+) 8 dioptres.

You must have a horizontal visual field of at least 160 degrees, the extension should be at least 70 degrees left and right and 30 degrees up and down. No defects should be present within a radius of the central 30 degrees.

You must tell DVLA if you've got any problem with your eyesight that affects either eye.



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