

1 19A NCAC 03B.0201 is amended as published in 28:14 NCR 1622-23 with changes 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 shall~~ be answered correctly in order to pass the knowledge  
11 examination.
- 12 (2) Road Signs. This is a test on knowledge of highway signs and their meanings.  
13 Applicants for a regular Class "C" license must shall correctly identify nine of twelve  
14 road signs. Applicants for "A" or "B" licenses must shall correctly identify all road signs.
- 15 (3) Visual Acuity. Applicant's visual acuity must shall be 20/40 or better in each eye either  
16 eye or both eyes together to receive an unrestricted license. License is restricted  
17 accordingly to require corrective lenses if acuity is less than 20/40 in either eye or both  
18 eyes together.
- 19 (4) Road Test. The road test measures the applicant's ability to operate a motor vehicle  
20 safely in actual traffic situations. The required maneuvers are: ~~down shift,~~ quick stop,  
21 turnabout, ~~stop on grade, start on grade,~~ backing, approach corner, right turns, left turns,  
22 traffic lights, use of controls, starts, ~~clutch,~~ use of lanes, use of brakes, following and  
23 attention. Approval or disapproval is determined by the driver license examiner based  
24 upon the applicant's ability to execute the required maneuvers. ~~Applicants with expired~~  
25 ~~out of state licenses and applicants with North Carolina licenses expired more than one~~  
26 ~~year will be required to take the complete examination.~~

27 (b) The tests contained in [subsection] Paragraph (a) will be administered as follows:

- 28 (1) First time applicants. Applicants applying for a driver's license for the first time [must]  
29 shall complete the full examination, to include the knowledge examination, road signs  
30 test, visual acuity test, and road test.
- 31 (2) Renewals and licenses expired less than two years. Applicants seeking to renew a valid,  
32 unexpired North Carolina driver's license [must] shall complete the road signs test and  
33 visual acuity test. Applicants possessing a previously issued North Carolina driver's  
34 license, expired less than two years, [must] shall complete the road signs test and visual  
35 acuity test.
- 36 (3) Applicants possessing a previously issued North Carolina driver's license, expired greater  
37 than two years. Applicants [must] shall complete the full examination, to include the  
38 knowledge examination, road signs test, visual acuity test, and road test.

- 1           (4)    Applicants with a ~~valid and current~~ driver's license issued by another State, which is  
2            valid and current or expired less than two years. Applicants seeking to transfer their  
3            current driver's license from another state ~~must~~ shall complete the road signs test and  
4            visual acuity test. Applicants possessing a driver's license issued by another state which  
5            is expired less than two years shall complete the road signs test and visual acuity test.
- 6           (5)    [Applicants with a driver's license issued by another state, expired less than two years.  
7            Applicants possessing a driver's license issued by another state which is expired less than  
8            two years must complete the road signs test and visual acuity test.]
- 9           (5)    Applicants with a driver's license issued by another state, expired more than two years.  
10           Applicants shall complete the full examination, to include the knowledge examination,  
11           road signs test, visual acuity test, and road test.
- 12           (6)    [Applicants with a driver's license issued by another state, expired more than two years.  
13            Applicants must complete the full examination.]

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