

## HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS MEDICAL ASSESSMENT

Please read the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Medical Assessment guidance enclosed before completing this form.

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Your doctor must therefore complete all sections of this taxi driver medical assessment, which is based upon the DVLA D4 medical assessment for bus and lorry drivers. Your doctor will be required to confirm if you meet the Group 2 medical standards or not.

You may use a doctor different from your usual practice provided they have access to your full medical records for at least the past 5 years and they have access relevant hospital notes/letters relating to fitness to drive.

Some doctors will be able to fill in both the vision and medical assessment sections of the report. If the doctor is unable to fully answer all the questions on the vision assessment, you must have it filled in by an optician or optometrist **before** your doctor completes the rest of the form.

### PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLACK INK

Name of Applicant (Block Capitals)	
Date of Birth	
Signature of Applicant (sign in the presence of the doctor)	

### DOCTOR MUST COMPLETE:

Being a registered doctor who is competent in undertaking DVLA Group 2 medical examinations, I have today examined the above applicant. I have examined the applicant medically to DVLA Group 2 medical standards using the DVLA 'Assessing fitness to drive – a guide for medical professionals' and have had access to the applicant's full medical records including relevant hospital notes and I consider the above applicant (please tick one box):

Meets the DVLA Group 2 standards using the DVLA 'Assessing fitness to drive'

Does not meet the DVLA Group 2 standards using the DVLA 'Assessing fitness to drive'

Signature of Medical Practitioner: .....

Name BLOCK CAPS: .....

Date: .....









### e Cardiac other

Is there a history or evidence of heart failure? Yes No

If No, go to section 3f, Cardiac channelopathies

If Yes, please answer all questions and enclose relevant hospital notes.

- Please provide the NYHA class, if known.
- Established cardiomyopathy? Yes No  
If Yes, please give details in section 9, page 7.
- Has a left ventricular assist device (LVAD) or other cardiac assist device been implanted? Yes No
- A heart or heart/lung transplant? Yes No
- Untreated atrial myxoma? Yes No

### f Cardiac channelopathies

Is there a history or evidence of the following conditions? Yes No

If No, go to section 3g, Blood pressure

- Brugada syndrome? Yes No
- Long QT syndrome? Yes No  
If Yes to either, please give details in section 9, page 7 and enclose relevant hospital notes.

### g Blood pressure

**All questions must be answered.**

If resting blood pressure is 180 mm/Hg systolic or more and/or 100mm/Hg diastolic or more, please take a further 2 readings at least 5 minutes apart and record the best of the 3 readings in the box provided.

1. Please record today's best resting blood pressure reading.  /

2. Is the applicant on anti-hypertensive treatment? Yes No  
If Yes, please provide three previous readings with dates if available.

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3. Is there a history of malignant hypertension? Yes No  
If Yes, please give details in section 9, page 7 (including date of diagnosis and any treatment etc).

### h Cardiac investigations

Have any cardiac investigations been undertaken or planned? Yes No

If No, go to section 4, Psychiatric illness

If Yes, please answer questions 1 to 7.

- Is there a history of the following: Yes No  
(a) left bundle branch block (LBBB)?    
(b) right bundle branch block (RBBB)?    
If yes to (a) or (b), please provide relevant report(s) or comment in section 9, page 7.

**Note: If Yes to questions 2 to 6, please give dates in the boxes provided, give details in section 9, page 7 and provide relevant reports.**

- Has an exercise ECG been undertaken (or planned)? Yes No
- Has an echocardiogram been undertaken (or planned)? Yes No  
    
(a) If undertaken, is or was the left ejection fraction greater than or equal to 40%?
- Has a coronary angiogram been undertaken (or planned)? Yes No
- Has a 24 hour ECG tape been undertaken (or planned)? Yes No
- Has a loop recorder been implanted (or planned)? Yes No
- Has a myocardial perfusion scan, stress echo study or cardiac MRI been undertaken (or planned)? Yes No

### 4 Psychiatric illness

Is there a history or evidence of psychiatric illness within the last 3 years? Yes No

If No, go to section 5, Substance misuse

If Yes, please answer all questions below.

- Significant psychiatric disorder within the past 6 months? If Yes, please confirm condition. Yes No
- Psychosis or hypomania/mania within the past 12 months, including psychotic depression? Yes No
- (a) Dementia or cognitive impairment? Yes No  
(b) Are there concerns which have resulted in ongoing investigations for such possible diagnoses?

### 5 Substance misuse

Is there a history of drug/alcohol misuse or dependence? Yes No

If No, go to section 6, Sleep disorders

If Yes, please answer all questions below.

- Is there a history of alcohol dependence in the past 6 years? Yes No  
   
(a) Is it controlled?    
(b) Has the applicant undergone an alcohol detoxification programme?    
If Yes, give date started:
- Persistent alcohol misuse in the past 3 years? Yes No  
   
(a) Is it controlled?
- Use of illegal drugs or other substances, or misuse of prescription medication in the last 6 years? Yes No  
   
(a) If Yes, the type of substance misused?   
(b) Is it controlled?    
(c) Has the applicant undertaken an opiate treatment programme?    
If Yes, give date started

Applicant's full name

Date of birth

## 6 Sleep disorders

1. Is there a history or evidence of Obstructive Sleep Apnoea Syndrome or any other medical condition causing excessive sleepiness? Yes No

If No, go to section 7, Other medical conditions.

If Yes, please give diagnosis and answer all questions below.

- a) If Obstructive Sleep Apnoea Syndrome, please indicate the severity:

Mild (AHI <15)   
 Moderate (AHI 15 - 29)   
 Severe (AHI >29)   
 Not known

If another measurement other than AHI is used, it must be one that is recognised in clinical practice as equivalent to AHI. DVLA does not prescribe different measurements as this is a clinical issue. Please give details in section 9 page 7, Further details.

- b) Please answer questions (i) to (vi) for **all** sleep conditions.

(i) Date of diagnosis:       Yes No

(ii) Is it controlled successfully?

(iii) If Yes, please state treatment.

(iv) Is applicant compliant with treatment? Yes No

(v) Please state period of control:

years  months

(vi) Date of last review.

## 7 Other medical conditions

1. Is there a history or evidence of narcolepsy? Yes No

2. Is there currently any functional impairment that is likely to affect control of the vehicle? Yes No

3. Is there a history of bronchogenic carcinoma or other malignant tumour with a significant liability to metastasise cerebrally? Yes No

4. Is there any illness that may cause significant fatigue or cachexia that affects safe driving? Yes No

5. Is the applicant profoundly deaf? Yes No

If Yes, is the applicant able to communicate in the event of an emergency by speech or by using a device, e.g. a textphone? Yes No

6. Does the applicant have a history of liver disease of any origin? Yes No

If Yes, is this the result of alcohol misuse?

If Yes, please give details in section 9, page 7.

7. Is there a history of renal failure? Yes No

If Yes, please give details in section 9, page 7.

8. Does the applicant have severe symptomatic respiratory disease causing chronic hypoxia? Yes No

9. Does any medication currently taken cause the applicant side effects that could affect safe driving? Yes No

If Yes, please fill in section 8, Medication and give symptoms in section 9, page 7.

10. Does the applicant have any other medical condition that could affect safe driving? Yes No

If Yes, please provide details in section 9, page 7.

## 8 Medication

Please provide details of all current medication including eye drops (continue on a separate sheet if necessary).

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## SECTION 12 - Patient's Consent and Declaration

### Consent and Declaration

This section **must** be completed and signed by the applicant.

Please read the following important information carefully then sign below.

### Consent and Declaration

- I have read and understood the Council's 'Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Medical Assessment Guidance document'.
- I give consent to the relevant Medical Practitioner(s) to release reports/medical information about any conditions relevant to my fitness to drive to Westmorland and Furness Council in conjunction with my application and during the period that a licence is in force.
- I understand that Westmorland and Furness Council may share my medical information with an independent external advisor.
- I understand that Westmorland and Furness Council may seek further information from me regarding information contained within this medical and the final decision on issuing a licence is the Council's.
- I understand that Westmorland and Furness Council may require me to undergo further medical tests at my expense, now or at any point in the future, if a licence is granted, in order to establish my fitness to drive.
- I understand that I must notify the Council within 48 hours of any changes in my medical circumstances which may affect my ability to drive.
- I declare that I have checked the details I have given on the enclosed questionnaire and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are correct.
- I understand it is a criminal offence if I make a false declaration to obtain a hackney carriage and/or private hire drivers licence and can lead to prosecution.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

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# Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers Medical Assessment

Guidance document

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## General guidance

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Your doctor must therefore complete all sections of the hackney carriage and private hire drivers medical assessment, which is based upon the DVLA D4 medical assessment for bus and lorry drivers. Your doctor will be required to confirm if you meet the Group 2 medical standards or not.

You may use a doctor different from your usual practice provided they have access to your full medical records for at least the past 5 years and they have access relevant hospital notes/letters relating to fitness to drive.

Following completion, the Council may require further information from you, your doctor, or other health professionals involved in your care. The Council may also seek independent advice from an external medical practitioner on the information contained within your medical.

The decision to grant or refuse you a licence rests with Westmorland and Furness Council as the licensing authority. It is open to the Council to issue you a shorter duration licence and/or require more frequent medicals.

Applicants who have completed a D4 medical examination in connection with the driving of other large or passenger carrying vehicles will be accepted by the Council provided they are dated within 1 month of the grant date. The Council may also accept medicals completed on behalf of another licensing authority, provided they are dated within 1 month of the grant date.

## How to fill in a hackney carriage and private hire drivers medical assessment

Please make sure you write within the white boxes and leave a space between each word. See example below.

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Date of birth										
1	1	0	3	7	6					
Address										
1	2	2	B	u	r	n	s			
C	r	e	s	c	e	n	t			
E	d	i	n	b	u	r	g	h		

## When do you need a hackney carriage and private hire drivers medical assessment?

### You will need a hackney carriage and private hire drivers medical assessment:

- if this is your first application for a hackney carriage or private hire drivers licence
- if you are applying to renew your hackney carriage or private hire drivers licence
- annually once you turn 65 on the anniversary of the date your licences were granted or annually due to medical reasons
- if your licences have been suspended by the Council for medical reasons

### Who can fill in the D4?

The medical examination includes a vision assessment which must be filled in by a doctor, optician or optometrist. Some doctors will be able to fill in both the vision and medical assessment.

If your doctor is unable to fully answer all the questions on the vision assessment you must have it filled in by an optician or optometrist. Please note that the doctor must be GMC registered and licensed to practice in the United Kingdom or registered within the EU.

If your doctor is unable to complete the vision assessment, this must be undertaken before the rest of your medical is completed.

If you use a different doctor, or a company providing this service, then all their details must be provided including their email address and contact number.

## A. What you need to do

### To check you meet the Group 2 medical standards:

- read section B of this booklet to find out if you can meet the medical standards needed for driving **before** you make an appointment. If you have any doubts about whether you can meet the standards or not, ask a doctor, optician or get further advice at [commercial@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk](mailto:commercial@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk)
- you should check when you make the appointment that the medical professional is able to measure your visual acuity to the 6/7.5 line of a Snellen chart. If you wear glasses to drive, the medical professional must be able to confirm the strength of your glasses (dioptries) from your prescription

**If the doctor is unable to fully and accurately fill in the vision assessment you must arrange for it to be filled in by an optician or optometrist BEFORE the rest of your medical is completed.**

## About your appointment

### When you go to your appointment you should take:

- identification documents – a combination of two or more can be accepted as identification: birth certificate, marriage certificate, medical card, driving licence, passport, paid utility bills, bank or building society cards or statements, National Insurance number card, payslip, letter from Benefits Agency, papers from Home Office
- your driving glasses and your glasses prescription if you wear glasses (not contact lenses) to meet the eyesight standard needed for driving
- a copy of your prescription if the medical is being filled in by a doctor other than your own GP
- this information booklet as it contains important information for the doctor, optician or optometrist

### At the appointment you should:

- fill in the grey section on page 1 (left hand side) 'Your details' and page 8 (authorisation and declaration) along with your name and date of birth at the foot of all other pages on the D4 when you are with the doctor carrying out the medical examination

Check all sections of the medical report have been fully filled in. If you send us an incomplete report your application will be returned.

## What to do with the filled in report

Send the filled in D4 (vision and medical assessment) with your application form to Licensing Department, Public Health & Public Protection, Barrow Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow in Furness, Cumbria, LA14 2LD. If you do not send all the forms together, the processing of your application may be delayed.

## What you need to know

- The D4 is valid for a period of 1 month from the date the doctor and optician or optometrist signs and dates it.
- The eyesight examination must be undertaken using the prescription currently worn for driving.
- Westmorland and Furness Council is not responsible for any fees you have paid to a doctor, optician or optometrist. This also applies if you are unable to meet the medical standards of fitness to drive taxi and private hire vehicles and your application has to be refused.

**If you develop a condition that could affect your ability to drive safely and you hold any type of driving licence, you MUST tell Westmorland and Furness Council immediately. Please see section B.**

## B. Group 2 medical standards

**Medical standards required for drivers of Group 2 vehicles (lorries, buses and minibuses) and taxi drivers are higher than those required for Group 1 (car and motorcycle) drivers.**

You can get more information about the medical standards from:

Drivers Medical Group DVLA, Swansea SA99 1TU Or, phone 0300 790 6806.

## Vision assessment

### Visual acuity

All drivers must be able to read in good light, with glasses or contact lenses if worn, a car number plate from 20 metres (post 01.09.2001 font) and have eyesight (visual acuity) of 6/12 (decimal Snellen equivalent 0.5) or better.

**Applicants for Group 2 entitlements must also have, as measured by the 6 metre Snellen chart:**

- a visual acuity of at least 6/7.5 (decimal Snellen equivalent 0.8) in the better eye
- a visual acuity of at least 6/60 (decimal Snellen equivalent 0.1) in the worse eye

This may be achieved with or without glasses or contact lenses. Snellen readings with a plus (+) or minus (-) are not acceptable e.g. 6/6-2 or 6/9+3.

If **glasses** (not contact lenses) are worn for driving, the spectacle prescription of either lens used must not be of a corrective power greater than **plus 8 (+8)** dioptres in any meridian.

### Monocular vision

Drivers who have sight in one eye only or their sight in one eye has deteriorated to a corrected acuity of less than 3/60 (decimal Snellen equivalent 0.05) cannot normally be licensed to drive taxi and private hire vehicles.

### Uncontrolled symptoms of double vision

If you have uncontrolled symptoms of double vision, or you have double vision treated with a patch, you will not be allowed to hold a hackney carriage and private hire drivers licence.

### Intolerance to glare

If you have symptoms of intolerance to glare you will not be allowed to hold a hackney carriage and private hire drivers licence. Intolerance refers to a situation whereby the glare impairs or distorts vision, rather than those situations where it results in discomfort only.

### Visual field

- The horizontal visual field should be at least 160 degrees.
- The extension should be at least 70 degrees left and right and 30 degrees up and down.
- No defect should be present within a radius of the central 30 degrees.

## 1. Neurological disorders

### Epilepsy or liability to epileptic seizures

If you have been diagnosed as having epilepsy, (this includes all events: major, minor and auras), you will need to remain free of seizures without taking anti-epilepsy medication for 10 years.

If you have a condition that causes an increased liability to seizures, for example a serious head injury, the risk of you having a seizure must have fallen to no greater than 2% per annum prior to application.

If you have had only an isolated seizure, you may be entitled to drive taxis 5 years from the date of the seizure, provided that you are able to satisfy the following criteria:

- no relevant structural abnormality has been found in the brain on imaging
- no definite epileptic activity has been found on EEG (record of the brain waves)
- you have not been prescribed medication to treat the seizure for at least 5 years since the seizure
- you have the support of your neurologist
- your risk of a further seizure is considered to be 2% or less per annum (each year)

Westmorland and Furness Council must refuse an application or revoke the licence if you cannot meet these conditions.

You are strongly advised to discuss your eligibility to apply for your driving licence with your doctor before getting a D4 report filled in. See following conditions:

- a stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA) within the last 12 months
- unexplained loss of consciousness with liability to recurrence
- Meniere's disease, or any other sudden and disabling dizziness or vertigo within the past year, with a liability to recurrence
- major brain surgery or recent severe head injury with serious continuing after-effects or a likelihood of causing seizures
- Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis or other chronic neurological disorders with symptoms likely to affect safe driving

Westmorland and Furness Council may refuse an application or revoke the licence if you cannot meet these conditions.

## 2. Diabetes mellitus

### Insulin treated diabetes

If you have insulin-treated diabetes you may apply for a hackney carriage and private hire drivers licence as long as you can meet the strict criteria for controlling and monitoring diabetes. This includes:

- having at least 6 continuous weeks of blood glucose (sugar) readings available for inspection on a traditional blood glucose meter(s) with a memory function. These readings must have been taken whilst treated with insulin
- undertaking blood glucose monitoring at least twice daily (even on days when not driving) and at times relevant to driving (no more than 2 hours before the start of the first journey and every 2 hours after driving has started)

FGM and RT-CGM interstitial fluid glucose monitoring systems are not permitted for the purposes of Group 2 driving and licensing. Taxi drivers who use these devices must continue to monitor finger prick capillary blood glucose levels.

If you are able to meet all the criteria (see leaflet INS186) you will be required to undertake an annual assessment by a hospital consultant specialising in the treatment of diabetes. This must be arranged by the licence holder.

Leaflet INS186 (A guide for drivers with diabetes who wish to apply for vocational entitlement) is available to download from [www.gov.uk/diabetes-driving](http://www.gov.uk/diabetes-driving)

### Sulphonylurea or glinide treated diabetes

If you have diabetes treated with a sulphonylurea or glinide, for example Gliclazide, you must undertake blood glucose (sugar) monitoring at least twice daily and at times relevant to driving (no more than 2 hours before the start of the first journey and every 2 hours while driving).

### 3. Cardiac

#### Other medical conditions

An applicant or existing licence holder is likely to be refused a hackney carriage and private hire drivers licence if they cannot meet the recommended medical guidelines for any of the following:

- within 3 months of a coronary artery bypass graft (CABG)
- angina, heart failure or cardiac arrhythmia which remains uncontrolled
- implanted cardiac defibrillator
- hypertension where the resting blood pressure is consistently 180 mm/Hg systolic or more or 100 mm/Hg diastolic or more

### 4. Psychiatric illness

An applicant or existing licence holder is likely to be refused a hackney carriage and private hire drivers licence if they cannot meet the recommended medical guidelines for any of the following:

- psychotic illness in the past 12 months
- serious psychiatric illness
- if major psychotropic or neuroleptic medication is being taken
- dementia
- cognitive impairment likely to affect safe driving

### 5. Substance misuse

An applicant or existing licence holder is likely to be refused a hackney carriage and private hire drivers licence if they cannot meet the recommended medical guidelines for the following:

- alcohol or drug misuse in the past 1 year or alcohol or drug dependence in the past 3 years

### 6. Sleep disorders

#### Facts you should know about excessive sleepiness or tiredness and driving

**There is no excuse for falling asleep at the wheel and it is not an excuse in law.**

- Up to one fifth of accidents on motorways and other monotonous types of roads may be caused by drivers falling asleep at the wheel.
- 18 to 30 year old males are more likely to fall asleep at the wheel when driving late at night.
- Modern life styles such as early morning starts, shift work, late and night socialising, often lead to excessive tiredness by interfering with adequate rest.
- Drivers who fall asleep at the wheel usually have a degree of warning.
- Natural sleepiness or tiredness occurs after eating a large meal.
- Changes in body rhythm produce a natural increased tendency to sleep at two parts of the day: Midnight to 6am and 2pm to 4pm.
- Although no one should drink and drive at any time, alcohol consumed in the afternoon may be twice as potent in terms of producing sleepiness and driving impairment as the same amount taken in the evening.
- Prescribed or over-the-counter medication can cause sleepiness as a side effect, always check the label if you intend to drive.

#### Medical conditions causing sleepiness

All drivers are subject to the pressures of modern life, but many drivers are unaware that some medical conditions also cause excessive sleepiness or tiredness. These, alone or in combination with the factors mentioned previously, may be sufficient to make driving unsafe. A road traffic accident may be the first clear indication of such a sleep disorder.

**If you know you have uncontrolled sleepiness you MUST not drive.**



## Obstructive Sleep Apnoea (OSA) and Obstructive Sleep Apnoea Syndrome (OSAS)

OSAS is a condition which often goes undiagnosed. If it is not fully assessed and treated, this can cause sleepiness and other symptoms which can be a serious risk factor in road traffic accidents. For further details about how to recognise symptoms go to [www.gov.uk/obstructive-sleep-apnoea-and-driving](http://www.gov.uk/obstructive-sleep-apnoea-and-driving)

**You must tell us immediately if you are diagnosed with OSAS.**

- OSAS is the most common sleep-related medical disorder.
- OSAS increases the chances of a vehicle crash by about five times.
- OSAS occurs most commonly, but not exclusively, in overweight individuals.
- Partners often complain about snoring and notice that the sufferers have breathing pauses during sleep.
- OSAS sufferers rarely wake from sleep feeling fully refreshed and tend to fall asleep easily when relaxing.
- Long distance lorry and bus drivers affected by OSAS are of great concern as most will be driving on motorway type of roads and the size or nature of the vehicle gives little room for error.
- Sleep apnoea affects on average about 25% of men and 10% of women.
- OSAS affects on average 4% of men and 2% of women.
- Sleep problems arise more commonly in older people.
- Lifestyle changes, for example weight loss or cutting back on alcohol, will help ease the symptoms of OSA.
- The most widely effective treatment for OSAS is Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP), this requires the patient to wear a soft face mask during sleep to regulate breathing. This treatment enables patients to have a good night's sleep, so reducing daytime sleepiness and improving concentration.

### Other sleep related conditions

Illnesses of the nervous system, such as Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis (MS), motor neurone disease (MND) and narcolepsy may also cause excessive sleepiness or fatigue although sometimes these illnesses alone may cause drivers to be unfit for driving.

Tiredness or excessive sleepiness can be a non-specific symptom of Parkinson's disease, MS, MND or may also be related to prescribed medication.

Narcolepsy also causes daytime sleepiness and tiredness as well as other symptoms that may be disabling for drivers.

## 7. Other medical conditions

An applicant or existing licence holder is likely to be refused a hackney carriage and private hire drivers licence if they cannot meet the recommended medical guidelines for any of the following:

- any malignant condition in the last 2 years, with a significant liability to metastasise (spread) to the brain
- any other serious medical condition likely to affect the safe driving of a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle
- cancer of the lung

### C. Information for the doctor

- The applicant is liable for any costs involved.
- Ensure you confirm the applicant's identity before the examination. You will find a list of acceptable identification documents on page 3 of this booklet.
- Ensure you fill in your details and GMC number on page 1 and sign and date section 11 on page 7 of the D4.
- Only fill in the vision assessment if you are able to fully and accurately fill in all the questions. If you are unable to do this you must tell the applicant to have this part of the assessment filled in by an optician or optometrist before completing the rest of the form.
- The applicant has been advised that if glasses are worn to meet the current eyesight standard for driving, they must bring their current prescription to the examination.

- The eyesight examination must be undertaken using the prescription currently worn for driving.
- If the applicant does not need glasses for driving, uses contact lenses or has a minus (-) dioptré prescription, question 2(d) of the vision assessment can be answered No.
- If you're carrying out an examination on behalf of a company or the examination was arranged through another company, then you must provide the details of that company.
- You should only provide a practice address if you are the applicant's GP or you are not acting on behalf of a company.

#### **You must be able to:**

- confirm the strength of glasses (dioptrés) from a prescription
- measure the applicant's visual acuity to at least 6/7.5 (decimal 0.8) of a Snellen chart (you may need to purchase a new chart to do this)

We will not accept a Snellen reading shown with a plus (+) or minus (-) e.g. 6/6-2 or 6/9+3.

#### **Examining the applicant**

- The eyesight standards are explained in section B, 'Vision assessment' in this booklet.
- You must examine the applicant fully and fill in sections 1-11 of the medical examination report D4.
- Please obtain details of the applicant's medical history.
- Section 2 – please note that if diabetes is managed by treatments other than insulin or S&G medication, questions 2 a-d do not need to be answered.
- Any amendments must be signed and dated.
- Details of any condition not covered by the report should be provided in section 9 of the D4.

#### **D. Information for the optician or optometrist**

Anyone applying for a hackney carriage and private hire drivers licence must now provide a vision assessment as part of their D4 medical examination report. The vision assessment can be filled in by a doctor, optician or optometrist.

In some cases the doctor may not be able to fully fill in the report and will have advised the applicant to arrange an appointment with an optician or optometrist. The applicant is liable for any costs involved.

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- If glasses are worn to meet the current eyesight standard for driving, the eyesight examination must be undertaken using the prescription currently worn for driving.
- The applicant's visual acuity should be measured in terms of the 6 metre Snellen chart but we will also accept the LogMAR equivalent. We cannot accept a Snellen reading shown with a plus (+) or minus (-).
- If the applicant has a medical condition affecting their visual field, DVLA will commission formal visual field testing at a later date.

#### **Help for medical professionals**

You may find it helpful to read DVLA's 'Assessing fitness to drive' guidance at [www.gov.uk/dvla/fitnesstodrive](http://www.gov.uk/dvla/fitnesstodrive)