

NC DMV Medical Review Unit

The Medical Review Unit requires confirmed medical information in order to cancel a driver's license. www.ncdot.gov/dmv/license-id Look for *Medical Review Program*

***Forms on line to download**

Report Process – Key points

A report is handled in order of the *age and date* of the document coded.

Exception: If a physician sends in a *Medical Report Form** that indicates that the **patient is not medically fit to drive**; this one will be **expedited** (see below, page 2, #3).

Family Members, health care providers, or any citizen can use *Request for Driver Re-examination Form** (one page) to report or write a letter; It is not anonymous. The referral goes to the local DMV.

Local DMV Offices: Process is same for all ages; Includes vision, signs, on road. The on road component is relatively short and same for all levels. The local DMV staff can decide to initiate a Medical Review on any individual. Starts the *Information Form Letter**.

Request for report is **always** sent to the driver, as person whose privilege to drive is in question.

*Information Form Letter** sent – the driver has 30 days to have the *Medical Report Form* submitted. If after 30 days, no response, another letter sent at 15 days (sent certified). If not response, license is cancelled, total is about 45 days. A driver can request an extension for justified reason (e.g., cannot get an DRS appointment).

*Medical Review Report**

Page 1: Always need the signature of the operator/driver.

Page 2: Critical to answer **every** question.

- Causes delay when form not completed correctly.
- Section E. Five conditions: yes or no, If yes, complete **ONLY** the related section.
- Section F is critical.

Q 1. Do they follow medical recommendations (e.g., medications, use CPAP).

Q 2. Periodic medical evaluations recommended: Yes, if progressive condition (e.g, dementia, Parkinson); No if unlikely to change over time.

Q 3. Medically fit to drive?

- **“No” expedites process; Only with completed Medical Reporting Form and page 1, signature of driver/power of attorney;** A certified letter will be mailed advising the customer they have 15 days to surrender their NCDL.
- **No** with no page 1, signature sheet, it will be the regular Information Form Letter giving 30 days to get a Medical Review Form completed.
- **“I don’t know”** – acceptable, please answer question #7, that a medically based evaluation by an occupational therapist is needed.

Q 4. Medically fit to drive commercial vehicle or school bus – Yes or no; there are higher guidelines. Example, over A1C sugar =10, no school bus; ok personal vehicle.

Q 5. Only answer if you feel the driver needs restrictions or for evaluation by OT

Q 6. Recommend road test? Local DMV test only. Check NO.

Q 7. Occupational Therapist Evaluation? Check **YES** for evaluation of *medical fitness* to drive.

Q 8. Accident due to medical condition – yes or no

Last Section: Give overall assessment and provider information.

Page 3: DL77 – *Vision Specialist Form** – only need when an issue of vision only.

Occupational Therapist Evaluation

- DMV provides a list of six specialists with one being for VA only.
- Does **not** need to be Driver Rehabilitation Specialist/Certified DRS

Outcomes from Medical Review Unit.

- Approved to have unrestricted license.
- Approved to have restricted license: 45 mph, no interstate, daylight only, mile radius from home, corrective lenses, hand controls, left foot accelerator, others
- Additional information needed – from physician, occupational therapist evaluation
- License canceled

In event of crash:

1. When a law enforcement officer indicates specific codes on the **DMV-349 Crash Report**, this report is sent directly to the MRU.
2. The report/narrative are read to determine if the driver needs to be medically reviewed.
3. The codes are: 2 Illness; 3 Fatigue; 4 Feel asleep, fainted, loss of consciousness; 5 impairment due to medications/drugs/alcohol; 6 medical condition, 7 other physical impairment. (1=apparently normal; 8=restriction not complied with; 9=other; 10=unknown).
4. Letter sent to driver; ask to have physician complete the report. Same process.

Law Enforcement report on a DPS form HP640

1. If driver admits to a blackout: A medical review process started.
2. Epilepsy: mandatory 6 month cancellation.
3. The form has changed with observations to identify reporting.

Appeal Process or Change in Status

- Driver can always appeal, with hearings – see website details for details
- Additional information or change in status of medical – see website for details