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Driving licences and medical examinations for health reasons

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You have **health problem** and you wonder if one **medical visit** is required for **pass permit** or **maintain permit** ? You **get a layout**, e.g. an adapted gearbox or an automatic clutch? We will tell you in which cases the medical examination is mandatory and the steps to follow to do the procedure.

You pass the permit

Step-by-step approach

1

Check cases where medical check-up is required

You must pass a medical examination in the following cases:

You have

illness not compatible with the issuance of the licence(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/download/pdf?id=8dD3wEzkeHMP59Q_y7Jrp2jXbwEqgi4p1G3fTjIpsFU=)

You pass **permit A or B** and you have

physical incapacity not compatible with licence(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/download/pdf?id=8dD3wEzkeHMP59Q_y7Jrp2jXbwEqgi4p1G3fTjIpsFU=)

You pass **permit A or B** to drive **disabled vehicle**

You pass **permit A, A1, A2, B or B1** and you have **disability pension** civil or military

Examiner you request for medical examination after the permit review

Please note

If you do not have a medical check-up and you are responsible for an accident related to a condition incompatible with driving, you are **not covered by your insurance**.

2

Make an appointment with a licenced physician

You must contact a **registered town physician** by the prefect of your department.

This doctor should not be your attending physician.

You can view **list of registered physicians** on **prefectural websites**.

The list of accredited doctors is also available in prefectures, sub-prefectures and in the town halls of certain communes.

FYI

You can take the medical check with a licenced physician in a department other than your home. In this case, it is prudent to include in your file an explanation of the use of a doctor other than that of your department of residence.

General case

In Paris

3

Prepare the documents to be provided on the day of the medical visit

You must download and pre-fill the **cerfa form no. 14880**.

The form is also available in prefecture.

Driver's Licence - Medical (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R14006>)

You must also complete a **questionnaire** about your health.

You can download the order of 28 March 2022 which contains this questionnaire in Annexe III (page 44) ([\)](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/download/pdf?id=8dD3wEzkeHMP59Q_y7Jrp2jXbwEqgi4p1G3fTjlpFU=))

Also prepare a **identification (original)** and **documents you find useful on health**.

4

Go through the medical

The doctor should check your **fitness, cognitive** and **sensory** driving.

If you have not already completed the **questionnaire** ([\)](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/download/pdf?id=8dD3wEzkeHMP59Q_y7Jrp2jXbwEqgi4p1G3fTjlpFU=) doctor will have you fill it out.

regarding your health, the

He reviews your file and conducts the medical examination.

The doctor may:

Prescribe **additional reviews**

Prescribe a **psychotechnical examination** with a psychologist who has been registered with the prefect

Ask **advice from specialised health professionals**

Request a **driving test**

Request your review by a medical board

If necessary, contact your prefecture to make these enquiries.

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In Paris

For the LES in Paris, please consult the police prefecture website (<https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/demarches/securite-incendie-des-erp-dont-hebergement-et-des-igh>) , taking into account the specificities of the Parisian organisation.

5

Pay the medical check

The medical examination, also called _____ costs **€36**.

The average price of a psychotechnical examination is **€100** about.

Health Insurance (Social Security) does not cover the costs of medical check-ups or any additional tests.

6

Sign up for the review of the permit in case of a favourable opinion

_____ medical opinion ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R14006?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R14006?lang=en))
The doctor gives you **the original** _____

The doctor gives the "fit" opinion.

This means that your health is compatible with driving.

Keep medical advice which will be necessary to make your **application** to drive online on the _____.

You **enrol in the exam** driver's licence.

The medical opinion has a validity of **2 years**.

Please note

The prefect is not obliged to follow the medical advice and may object to your registration for the driving licence examination.

7

Make a possible appeal in the event of an adverse opinion

The doctor gives you **the original** [medical opinion \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R14006?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R14006?lang=en)

There are 3 possible reviews:

Unfit

This means that your health condition is incompatible with driving.

Temporary

The doctor specifies the duration, between 6 months and 5 years.

Restricted fit

The doctor shall specify the necessary arrangements or equipment.

You receive a **mail** to inform yourself that **submit comments**.

At the end of the deadline to collect your comments, the prefect **notify by mail** its **decision** : **incapacity** ability **temporary** or aptitude **restricted**.

The letter shall specify **remedies and time limits**.

You can appeal **to the Medical Appeals Board**.

However, you must **respect the decision of the prefect** even if you appeal.

The Board shall examine you, consult the accredited medical practitioner if necessary and transmit its **opinion** the prefect.

If the Prefect makes a negative decision again, you can **request a new medical check** in **6 months** following this decision.

You can also do a **appeal to administrative judge (https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2026?lang=en)**

You already have a permit

Step-by-step approach

1

Check to see if you need a medical check

You must pass a medical examination in the following cases:

You have

illness not compatible with continuation of licence (https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/download/pdf?id=8dD3wEzkeHmp59Q_y7Jrp2jXbwEqgi4p1G3FTjIpsFU=)

Your **health** implies **limitation of validity** permit

limited validity permit with forensic EAD restriction (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2671?lang=en>)

exempted from mandatory seat belt use (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F15076?lang=en>)

You want to prove that your health condition warrants an exception to the rules of **transparency of vehicle windows**

Please note

If you do not have a medical check-up and are responsible for an accident related to a condition incompatible with driving, you are not covered by your **insurance**.

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5 Pay the medical check

The medical examination, also called **medical check** costs **€36**.

Health insurance does not cover the cost of a medical examination or any additional examinations.

The average price of a psychotechnical examination is **€100** about.

However, the medical check is **free** for a disabled person whose **recognised disability rate is equal to or greater than 50%**.

6 Request if necessary the renewal of the permit in case of a favourable opinion

The doctor gives you **the original** medical opinion (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R14006?lang=en>)

The doctor gives the opinion "**Fit**".

This means that your health is compatible with driving.

Warning

The medical advice "Apte" does not allow you to drive until the prefect has made a decision **unless your permit is still valid at the time of medical examination.**

In case of control by law enforcement, present your **driving licence** and **medical opinion**.

The medical opinion has a validity of **2 years**.

The **application for renewal** can be found online on the _____.

You must attach **scanned version of** [medical opinion \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R14006?medical opinion \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R14006?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R14006?medical%20opinion) **and** **other documents** requested.

Online application for a driving licence upon expiry (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R49276>)

Please note

The prefect is not obliged to follow the medical advice. He can make an unfavourable decision.

7

Make a possible appeal in the event of an adverse opinion

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You can also do **an** [appeal to administrative judge \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2026?appeal to administrative judge \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2026?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2026?appeal%20administrative%20judge)

Statute and miscellaneous references

- Route Code: Articles L224-1 to L224-18 (https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006159516)
Prohibition of issuance, retention, suspension and cancellation.
- Route Code: items R221-4 to R221-8
(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000032465124)
Issuance of driving licence
- Route Code: items R221-9 to R221-13
(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000032465126)
Proficiency Check
- Route Code: items R226-1 to R226-4 (https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000026203154)
Organisation of the medical check of driving ability
- Route Code: items R412-6 to R412-16
(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006177121)
General rules of circulation

- Code of Social Action and Families: Articles L243-4 to L243-7 (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?idSectionTA=LEGISCTA000006157600&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006074069>)
Free for disabled people
- Order of 28 March 2022 listing medical conditions incompatible with or compatible with the obtaining or maintaining of a driving licence or which may result in limited validity (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000045464094>)
- Order of 18 October 2016 concerning the approval of glazing and its installation in vehicles (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000033334651/>)
- Order of 26 August 2016 concerning the psychotechnical examination provided for in the context of the medical examination of fitness for driving (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000033096953/>)
- Order of 1 February 2016 fixing the amount of the fees of doctors accredited for the medical check on driving ability (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=JORFTEXT000032079373&dateTexte=&categorieLien=id>)
- Order of 31 July 2012 concerning the organisation of the medical check on fitness for driving (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000026310765/>)
- Order of 20 April 2012 fixing the conditions of establishment, issue and validity of the driving licence (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000025803494/>)
- Circular of 25 July 2013 on the organisation of the medical check on the driving ability of drivers and applicants for a driving licence (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/download/pdf/circ?id=37350>)
- Circular of 3 August 2012 on the organisation of the medical check on drivers' driving ability (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/download/pdf/circ?id=35829>)
- Ministerial Response of 16 February 2021 on persons with disabilities who encounter difficulties in the procedures for renewing driving licences (<https://questions.assemblee-nationale.fr/q15/15-22902QE.htm>)
- Ministerial Response of 1 September 2020 on the issue of elderly drivers (<http://questions.assemblee-nationale.fr/q15/15-25583QE.htm>)
- Ministerial Response of 7 July 2020 on the mandatory medical check-up prior to the resumption of driving following certain health problems (<http://questions.assemblee-nationale.fr/q15/15-25336QE.htm>)

Online services and forms

- Driver's Licence - Medical (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R14006?lang=en>)
Form
- Online application for a driving licence upon expiry (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R49276?lang=en>)
Online service

FAQ

- After eye surgery, do you need to apply for a new driver's licence? (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F16787?lang=en>)
- Can seat belts be dispensed with? (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F15076?lang=en>)
- Who should drive with an EAD? (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2671?lang=en>)
- How do I get a driver's licence when I have a disability? (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2842?lang=en>)
- What do the codes added to Licence B mean? (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F32927?lang=en>)
- Which vehicles can be driven without a driver's licence? (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1464?lang=en>)
- Point driving licence: how do i make a claim? (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F35218?lang=en>)

Additional topics

- Traffic offences (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N18918?lang=en>)
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- Motor insurance (vehicle) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N32?lang=en>)
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- Driver's licence (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N530?lang=en>)
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- Right to drive: incompatible or restrictive medical conditions (https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/download/pdf?id=8dD3wEzkeHMp59Q_y7Jrp2jXbwEqgi4p1G3fTjIpsFU=)

