

# Older Adult Licensing by State



## Rules regarding renewing driver's licenses vary by state.

- You may visit your particular state's department of motor vehicles website or [NOLO's Driving Laws for Seniors and Older Drivers page](#) for details.
- Following is a summary of the key features of each state's rules, including information on the renewal period for licensure, vision tests, written tests, and road tests.

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State	Renewal Period	Vision Test	Written Test	Road Test
<b>Alabama</b>	Every 4 years in person or every 8 years online; no age specifics	Required at in-person renewal only if licensing authorities believe a physical or mental condition or limitation may affect the ability to drive safely	Required at in-person renewal only if licensing authorities believe a physical or mental condition or limitation may affect the ability to drive safely	Required at in-person renewal only if licensing authorities believe a physical or mental condition or limitation may affect the ability to drive safely
<b>Alaska</b>	Drivers age 69 and older must renew every 5 years in person	Required for age 69 and older	Not required	Required only if there are indications of driver impairment, based on a report by a law enforcement officer, a physician, or a family member
<b>Arizona</b>	Drivers age 65 and older must renew in person every 5 years	Required	Not required	Required only if there are indications of driver impairment based on a report by the driver, a law enforcement officer, a physician, insurance agent, or other concerned individual
<b>Arkansas</b>	All drivers are required to renew every 4 years in person; no age specifics	Required	Required only if licensing authorities believe a physical or mental condition or limitation may affect the ability to drive safely	Required only if licensing authorities believe a physical or mental condition or limitation may affect the ability to drive safely

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<b>California</b>	Drivers age 70 and older must renew in person every 5 years	Required	Required	Required only if there are indications of driver impairment, based on a report by a law enforcement
<b>Colorado</b>	Drivers age 61 and older must renew every 5 years; drivers 66 and older must renew in person	Required for drivers age 66 and older	Only required if there are indications of driver impairment, based on a report by law enforcement, a court, a physician or optometrist, or a family member	Only required if there are indications of driver impairment, based on a report by law enforcement, a court, a physician or optometrist, or a family member
<b>Connecticut</b>	Drivers age 65 and older must renew in person every 2 years	Required only if a physician or DMV personnel consider it necessary	Only required if the DMV determines there is an impairment that may affect a person's ability to drive safely	Only required if the DMV determines there is an impairment that may affect a person's ability to drive safely
<b>D.C.</b>	Drivers age 70 and older must renew in person every 8 years and have a doctor complete the Mature Driver Fitness to Drive Certification	Required	Not required	Only required if DMV personnel observe it to be necessary or if there have been reports of potential unsafe driving

# Delaware—Hawaii

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<b>Delaware</b>	Drivers must renew in the 6-month period prior to the expiration of their license	Required	May be given but normally waived	May be given but normally waived
<b>Florida</b>	Drivers age 80 and older must renew every 6 years	Required	Not required	Not required
<b>Georgia</b>	Drivers age 60 and older must renew every 5 years	Required for drivers age 64 and older	Only required if there are indications of driver impairment	Only required only if there are indications of driver impairment
<b>Hawaii</b>	Drivers age 72 and older must renew every 2 years	Required	May be required in the discretion of the licensing authorities	May be required in the discretion of the licensing authorities

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<b>Idaho</b>	Drivers age 63 and older must renew every 4 years; drivers age 70 and older must renew in person	Required	Not required	Required if an applicant has a mental or physical impairment that might affect the ability to drive safely or if the driving examiner notes indications of driver impairment, or if requested by a law enforcement officer, or a family member
<b>Illinois</b>	Drivers age 75 must renew their license in person, drivers 81–86 must renew every 2 years. Drivers age 87 and older must renew every year	Required	Required for drivers age 75 and older	Required for drivers age 75 and older
<b>Indiana</b>	Drivers age 75 and older must renew in person every three years. Drivers age 85 and older must renew in person every 2 years	Required	Not required	Required only if the DMV has received a complaint or has concerns about a driver's vision or a medical condition
<b>Iowa</b>	Drivers age 73 must renew every 7 years; age 74 every 6 years, age 75 every five years; age 76 every 4 years; age 77 every 3 years; and age 78 and older every 2 years	Required	Only required if driver is the subject of an unsafe driving investigation	Only required if there has been a change in the driver's health or the license does not reflect his or her current medical condition

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<b>Kansas</b>	Drivers age 65 and older must renew in person every 4 years	Required	Not required	Required only if there are indications of driver impairment
<b>Kentucky</b>	All drivers must renew in person every 4 years; no age specifics	Not required	Not required	Not required
<b>Louisiana</b>	Drivers age 70 and older must renew in person every 6 years	Required	Required only if there are indications of driver impairment	Required only if there are indications of driver impairment
<b>Maine</b>	Every 4 years for drivers age 65 and older	Required at the first renewal after age 40; then at every second renewal until age 62 and older, when a test is required at each renewal	Not required	Required only if the BMV receives indications the driver may be impaired

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<b>Maryland</b>	Drivers age 40 and older must renew every 5 years	Required for driver age 40 and older	Only required if the MVA finds indications of driver impairment	Only required if the MVA finds indications of driver impairment
<b>Massachussets</b>	Drivers age 75 and older must renew in person every 5 years	Required at in-person renewal	May be required if there are indications of driver impairment	May be required if there are indications of driver impairment
<b>Michigan</b>	Drivers of all ages must renew every 8 years	Required	Not required	Required only if the SOS receives indications of driver impairment
<b>Minnesota</b>	Drivers of all ages must renew every 4 years in person	Required	Not required	Required only if the DVS receives indications of driver impairment

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<b>Mississippi</b>	Drivers age 75 and older must renew in person every 8 years	Required at in-person renewal	May be required at renewal if DPS has indications of possible driver impairment	May be required at renewal if DPS has indications of possible driver impairment
<b>Missouri</b>	Drivers age 70 and older must renew in person every 3 years;	Required	Required only if the DOR receives indications of possible driver impairment	Required only if the DOR receives indications of possible driver impairment
<b>Montana</b>	Drivers age 68 renew every 7 years; age 69 every 6 years; age 70 every 5 years; age 70 every 4 years; age 71 every three years; age 72 every 2 years; age 73 and 74 every 1 year; then starting at age 75 the renewal period goes back up to every 4 years	Required	Required only if the MVD receives indications of possible driver impairment	Required only if the MVD receives indications of possible driver impairment
<b>Nebraska</b>	Drivers 72 and older must renew in person every 5 years	Required	May be waived in the discretion of DMV personnel	May be waived in the discretion of DMV personnel



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<b>Nevada</b>	Drivers age 65 and older must renew every 4 years	Required	May be required based on medical or driving history	May be required based on medical or driving history
<b>New Hampshire</b>	All drivers must renew every 5 years; no age specifics	Required	Not required	May be required at the discretion of DMV personnel
<b>New Jersey</b>	All drivers must renew their licenses every four years; no age specifics	May be required occasionally at the discretion of MVC personnel	Not required	Not required
<b>New Mexico</b>	Drivers age 67 and older must renew every four years, drivers age 79 and older must renew every year in person	Required	Not required	Not required

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<b>New York</b>	All drivers must renew every eight years; no age specifics	Required (or proof from doctor)	Not required	Not required
<b>North Carolina</b>	Drivers age 66 and older must renew in person every five years	Required	Not required	Required only if there are indications of driver impairment, based on a report by a law enforcement officer, a physician, or a family member
<b>North Dakota</b>	Drivers age 78 and older must renew in person every four years	Required	Not required	Not required
<b>Ohio</b>	All drivers must renew in person every four years; no age specifics	Required	Not required	Not required

# Oklahoma—Rhode Island

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<b>Oklahoma</b>	All drivers must renew in person or by mail every four years; no age specifics	Required	May be required at the discretion of DPS personnel	May be required at the discretion of DPS personnel
<b>Oregon</b>	All drivers must renew their licenses in person every eight years	Required for drivers age 50 and older	May be required at the discretion of DMV personnel	May be required at the discretion of DMV personnel
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	All drivers must renew every four years	Drivers age 45 and older may be randomly chosen	May be required at the discretion of DOT personnel	May be required at the discretion of DOT personnel
<b>Rhode Island</b>	Drivers age 75 and older must renew in person every two years	Required	May be required at the discretion of DMV personnel	May be required at the discretion of DMV personnel

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<b>South Carolina</b>	Drivers age 65 and older must renew every five years	Not required	May be required at the discretion of DMV personnel	May be required at the discretion of DMV personnel
<b>South Dakota</b>	All drivers must renew their licenses every five years and in person at least every ten years; no age specifics	Required	May be required at the discretion of DMV personnel	May be required at the discretion of DMV personnel
<b>Tennessee</b>	Drivers of all ages must renew their licenses every eight years; no age specifics	Required	May be required at the discretion of DSD personnel	May be required at the discretion of DSD personnel
<b>Texas</b>	Drivers ages 79–84 must renew in person every six years; those 85 and older must renew on their second birthday after the previous expiration date	Required	May be required if DPS personnel deem it necessary	May be required if DPS personnel deem it necessary

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<b>Utah</b>	All drivers must renew every eight years	Required for drivers age 65 and older	May be required if the DLD receives information about potential unsafe driving	May be required if the DLD receives information about potential unsafe driving
<b>Vermont</b>	All drivers must renew every four years	May be required at the discretion of DMV personnel	May be required at the discretion of DMV personnel	May be required at the discretion of DMV personnel
<b>Virginia</b>	Drivers age 75 and older must renew every five years in person	Required	May be required at the discretion of DMV personnel	May be required at the discretion of DMV personnel
<b>Washington</b>	All drivers must renew every six years	Required for in-person renewals	Not required	Not required

# West Virginia—Wyoming

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<b>West Virginia</b>	All drivers must renew in person every five years; drivers must also renew in a year in which their age is divisible by five (when you turn 65, 70, 75, and so on)	Required only if the driver has vision limitations	Required only if there are indications of driver impairment	Required only if there are indications of driver impairment
<b>Wisconsin</b>	All drivers must renew every eight years	Required	May be required if DMV staff deem it necessary, or testing is requested by a medical worker, law enforcement officer, or other person with knowledge of the driver's abilities	May be required if DMV staff deem it necessary, or testing is requested by a medical worker, law enforcement officer, or other person with knowledge of the driver's abilities
<b>Wyoming</b>	All drivers must renew every five years; renewal must be in person every 10 years	Required for in-person renewals	Generally required only if there are indications of driver impairment	Generally required only if there are indications of driver impairment