

2023 Kansas Statutes

8-295. Vision standards for drivers' licenses. Each driver's license examiner shall use the following vision standards for driver's license applicants:

- (a) Each applicant testing 20/40 or better in at least one eye at the examination station shall meet the vision requirements. The driver's license examiner shall give each applicant failing to meet this test a vision form and refer the applicant to an ophthalmologist or optometrist of the applicant's choice.
- (b) Each applicant who has received a vision report from an ophthalmologist or optometrist shall have 20/60 or better vision in at least one eye, with or without standard corrective lens, as determined by an ophthalmologist or optometrist to be eligible to be issued a driver's license.
- (c) The driver's license examiner shall require each individual with a reading of 20/60 in the better eye, with or without standard corrective lens, to submit to a driver's test.
- (d) An applicant failing to meet any of the above standards may be issued a driver's license if the applicant can demonstrate that the applicant can safely operate a vehicle and has had a good driving record for the previous three years. The division may impose reasonable restrictions on such license, as provided in K.S.A. 8-245, and amendments thereto.
- (e) An applicant failing to meet the standards in subsections (a) through (d) shall be afforded a hearing in the manner prescribed by K.S.A. 8-255(c), and amendments thereto.
- (f) No optometrist or ophthalmologist reporting to the division or to the medical advisory board in good faith any information that such person has relating to the vision of an applicant for a driver's license shall be liable for damages to any person subsequent to the issuance or the renewal of a driver's license to the applicant.

History: L. 1989, ch. 33, § 1; L. 1993, ch. 100, § 2; L. 2001, ch. 82, § 3; L. 2022, ch. 38, § 1; April 14.