

1 19A NCAC 03B.0201 is amended with changes as published in 29:12 NCR 1486 as follows:

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3 **19A NCAC 03B .0201 DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATION AND ONLINE RENEWAL**

4 (a) The Division shall issue a driver's license to any person who passes the tests and meets the requirements listed
5 below ~~the driver license examination~~ and is otherwise eligible under G.S. 20 to hold a license. Applicants for a
6 driver's license are subject to the following tests: tests and requirements:

7 (1) Knowledge Examination. This is an automated computer test on knowledge of rules of the road.
8 An audio component allows ~~customers~~ applicants with reading comprehension difficulties to listen
9 to the test questions by use of earphones. Eighty percent of the questions shall be answered
10 correctly in order to pass the knowledge examination. For the issuance of a remote renewal, the
11 requirement of a knowledge examination shall be waived.

12 (2) Road Signs. This is a test on knowledge of highway signs and their meanings. Applicants for a
13 regular Class "C" license shall correctly identify nine of twelve road signs. Applicants for "A" or
14 "B" licenses shall correctly identify all road signs. For the issuance of a remote renewal, the
15 requirement of the road signs test shall be waived.

16 (3) Visual Acuity Test. ~~Applicant's~~ The applicant's ~~[Applicant's]~~ visual acuity shall be 20/40 or
17 better in either eye or both eyes together to receive an unrestricted license. License A license is
18 restricted to require corrective lenses if acuity is less than 20/40 in either eye or both eyes together.

19 (4) Road Test. The road test measures the applicant's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely in
20 actual traffic situations. The required maneuvers are: quick stop, turnabout, backing, approach
21 corner, right turns, left turns, traffic lights, use of vehicle operating equipment, controls, starts, use
22 of lanes, use of brakes, ~~following~~ following, and paying attention. Approval or disapproval is
23 determined by the driver license examiner based upon the applicant's ability to execute the
24 required maneuvers. For the issuance of a remote renewal, the requirement of a road test shall be
25 waived.

26 (5) Remote Renewal. The renewal of a driver's license by mail, telephone, or electronic device.
27 Applicants will find instructions for remote renewal on the Division of Motor Vehicles' Website
28 at <http://www.ncdot.gov/dmv>. A driver's license issued by remote renewal expires in accordance
29 with G.S. ~~20-7(f)(6)c.~~ [20-7(f)(6).]

30 (6) Attestation. An applicant eligible to make application for a remote renewal ~~[must]~~ shall truthfully
31 attest to the following as part of the application for a remote renewal:

32 (A) The applicant is a resident of North Carolina and currently resides at the address listed on
33 the license to be renewed;

34 (B) The license holder's name as it appears on the license to be renewed has not changed;

35 (C) All information provided during the application for a remote renewal has been provided
36 truthfully;

37 (D) That the applicant knows of no change in his or her vision ~~[has occurred]~~ since the last
38 time the applicant passed the visual acuity test in Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule that would

1 ~~impair the applicant's ability to safely drive a motor vehicle; [successful visual acuity test~~
2 ~~examination completed by DMV to safely operate a motor vehicle;]~~ and

3 (E) That no change in physical or mental abilities has occurred since the last issuance.

4 (7) Photo Requirement. The requirement of a newly captured photo in G.S. 20-7(n)(4) shall be
5 waived for an applicant eligible to make application for a remote ~~renewal~~ renewal, providing the
6 applicant has an existing DMV photo on file.

7 (8) Upon completion of the remote renewal ~~[process]~~ process, the license shall be renewed if all
8 criteria in G.S. 20-7 are met. The applicant may use the current license ~~[may be used]~~ for all
9 legitimate driver license purposes until the license becomes invalid for some other reason, or
10 receipt of the new license card.

11 (b) The tests contained in Paragraph (a) ~~will~~ shall be administered as follows:

12 (1) First time applicants. Applicants applying for a driver's license for the first time shall complete
13 the full examination, to include the knowledge examination, road signs test, visual acuity test, and
14 road test. ~~[First time applicants are not eligible for remote renewal.] Applicants in this~~
15 ~~Subparagraph are not eligible to apply for remote renewal.~~

16 (2) Renewals and licenses expired less than two years. Applicants seeking to renew a valid, unexpired
17 North Carolina driver's license shall complete the road signs test and visual acuity ~~test.~~ test,
18 unless the applicant is renewing remotely. Applicants possessing a previously issued North
19 Carolina driver's license, expired less than two years, shall complete the road signs test and visual
20 acuity test. An applicant shall attest during the application ~~[process]~~ for a remote driver license
21 renewal that the applicant knows of no change in his or her vision as set out in Subparagraph
22 (a)(6)(D) of this Rule. ~~[has occurred in the past six months that may impair their ability to safely~~
23 ~~operate a motor vehicle.]~~

24 (3) Applicants possessing a previously issued North Carolina driver's license expired greater than two
25 years. Applicants shall complete the full examination, to include the knowledge examination, road
26 signs test, visual acuity test, and road test. ~~[Applicants whose driver licenses have expired greater~~
27 ~~than two years are not eligible to make application for a remote renewal.] Applicants in this~~
28 ~~Subparagraph are not eligible to apply for remote renewal.~~

29 (4) Applicants with a driver's license issued by another State, which is valid and ~~current~~ current, or
30 expired less than two years. Applicants seeking to transfer their current driver's license from
31 another state ~~or shall complete the road signs test and visual acuity test.~~ Applicants applicants
32 possessing a driver's license issued by another state ~~which that~~ is expired less than two years shall
33 complete the road signs test and visual acuity test. ~~[Applicants in this section are not eligible to~~
34 ~~make an application for a remote renewal.] Applicants in this Subparagraph are not eligible to~~
35 ~~apply for remote renewal.~~

36 (5) Applicants with a driver's license issued by another state, expired more than two years.
37 Applicants shall complete the full examination, to include the knowledge examination, road signs
38 test, visual acuity test, and road test. ~~[Applicants in this section are not eligible to make an~~

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~~application for a remote renewal.] Applicants in this Subparagraph are not eligible to apply for remote renewal.~~

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