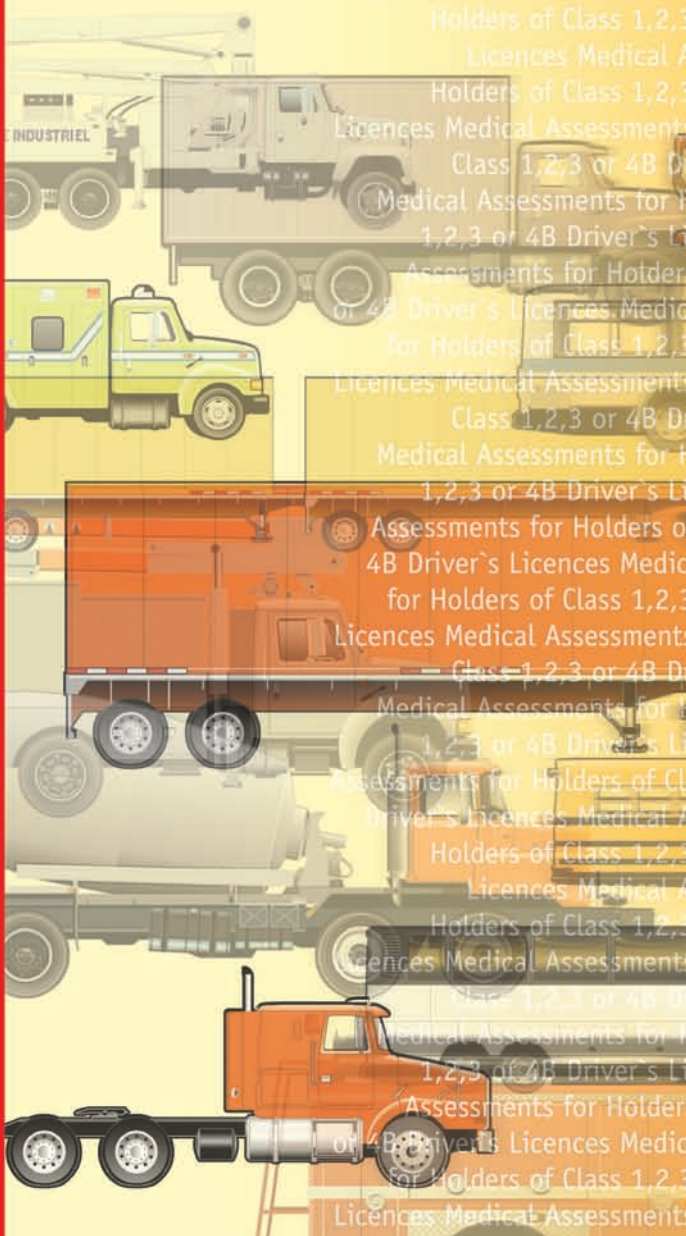


MEDICAL ASSESSMENTS

for Holders of Class 1, 2, 3 or 4B Driver's Licences



Driving a vehicle in the United States that requires a class 1, 2, 3 or 4B driver's licence

Under an agreement between Canada and the United States, medical examinations will become more frequent for any person who wants to drive a vehicle in the United States requiring a class 1, 2, 3 or 4B driver's licence:

MEDICAL ASSESSMENT

You may drive these vehicles in the United States and Canada

- if your medical condition meets the standards set by the Canadian National Safety Code
- by submitting a medical examination report at the following intervals:
 - when applying for a class 1, 2, 3, 4B licence;
 - every five years until age 45;
 - every three years between age 45 and 65;
 - every year thereafter.

Condition “W”

This condition means that you are authorized to drive in Canada only any vehicle that requires a class 1, 2, 3 or 4B licence.

If you make the request or if, because of your medical condition, you cannot drive vehicles requiring a class 1, 2, 3 or 4B licence in the United States, condition “W” will be recorded in your medical file.

You will not be allowed to drive in the United States if you have one of the following illnesses:

- insulin-treated diabetes;
 - epilepsy;
 - moderate or total hearing loss*; or
- if you hold a class 1, 2, 3 or 4B licence under the discretionary power of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec.

Class 1	a tractor-trailer
Class 2	a bus with a seating capacity for more than 24 passengers
Class 3	a straight truck
Class 4B	a minibus or bus with a seating capacity for 24 passengers or less

You may drive these vehicles in Canada only

- if your medical condition meets the standards set by the Québec Highway Safety Code
- by submitting a medical examination report at the following intervals:
 - when applying for a class 1, 2, 3, 4B licence;
 - at age 45, 55, 60 and 65;
 - every two years thereafter.

* *What is meant by moderate or total hearing loss?*

A person has a sense of hearing adequate to drive a vehicle if the person:

- *first perceives a forced whispered voice in the better ear at not less than 1.52 m (5 feet) with or without the use of a hearing aid, OR,*
- *when tested by use of an audiometric device, does not have an average hearing loss in the better ear greater than 40 decibels at 500 Hz, 1,000 Hz, and 2,000 Hz with or without a hearing aid when the audiometric device is calibrated to American National Standard Z24.5 -- 1951.*



The choice is yours

If you want to renounce your privilege to drive these vehicles in the United States, you can inform the Société by telephone or in writing. Condition “W” will then be registered in your file.

If you want to have condition “W” removed from your file, you must undergo the medical assessments required to drive in the United States. Upon receipt of the necessary medical information, the Société will study your file and advise you in writing of its decision.

Change in health condition

Any illness or impairment that has not been reported to the Société must be declared within 30 days of the change in health condition. To do so, complete the medical declaration form that you can obtain at a Société service centre.

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