

Illinois

Driver licensing agency contact information	Illinois Office of the Secretary of State	
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	www.sos.state.il.us/departments/drivers/drivers.html	

Licensing Requirements

Visual acuity	Both eyes without correction.....	20/40
	Both eyes with correction.....	20/40
	If one eye blind—other with/without correction.....	20/40
	Absolute visual acuity minimum	20/40 in better eye for unrestricted license; 20/70 in better eye for daylight-only restrictions.
	Are bioptic telescopes allowed?	Yes, if acuity is 20/100 in better eye and 20/40 through bioptic telescope.
Visual fields	Minimum field requirement	105° one eye, 140° both eyes
	Visual field testing device.....	Stereo Optical testing machine
Color vision requirement	None	
Restricted licenses	Restrictions include daytime-only driving and two outside mirrors on the vehicle.	

License Renewal Procedures

Standard	Length of license validation.....	4 years
	Renewal options and conditions.....	Mail-in every other cycle for drivers with clean records and no medical report
	Vision testing required at time of renewal?.....	At in-person renewal
	Written test required?.....	Every 8 years unless driver has a clean driving record
Age-based renewal procedures	Road test required?.....	Only for applicants age 75+
	Drivers age 75+: no renewal by mail; vision test and on-road driving test required at each renewal.	
	Drivers age 81-86: renewal every 2 years. Drivers age 87+: renewal every year.	

Reporting Procedures

Physician/medical reporting	Physicians are encouraged to inform patients of their responsibility to notify the Secretary of State of any medical conditions that may cause a loss of consciousness or affect safe operation of a motor vehicle within 10 days of becoming aware of the condition.
Immunity	Yes
Legal protection	N/A (Illinois is not a mandatory reporting state.)
DMV follow-up	The driver is notified in writing of the referral and required to submit a medical report. Determination of further action is based on various scenarios.
Other reporting	Will accept information from courts, other DMVs, law enforcement agencies, members of the Illinois medical advisory board, National Driver Register (NDR), Problem Driver Pointer System, Secretary of State, management employees, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and driver rehabilitation specialists.
Anonymity	Available