**Changes to the Vision standards for Group 1 and 2 drivers**

Changes to the Group 1 and Group 2 driver licensing standards for vision came into effect from the 1st May.

The changes mean that:

**Group 1 (cars and motorcycles):** applicants and licence holders, will need to have a visual acuity of 6/12 (0.5 decimal) with both eyes open as well as being able to read the number plate from the prescribed distance.

**Visual field (G1):** the present standard of a total field width of 120 degrees remains but in addition, there will need to be a field of at least 50 degrees on each side. No significant binocular defect which encroaches within 20 degrees of fixation above and below the horizontal meridian.

**Group 2 (buses and lorries):** applicants and licence holders must have a visual acuity, using corrective lenses if necessary, of at least 6/7.5 (0.8 decimal) in the better eye and at least 6/60 (0.1 decimal) in the other eye. All Group 2 drivers must also meet all the Group 1 visual acuity standards as outlined above.

Where glasses are worn to meet the minimum standard for driving, they should have a corrective power of no more than plus eight (+8) dioptres.

**Visual Field (G2):** The horizontal visual field should be at least 160 degrees with a field of at least 70 degrees to the left and right and 30 degrees up and down. NO DEFECTS SHOULD BE PRESENT WITHIN A RADIUS OF CENTRAL 30 DEGREES.

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The full standards are published in the [At a Glance guide](http://www.dft.gov.uk/dvla/medical/~/media/pdf/medical/at_a_glance.ashx).