

Indiana Requirements for Bioptic Telescope Driving

Visual Acuity and Restrictions:

20/40 in the better eye, with or without corrective lenses, no restrictions.

20/50 in the better eye: restricted license daytime only A,B,(C)

20/70 in each eye with best correction: daytime only (must have 120 degree horizontal field) A,B,(C)

Bioptic Telescope Lenses are permitted for best corrected acuity through the carrier lens as low as 20/200, with some restrictions.

Visual Acuity must reach 20/40 with telescope (4X or less);

Visual field no less than 120 degrees horizontal;

Color vision adequate for traffic lights;

Stable eye condition;

Good mobility and mental attitude.

Evaluation by driver educator/ approval of DMV medical review board/ 30 hours of driver training / pass road test

Drivers License Vision Waiver

There are no specific rules for the waiver. Rule of thumb: if they are 20/80 or better in one eye and have been a previous driver, try for it. If they haven't driven before with this VA, suggest Bioptic driving. However, they could go thru an eval with a rehab specialist to see if they felt they could drive without a Bioptic and set up a tailored driving program for that person's needs.

The driving issues should be dealt with when we see they are outside the VA requirements, but only needs to be readdressed if VA changes significantly or renewal time or if yearly evals are part of the licensure agreement (then a note that they are stable).