

TITLE 9: VEHICLE CODE
DIVISION 2: REGISTRATION AND LICENSES

§ 2207. Examination of Applicants.

(a) The bureau shall examine every applicant for an operator's license. The examination shall include a test of the applicant's eyesight, ability to read and understand official traffic-control devices, knowledge of safe driving practices and the traffic laws of the Commonwealth, and an actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle of the type or general class of vehicles the applicant desires a license to drive. The examination may also include a further physical and mental examination if the department finds it necessary to determine the applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle safely upon the highway.

(b) The bureau shall make provision for giving an examination in a place reasonably convenient to the applicant within 15 days from the date the application is received.

(c) With the exception of a test of an applicant's eyesight, and physical and mental examination if the department deems it necessary to determine an applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle, the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to holders of valid operator's licenses from any state, territory, or possession of the United States of America.

Source: PL 3-61, § 1 (§ 218); amended by PL 10-21, § 2, modified.

Commission Comment: PL 10-21 took effect June 21, 1996. According to PL 10-21, § 1:

Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds that the standards for obtaining an operators license in the states, territories, and possessions of the United States are comparable with the standards for obtaining an operators license in the Commonwealth. The Legislature further finds that under Commonwealth statute [9 CMC § 2202(b)] the holders of valid licenses from outside the Commonwealth are permitted to drive within the Commonwealth for up to thirty days. It is therefore unreasonable to require an additional written examination for experienced drivers who already possess a valid license from a United States state, territory, or possession.