

## CATEGORY D NEUROLOGIC CONDITIONS

1. A wide variety of neurological conditions may affect driving safety. A partial list includes:
  - Strokes;
  - Head injuries;
  - Cerebral Palsy;
  - Multiple Sclerosis;
  - Parkinson's disease;
  - Progressive conditions such as muscular atrophies and dystrophies, myasthenia gravis and various spinal cord and brain diseases;
  - Seizures and other episodic conditions are considered as a separate category. See Category E (Seizures and other Episodic Conditions);
  - Chronic or frequent severe vertigo (subjective sense of movement or self or environment, usually spinning).
2. The common element in all of these is the disturbance of sensory, motor or coordinating functions sufficient to affect driving. Some of them will be considered as stable conditions for which a driving test showing adequate performance in the type of vehicle to be driven will be sufficient. However, other conditions that have not yet stabilized or have a probability of progression or need for medication may require a medical report initially or at intervals. The usual interval for reconfirmation is as shown or may be increased up to the time interval since the last significant change in status.
3. Persons with neurological disorders may also have orthopedic or other problems and should also be given a safety assessment level as appropriate under Category J, (Musculoskeletal) in relation to driving. The health care professional should indicate by checking the appropriate box on the Functional Ability Evaluation Medical Report form if a driving skills test should be given.
4. In some neurological disorders, there may be other problems which impair driving. For example, a head injury may not only result in paralysis, but in visual field loss and impairment of learning and memory. These should be shown as safety assessment levels in the other appropriate categories as well. In evaluating late effects of head injuries, careful inquiry into the duration of coma or amnesia will be found helpful in evaluating the likelihood of persisting effect which may impair reaction time and thus be important in considering limitations on driving speeds. Similar considerations may apply in the use of a variety of medications which affect neuro-motor and cognitive functions.
5. **COMMERCIAL INTRASTATE DRIVERS:** Drivers given a Safety Assessment Level of 4 may or may not be successful in passing a road test, but should have an opportunity to do so if their conditions are stable. The health care professional should check the driving skills test box at the bottom of the form.

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**PRIVATE**

<b>Safety Assessment Level</b>	<b>Circumstances</b>	<b>Medical Report Required</b>	<b>Interval for Review</b>	<b>License Class and Restrictions</b>
<b>1</b>	No history of strength, sensory or coordination impairment or history of impairment with full functional recovery	No	N/A	Private vehicles
<b>2</b>	Minimal neurologic impairment, but able to control equipment in conventional manner	Yes	5 years <sup>a</sup>	Private vehicles
<b>3</b>	Moderate impairment of dexterity	Yes	1 year <sup>a</sup>	Private vehicles; pass driving test if recommended by health care professional
<b>4</b>	Moderate impairment of dexterity or decreased stamina	Yes	1 year <sup>a</sup>	
<b>5</b>	Moderate neurologic impairment, expected to be temporary	Yes	6 months <sup>a</sup>	Must pass driving skills test. Speed, area, and daylight only restrictions, or as recommended by health care professional
<b>6</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>7</b>	Special circumstances not listed above or under evaluation	Yes	6 months <sup>a</sup>	Private vehicles; special restrictions as recommended by health care professional
<b>8</b>	Strength, sensory, coordination, or cognitive impairment incompatible with any driving	Yes	N/A	No driving

<sup>a</sup> Or as recommended by health care professional, longer or shorter interval according to stability, up to a maximum period of 5 years

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**COMMERCIAL**

<b>Safety Assessment Level</b>	<b>Circumstances</b>	<b>Medical Report Required</b>	<b>Interval for Review</b>	<b>License Class and Restrictions</b>
<b>1</b>	No history of strength, sensory or coordination impairment or history of impairment with full functional recovery	No	N/A	Commercial unrestricted
<b>2</b>	Minimal neurologic impairment, but able to control equipment in conventional manner	Yes	5 years <sup>a</sup>	Commercial unrestricted
<b>3</b>	Moderate impairment of dexterity	Yes	1 year <sup>a</sup>	Commercial unrestricted
<b>4</b>	Moderate impairment of dexterity or decreased stamina	Yes	1 year <sup>a</sup>	Commercial restricted as recommended by health care professional. Pass driving skills test in a commercial vehicle on initial safety assessment level
<b>5</b>	Moderate neurologic impairment, expected to be temporary	Yes	6 months <sup>a</sup>	No commercial driving during impairment
<b>6</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>7</b>	Special circumstances not listed above or under evaluation	Yes	6 months <sup>a</sup>	No commercial driving during impairment; special restrictions as recommended by health care professional. Pass driving skills test if recommended by health care professional
<b>8</b>	Strength, sensory, coordination, or cognitive impairment incompatible with any driving	Yes	N/A	No driving

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