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Vision Test Deferral

A notice was sent out to motorists that had renewed their license between March 2020-August 2021 that never submitted a vision test. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic these motorists were allowed to self-certify their vision and agreed to submit a vision test within one year.

Motorist have been notified that they must submit their vision test no later than 11/26/2023 to avoid driving privilege suspension. Effective 12/1/2023 any driver that has not submitted their vision test will automatically have their driving privilege suspended.

As of October 30th, 82,010 NYS drivers still hadn't submitted their vision test to DMV. Locally Lewis County has 64, Jefferson County has 319, and St. Lawrence County has 236 drivers that have not submitted their vision registry.

We have been notified that some of the impacted drivers have moved out of the state and this is why their vision registry have not been updated. Even though these individuals no longer live in the state, their out of state driving privileges could still be impacted with out the submitted registry. The New York State Association of County Clerk's (NYSACC) has been working closely and diligently with NYS DMV to rectify this potential problem with individuals that have moved out of state so their driving privileges are not impacted.

As far as drivers that still reside in NYS I ask that if you have not submitted your vision registry, then please submit this, so your driving privilege is not suspended come 12/1/2023. Drivers have 3 options to submit their vision registry.

1. Visit your local Vision Registry provider (such as a participating pharmacy, or eye care provider) or use an online test provider. Vision registry providers can be found at: dmv.ny.gov/vision-registry-locator.
2. Have your vision screened by your doctor and have them complete a Vision Test report (MV-619) form which can be found at: dmv.ny.gov/mv619
3. Visit a DMV office near you where a vision screening can be performed. Bring the letter you may have received to a local DMV office and the test will be administered at no cost. DMV office locations can be found at: dmv.ny.gov/offices



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