

MEDICAL ASSESSMENT to Drive in the United States

Holders of a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4B licence

Do you want to drive Class 1, 2, 3 or 4B vehicles in the United States?

Class 1	Articulated heavy vehicles
Class 2	Buses with a seating capacity of more than 24 passengers
Class 3	Non-articulated heavy vehicles
Class 4B	Minibuses or buses with a seating capacity of 24 or fewer passengers

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

Frequency of medical assessments	
If you drive these vehicles in the United States:	If you do not drive these vehicles in the United States:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your state of health must meet the applicable standards.• You must submit a medical examination report:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– when applying for a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4B licence;– at age 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45;– at age 48, 51, 54, 57, 60 and 63;– every year as of age 65.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your state of health must meet the applicable standards.• You must submit a medical examination report:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– when applying for a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4B licence;– at age 45, 55, 60 and 65;– every two years thereafter.
Depending on your state of health, these assessments could become more frequent if the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ) deems it necessary.	

Condition W

This condition means that you are not authorized to drive Class 1, 2, 3 or 4B vehicles in the United States because your state of health does not meet the applicable US medical standards.

You may, however, drive these vehicles in Canada.

Under what circumstances will Condition W appear in your medical file?

- If you relinquish your privilege to drive the vehicles in question in the United States;
- OR
- If you have one of the following conditions:
 - epilepsy,
 - moderate or total hearing loss;*
- OR
- If you hold a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4B licence issued under the discretionary power of the SAAQ.

** Your hearing is considered adequate to drive a vehicle if:*

- *you are able to perceive a forced whisper in your better ear from at least 1.52 m (5 feet) away, with or without the use of a hearing aid;*
- OR
- *the average hearing loss in your better ear is not greater than 40 decibels at 500 Hz, 1,000 Hz and 2,000 Hz, with or without a hearing aid, when tested using an audiometric device calibrated to the American National Standards Institute's Z24.5-1951 standard.*

THE CHOICE IS YOURS

Do you wish to relinquish your privilege to drive Class 1, 2, 3 or 4B vehicles in the United States, in order to avoid having to provide a medical report?

You can inform the SAAQ in writing or by contacting our call centre at the telephone number provided below.

Condition W will then be recorded in your file.

Do you want to have Condition W withdrawn from your file?

If you wish to drive Class 1, 2, 3 or 4B vehicles in the United States, your state of health must meet the applicable US standards. You must submit the required medical report or reports to the SAAQ.

Upon receipt of the necessary medical information, the SAAQ will review your file and inform you in writing of its decision.

CHANGE IN YOUR STATE OF HEALTH

Any illness or functional impairment must be declared to the SAAQ within 30 days of the change in your state of health. To do so, you must fill out the medical declaration form, available at SAAQ service centres.

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au cœur de votre sécurité