

# MEDICAL ASSESSMENT

## to Drive in the United States

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

# Do you want to drive a vehicle that requires a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4B driver's licence in the United States?

- Class 1** Articulated heavy vehicle
- Class 2** Bus with a seating capacity of more than 24 passengers
- Class 3** Non-articulated heavy vehicle
- Class 4B** Minibus or bus 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"><li>Your state of health must meet standards.</li><li>You must submit a medical examination report:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- when applying for a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4B licence;</li><li>- at age 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45;</li><li>- at age 48, 51, 54, 55*, 57, 60 and 63;</li><li>- every year as of age 65.</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Your state of health must meet standards.</li><li>You must submit a medical examination report:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- when applying for a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4B licence;</li><li>- at age 45, 55, 60 and 65;</li><li>- every two years thereafter.</li></ul></li></ul>
Depending on your state of health, these assessments could become more frequent if the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec deems it necessary.	
* A medical assessment is also required in Québec at age 55 for holders of Class 1, 2, 3, 4A, 4B and 4C licences.	

## Condition W

This condition means that you are not authorized to drive a vehicle that requires a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4B licence in the United States since your state of health does not meet American medical standards.

You may, however, drive these vehicles in Canada.

## Under what circumstances will Condition W be recorded in your medical file?

- If you relinquish your privilege to drive these vehicles in the United States;

OR

- If you have one of the following conditions:
  - insulin-treated diabetes,
  - epilepsy,
  - moderate or total hearing loss\*;

OR

- If you hold a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4B licence under the discretionary power of the SAAQ.

\* You have a sense of hearing adequate to drive a vehicle:

- if you are able to first perceive a forced whispered voice in the better ear at not less than 1.52 m (5 feet) with or without the use of a hearing aid;

OR

- if you do not have an average hearing loss in the better ear greater than 40 decibels at 500 Hz, 1,000 Hz and 2,000 Hz, with or without a hearing aid, when tested by use of an audiometric device calibrated to the American National Standards Institute Z24.5-1951 standard.

## THE CHOICE IS YOURS

**Do you wish to relinquish your privilege to drive a vehicle that requires a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4B licence in the United States to avoid having to provide a medical report?**

You can inform the SAAQ in writing or by contacting our call centre at one of the telephone numbers listed below.

Condition W will then be recorded in your file.

**Do you want to have Condition W removed from your file?**

If you wish to drive in the United States, your state of health must meet standards. You must submit the medical report(s) required 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, please fill out a medical declaration form, available in SAAQ service centres.

### Service de l'évaluation médicale

Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec  
Case postale 19500, succursale Terminus  
Québec (Québec) G1K 8J5

### Call centre

Québec area: 418 643-5506

Elsewhere (toll-free): 1 800 561-2858

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