Have you received an unfavourable medical decision concerning your driver's licence?
One of the following decisions has been rendered

- suspension of your driver’s licence;
- suspension of one of the classes of your licence;
- refusal to add another class to your licence;
- refusal to issue a licence to you;

because your health condition does not meet the standards set out in the Regulation respecting access to driving a road vehicle in connection with the health of drivers.

REVIEW AND APPEAL

If you are not satisfied with this decision, you can ask for a review at the SAAQ or challenge the decision before the Administrative Tribunal of Québec (TAQ).

Application for review

You can apply to the SAAQ for a review of a decision. You must send a written request to the Service de la révision at the SAAQ and enclose the new information on your medical condition provided by your doctor. After analysis, a decision will be rendered and you will be notified in writing.

Appeal before the TAQ

You can appeal the decision (the initial decision or the review decision) by contacting the TAQ. You must make the application within 60 days of the date of the decision in question. However, the SAAQ cannot:

- review a decision that is being appealed before the TAQ;
- amend a decision rendered by the TAQ.
DISCRETIONARY POWER

If you believe that you can prove that you are capable of driving safely despite your illness or handicap, you can request that the SAAQ render a new decision under its discretionary power.

You must file a written application with the Service de la révision and include any relevant documents, such as a favourable report from a doctor.

You must demonstrate

- that you have developed skills that compensate for your functional limitations (illness or disability) and allow you to safely drive a road vehicle;

  OR

- that you meet the conditions enabling you to drive safely. The conditions take each case into account and apply to certain aspects of driving, such as the vehicle (e.g.: driving only a vehicle adapted to your disability), the environment (e.g.: driving only during the daytime) or the person in question (e.g.: respecting medical orders).

After analysis, you will be notified of the steps to take, if applicable.

What you should know

- A favourable report from a doctor in itself is not always sufficient to prove that you can drive safely.

- There are several steps to the evaluation process, all of which you must pass to the satisfaction of the SAAQ.

- You must pay all of the fees.

- Certain functional limitations caused by an illness or disability are impossible to offset.

- A decision rendered under the discretionary power of the SAAQ cannot be contested before the TAQ.
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