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A guide for drivers with
**Insulin Treated
Diabetes** who wish to
apply for **Vocational
Entitlement** (C1, C1E,
D1, D1E, C, CE, D or DE)

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Following a change in legislation from the 15/11/2011, anyone who is under insulin control for their diabetes can now apply for or renew their Vocational entitlements to drive categories C1, C1E, D1, D1E, C, CE, D or DE.

There are three stages you need to go through when applying for or renewing your Vocational (or implied) entitlements as shown above.

First Stage – Application Forms

- Application form (D2) and a DIAB1V medical questionnaire which you must fill in.
- D4 Medical Examination Report, which a doctor must fill in. Please read the 'Notes to take into consideration' section of this leaflet for information on whether a D4 is required.
- **You are responsible** for any fees that may be charged by the doctor for filling in the D4.
- D2, DIAB1V and the D4 should be sent to the DVLA for assessment before proceeding to the second stage.

Second Stage – Specialist Medical Questionnaire

- DIAB2V or DIAB2VC medical questionnaire.
- This form will be sent to either your own GP or your Diabetes Consultant (whoever you have seen more recently).
- **The DVLA will pay** for any fee charged for this questionnaire.

Third Stage – Specialist Medical Questionnaire and examination by a Consultant specialising in Diabetes

- DIABEXAMV report.
- This form will be filled in by a hospital consultant specialising in the treatment of diabetes who will be required to see and assess you.
- At the examination, the Consultant will need to see 3 months of blood sugar/glucose readings available on a blood sugar/glucose meter with memory function.
- **The DVLA will pay** the fee for this examination.

Qualifying conditions you must meet

- You have had no hypoglycaemic event requiring the help of another person in the last 12 months.
- You must have full awareness of the symptoms of hypoglycaemia.
- You must be able to show an understanding of the risks of hypoglycaemia.
- You must regularly check your blood sugar/glucose levels at least twice daily and at times relevant to driving. This must be done using a blood sugar/glucose meter with a memory function to measure and record blood glucose levels.
- You must keep a fast acting carbohydrate in your vehicle at all times when driving.
- You will be required to attend an examination every 12 months with a consultant specialising in the treatment of diabetes. You must have at least 3 months of blood sugar/glucose readings available on the memory of your blood sugar/glucose meter for the consultant to inspect.
- You must have no other medical condition which would make you a danger when driving using any vocational entitlement.
- You will be required to sign an agreement to comply with the directions of doctors treating your diabetes and immediately report any significant change to your condition to the DVLA.

Notes to take into consideration

- A D4 will not be needed if you have filled in and sent one previously and you are still under the age of 45. A D4 will be required at the age of 45 and every 5 years from then on until the age of 65 when a D4 will be required every 12 months.
- Do not send in an application if you cannot meet any of the qualifying conditions or if you have any of the other conditions listed at Section 4 of the INF4D information leaflet. These conditions would prevent you from holding a vocational licence category. The INF4D is available from local offices or DVLA Swansea or can also be downloaded from www.direct.gov.uk/motoringleaflets
- If your DIABEXAMV report meets the medical standards required, your ordinary driving licence (category B) will be re-issued and restricted to an annual (1 year) duration in line with the relevant Group 2 entitlements, unless you passed your ordinary driving test after 01/01/1997.

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