



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4501:1-1-34 Certified driving training and evaluation programs.

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(A) No program shall be certified as a certified driving training and evaluation program as defined in paragraph (A)(2) of rule 4501:1-1-33 of the Administrative Code until the registrar of motor vehicles and the director of public safety, after consultation with the driver training and evaluation advisory committee, determine that the program meets all the requirements of this rule and issue a certificate signed by the registrar and director to that effect. The certificate shall be valid for a period of two years as specified by the registrar and director. The certificate may be canceled at any time if the registrar and director find that the program no longer meets all the requirements of this rule or for any reason found by the registrar and director to constitute good cause for cancellation. The registrar and director shall send written notice of the cancellation to the program and shall give a specific reason for the cancellation. The driver training and evaluation advisory committee shall consist of four or more persons, who serve at the pleasure of the director and registrar, each of its members shall have past or present experience in a certified driving training and evaluation program and have expertise in one of the following areas: initial vision evaluation, bioptic device fitting and evaluation, mobility training with a bioptic device, and driver's training with a bioptic device. Each area of expertise shall be represented by its own expert. The committee chooses its own chairman or chairwoman and shall meet at least once each calendar year or at the call of the chairman or chairwoman or registrar or director. The members of the committee shall serve without compensation and shall bear their own expenses. The committee shall evaluate new programs as well as consider the recertification of existing programs in accordance with paragraph (A) of this rule.

(B) Any program seeking to apply for certification as a certified driving training and evaluation program shall submit a comprehensive written plan which specifies and demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the registrar and director, the program's ability to administer a comprehensive evaluation, assessment, and training program in accordance with the requirements of this rule. The registrar and director may specify any other information which may be required to obtain certification. Each driver training and evaluation program shall consist of at least four sections: initial vision evaluation, bioptic device fitting and evaluation, mobility training with a bioptic



device, and driver's training with a bioptic device. Standards for each of these sections shall be set by the registrar and director after consultation with the driver training and evaluation advisory committee and shall include requirements for facility and test equipment, qualification of staff, and testing procedures. Standards for each driver training and evaluation program, as a whole, shall be set by the registrar and director after consultation with the driver training and advisory committee and shall include requirements for maximum distance between each of the program sections and sites where services are provided as well as the method of communication between each program section.

(C) A certified driving training and evaluation program shall be capable of providing or coordinating testing and evaluation in the following areas: vision and vision correction, hearing, and orientation and mobility; and shall be capable of providing or coordinating all phases of driver evaluation and training, all in accordance with standards prescribed by the registrar and the director.

(D) The certified driving training and evaluation program shall make a determination of whether or not a person referred to it is an appropriate candidate for examination for a driver's license in accordance with rule 4501:1-1-33 of the Administrative Code. At any time a certified driving training and evaluation program determines that a person is not an appropriate candidate for examination, or that a person cannot successfully complete the program requirements, the program shall so notify the person in writing. If a person successfully completes all requirements and the certified driving training and evaluation program determines that the person is qualified, the program shall issue a certificate of successful completion and recommendation for a comprehensive driver examination in accordance with paragraph (E) of rule 4501:1-1-33 of the Administrative Code.