Rule 375-3-1-.06 EyeVision Examination

(1) An eyesight examination is an essential part of every application for any class of license or instruction permit. An applicant must meet the minimum standards established by Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. Rule 375-3-5-.08.

(2) In lieu of a Departmental eyesight examination the applicant may obtain a statement made by a physician or osteopath licensed under Ga. Code Ann. Chapter 43-34 or other person licensed under Ga. Code Ann. Chapter 43-30 (Optometrists), within 12 months immediately preceding the application for the license. Submit proof that they have undergone a vision examination, within twenty-four (24) months immediately preceding the application for the license, that demonstrates that they have met the minimum vision standards established by Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 375-3-5-.08. Such examination must have been conducted by a duly licensed physician, optometrist, or ophthalmologist.

(3) Persons under age sixty-four (64) authorized by the Department to renew a driver's license by means other than by personal appearance are exempt from this requirement unless their vision has changed. In such case, they would have to comply with paragraph (2) or visit in person.


SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The purpose of this amendment is to update the length of time an applicant can have undergone a vision examination in lieu of completing the Department's vision exam.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULE

The proposed amendment changes the examination period from 12 months preceding the application for the license to 24 months. The physician, optometrist, or ophthalmologist does not have to be licensed in Georgia, which allows for applicants who are using the mail-in renewal option to complete their vision exam in another state. All applicants regardless of their age must complete a vision exam if their vision has changed.