

8-247. Expiration of licenses; annual renewal for registered offenders; notice; renewal of license; reexamination; additional examinations; seizure disorders; extension of license when out-of-state; anatomical gift; state organ and tissue registry; report to legislature. (a) (1) All original licenses shall expire as follows:

(A) Licenses issued to persons who are at least 21 years of age, but less than 65 years of age shall expire on the sixth anniversary of the date of birth of the licensee which is nearest the date of application;

(B) licenses issued to persons who are 65 years of age or older shall expire on the fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the licensee which is nearest the date of application;

(C) any commercial drivers license shall expire on the fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the licensee which is nearest the date of application;

(D) licenses issued to an offender, as defined in K.S.A. 22-4902, and amendments thereto, who is required to register pursuant to the Kansas offender registration act, K.S.A. 22-4901 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall expire every year on the date of birth of the licensee; or

(E) licenses issued to persons who are less than 21 years of age shall expire on the licensee's twenty-first birthday.

(2) All renewals under: (A) Paragraph (1) (A) shall expire on every sixth anniversary of the date of birth of the licensee; (B) paragraph (1) (B) and (C) shall expire on every fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the licensee; (C) paragraph (1)(D) shall expire every year on the date of birth of the licensee; and (D) paragraph (1) (E), if a renewal license is issued, shall expire on the licensee's twenty-first birthday. No driver's license shall expire in the same calendar year in which the original license or renewal license is issued, except that if the foregoing provisions of this section shall require the issuance of a renewal license or an original license for a period of less than six calendar months, the license issued to the applicant shall expire in accordance with the provisions of this subsection.

(b) If the driver's license of any person expires while such person is outside of the state of Kansas and such person is on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, or is the spouse or a person who is residing with and is a dependent of such person on active duty, the license of such person shall be renewable, without examination, at any time prior to the end of the sixth month following the discharge of such person from the armed forces, or within 90 days after residence within the state is reestablished, whichever time is sooner. If the driver's license of any person under this subsection expires while such person is outside the United States, the division shall provide for renewal by mail, as long as the division has a photograph or digital image of such person maintained in the division's records. A driver's license renewed under the provisions of this subsection shall be renewed by mail only once.

(c) At least 30 days prior to the expiration of a person's license the division shall mail a notice of expiration or renewal application to such person at the address shown on the license. The division shall include with such notice a written explanation of substantial changes to traffic regulations enacted by the legislature.

(d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), every driver's license shall be renewable on or before its expiration upon application and payment of the required fee and successful completion of the examinations required by subsection (e). Application for renewal of a valid driver's license shall be made to the division in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue. Such application shall contain all the requirements of subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-240, and amendments thereto. Upon satisfying the foregoing requirements of this subsection, and if the division makes the findings required by K.S.A. 8-235b, and amendments thereto, for the issuance of an original license, the license shall be renewed without examination of the applicant's driving ability. If the division finds that any of the statements relating to revocation, suspension or refusal of licenses required under subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-240, and amendments thereto, are in the affirmative, or if it finds that the license held by the applicant is not a valid one, or if the applicant has failed to make application for renewal of such person's license on or before the expiration date thereof, the division may require the applicant to take an examination of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle as provided in K.S.A. 8-235d, and amendments thereto.

(2) Any licensee, whose driver's license expires on their twenty-first birthday, shall have 45 days from the date of expiration of such license to make application to renew such licensee's license. Such license shall continue to be valid for such 45 days or until such license is renewed, whichever occurs sooner. A licensee who renews under the provisions of this paragraph shall not be required by the division to take an examination of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle as provided in K.S.A. 8-235d, and amendments thereto.

(e) (1) Prior to renewal of a driver's license, the applicant shall pass an examination of eyesight. Such examination shall be equivalent to the test required for an original driver's license under K.S.A. 8-235d, and amendments thereto. A driver's license examiner shall administer the examination without charge and shall report the results of the examination on a form provided by the division.

(2) In lieu of the examination of the applicant's eyesight by the examiner, the applicant may submit a report on the examination of eyesight by a physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery or by a licensed optometrist. The report shall be based on an examination of the applicant's eyesight not more than three months prior to the date the report is submitted, and it shall be made on a form furnished by the division to the applicant.

(3) The division shall determine whether the results of the eyesight examination or report is sufficient for renewal of the license and, if the results of the eyesight examination or report is insufficient, the division shall notify the applicant of such fact and return the license fee. In determining the sufficiency of an applicant's eyesight, the division may request an advisory opinion of the medical advisory board, which is hereby authorized to render such opinions.

(4) An applicant who is denied a license under this subsection (e) may reapply for renewal of such person's driver's license, except that if such application is not made within 90 days of the date the division sent notice to the applicant that the license would not be renewed, the applicant shall proceed as if applying for an original driver's license.

(5) When the division has good cause to believe that an applicant for renewal of a driver's license is incompetent or otherwise not qualified to operate a motor vehicle in accord with the public safety and welfare, the division may require such applicant to submit to such additional examinations as are necessary to determine that the applicant is qualified to receive the license applied for. Subject to paragraph (6) of this subsection, in so evaluating such qualifications, the division may request an advisory opinion of the medical advisory board which is hereby authorized to render such opinions in addition to its duties prescribed by subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-255b, and amendments thereto. Any such applicant who is denied the renewal of such a driver's license because of a mental or physical disability shall be afforded a hearing in the manner prescribed by subsection (c) of K.S.A. 8-255, and amendments thereto.

(6) Seizure disorders which are controlled shall not be considered a disability. In cases where such seizure disorders are not controlled, the director or the medical advisory board may recommend that such person be issued a driver's license to drive class C or M vehicles and restricted to operating such vehicles as the division determines to be appropriate to assure the safe operation of a motor vehicle by the licensee. Restricted licenses issued pursuant to this paragraph shall be subject to suspension or revocation. For the purpose of this paragraph, seizure disorders which are controlled means that the licensee has not sustained a seizure involving a loss of consciousness in the waking state within six months preceding the application or renewal of a driver's license and whenever a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery makes a written report to the division stating that the licensee's seizures are controlled. The report shall be based on an examination of the applicant's medical condition not more than three months prior to the date the report is submitted. Such report shall be made on a form furnished to the applicant by the division. Any physician who makes such report shall not be liable for any damages which may be attributable to the issuance or renewal of a driver's license and subsequent operation of a motor vehicle by the licensee.

(f) If the driver's license of any person expires while such person is outside the state of Kansas, the license of such person shall be extended for a period not to exceed six months and shall be renewable, without a driving examination, at any time prior to the end of the sixth month following the original expiration date of such license or within 10 days after such person returns to the state, whichever time is sooner. This subsection (f) shall not apply to temporary drivers' licenses issued pursuant to subsection (b)(3) of K.S.A. 8-240, and amendments thereto.

(g) The division shall reference the website of the agency in a person's notice of expiration or renewal under subsection (c). The division shall provide the following information on the website of the agency:

(1) Information explaining the person's right to make an anatomical gift in accordance with K.S.A. 8-243, and amendments thereto, and the revised uniform anatomical gift act, K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 65-3220 through 65-3244, and amendments thereto;

(2) information describing the organ donation registry program maintained by the Kansas federally designated organ procurement organization. The information required under this paragraph shall include, in a type, size and format that is conspicuous in relation to the surrounding material, the address and telephone number of Kansas' federally designated organ procurement organization, along with an advisory to call such designated organ procurement organization with questions about the organ donor registry program;

(3) information giving the applicant the opportunity to be placed on the organ donation registry described in paragraph (2);

(4) inform the applicant that, if the applicant indicates under this subsection a willingness to have such applicant's name placed on the organ donor registry described in paragraph (2), the division will forward the applicant's name, gender, date of birth and most recent address to the organ donation registry maintained by the Kansas federally designated organ procurement organization, as required by paragraph (6);

(5) the division may fulfill the requirements of paragraph (4) by one or more of the following methods:

(A) Providing such information on the website of the agency; or

(B) providing printed material to an applicant who personally appears at an examining station;

(6) if an applicant indicates a willingness under this subsection to have such applicant's name placed on the organ donor registry, the division shall within 10 days forward the applicant's name, gender, date of birth and most recent address to the organ donor registry maintained by the Kansas federally designated organ procurement organization. The division may forward information under this subsection by mail or by electronic means. The division shall not maintain a record of the name or address of an individual who indicates a willingness to have such person's name placed on the organ donor registry after forwarding that information to the organ donor registry under this subsection. Information about an applicant's indication of a willingness to have such applicant's name placed on the organ donor registry that is obtained by the division and forwarded under this paragraph shall be confidential and not disclosed.

(h) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, any offender under subsection (a)(1)(D) who held a valid driver's license on the effective date of this act may continue to operate motor vehicles until the next anniversary of the date of birth of such offender. Upon such date such driver's license shall expire and the offender shall be subject to the provisions of this section.

(i) The director of the division of vehicles shall submit a report to the legislature at the beginning of the regular session in 2012 regarding the impact of not requiring a written test for the renewal of a driver's license, including any cost savings to the division.

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