

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

### **Medical Concerns – Special Exam**

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on Medical Concerns – Special Exam s.343, a proposed guidance document.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website:

<https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DMV147>

2. Mailing written comments to:

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Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
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### **WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at [wisconsindot.gov](http://wisconsindot.gov) to allow for ongoing comment.

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# Special exams

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Special exams are required when the DMV needs to determine whether a driver can adequately compensate for a [medical condition](#), [disability](#) or other functional impairment. The decision to require special exams testing can be made by an examiner at a DMV customer service center or by the DMV's Medical Review & Fitness unit.

## What are the three parts of the special exam?

A special exam consists of a knowledge, signs and skills test (also called a "road test").

- The knowledge and signs tests for a "special exam" are identical to tests given to a driver who

is getting a license for the first time. The purpose of giving you knowledge and signs tests is to see if you have an adequate understanding of the rules of the road as explained in the

□ [Wisconsin Motorists' Handbook](#).

- The skills test (also called a "road test") is considered special because extra time is allotted for the appointment (up to an hour) so that the examiner has ample time to observe the driving skills and/or use of any adaptive equipment installed in your vehicle in order to help you operate your motor vehicle safely. The [skills involved in driving](#) are the same for all drivers, whether you are getting your license for the first time or testing at some other point in your life.

#### Notes:

- There are situations where the knowledge and signs tests can be waived. This will be determined by the Medical Review & Fitness unit and/or the DMV examiner.
- If a doctor recommends testing you within a certain distance of your home (or if you are doing your skills test and only want to drive within a certain distance of your home), the DMV will perform a "limited area" test. If the DMV customer service center nearest you is farther than the mileage of the "limited area," the DMV examiner may be assigned to come to your home to conduct the test. If you pass the testing under this circumstance, your license will be issued to show that you are restricted to driving within a set distance of your home

### What testing is required if you have multiple classes or endorsements?

- If you have a class D license (non-commercial/car) only, you will test in your class D vehicle.
- If you have a class D and a class M (motorcycle) licenses, you will need to test in both vehicles if you intend to keep both classes.
- If you have a class A, B or C (commercial driver license) or an S or P endorsement (school or passenger bus) along with a class D and a class M, you will need to test in the highest class or endorsement that you wish to keep and the class M.

#### Publications to help you prepare for your tests:

- □ [Wisconsin Motorists' Handbook](#)
- □ [Wisconsin Motorcyclists' Handbook](#)
- □ [Wisconsin Commercial Driver's Manual](#)

### Can you surrender some classes/endorsements or your entire license?

A driver always has the ability to surrender any classes or endorsements they don't want to keep.

- If you want to surrender some of your classes and/or endorsements, you will need to go to a [DMV customer service center](#) to do this.
- If you want to surrender all of your classes and endorsements and you do not want an ID, you can complete the □ [Voluntary Temporary Surrender MV3581](#) form and send it in to the DMV.
- If you want to surrender your entire license and get an ID by mail, follow the instructions on the [Online ID card application page](#).

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