

DVLA Guidance on Medical Standard of Fitness to Drive

Full document is 50+ pages – I've tried to identify the ones where we may be discharging the patient from the department.

Group 1: Cars and motorbikes

Group 2: Large lorries and buses (category C and D on licence)

Police, ambulance, and taxi drivers have further regulations

	Group 1	Group 2
First seizure	Six months off, if risk <20% per year	Five years off, seizure free without meds, risk <2% per year
Seizure – known epilepsy	Off one year	Off ten years – licence granted only if no seizures without medication
Nocturnal seizures	May drive if established pattern and no daytime seizure	
Non-epileptic seizures	Drive once controlled	Drive once controlled
Vasovagal collapse	No restriction	No restriction
Collapse; likely vasovagal but unconfirmed; Normal ECG	No restriction	Off three months
Collapse; likely cardiogenic	Four weeks off if cause treated; six months if none found	Three months off if cause treated, one year if none found
Two or more episodes collapse without prodrome	Twelve months off	Five years off
TIA/CVA	Off one month	Off one year
Angina	Off if pain at rest, driving, or with emotion	Off until symptom free for six weeks and able to manage exercise test
Arrhythmia	If caused/likely to cause incapacity, off until treated four weeks	If caused/likely to cause incapacity, off until treated three months and LVEF>40%
Cough syncope	Off six months (one year if multiple episodes)	Off five years