



Who is affected?

Licensed drivers who encounter a life altering event that requires adaptive equipment to be installed and used in a motor vehicle to assist with safe operation on public roadways.

Why is this required?

When good cause appears, Driver and Vehicle Services may impose restrictions suitable to a licensee's driving ability or other restrictions as may be determined to be appropriate to assure the safe operation of a motor vehicle. (M.S. 171.09)

What is considered adaptive equipment?

Some examples of adaptive equipment include:

- Complete hand controls
- Prosthesis/prothetic aid
- Pedal extensions
- Steering aids such as steering wheel knob, low or zero effort steering, 3-pinned quad steering device, V grip, palm grip, device for use with hooks
- Lever extenders for turn signals, steering wheel, gear shift
- Right hand turn signal
- Left hand gear shift
- Left foot accelerator

What is the process?

- Best practice is to have an assessment completed by state licensed occupational/physical therapy practitioners to determine what adaptive equipment modifications are needed.
- Once the recommended adaptive equipment is determined, it is highly recommended that training is obtained from a licensed or approved driving instructor on how to use the equipment.
- When the equipment is installed in your vehicle, a driving test appointment should be scheduled. Passing a driving test is required to determine that you can safely operate a motor vehicle with the adaptive equipment modifications installed and used during the test. The equipment used during the driving test determines the restrictions that will be added to your driver's license.
- Application for a duplicate license will be required to add the appropriate restrictions.

Questions?

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The above images are two examples of adaptive equipment; hand controls with a steering wheel and left foot accelerator.