

Congenital disorders (Refer to heart failure, atrial fibrillation, paroxysmal arrhythmias, cardiac pacemaker and ICD)

Private Standards

A person on a private vehicle licence may drive without restriction and without reporting to the driver licensing authority if they have uncomplicated congenital heart disease and there are no or minimal symptoms relevant to driving.

A person should not drive for a period of at least 4 weeks after surgery to correct a congenital lesion. The person should not drive for at least 2 weeks following a percutaneous procedure to treat a congenital lesion.

A person is not fit to hold an unconditional licence if the person has a ~~complicated~~ a cyanotic congenital heart disorder.

A person is not fit to hold an unconditional licence if they have ~~moderate or~~ severe symptoms.

A conditional licence may be considered by the driver licensing authority subject to periodic review taking into account the nature of the driving tasks and the information provided by the specialist as to whether the following criteria are met. There are minimal symptoms relevant to driving (chest pain, palpitations, breathlessness)

~~The ejection fraction of the systemic ventricle is greater than 40%.~~

Private standards for atrial fibrillation are met.

Private standards for paroxysmal arrhythmias are met.

Private standards for cardiac pacemaker are met.

Private standards for ICD are met.

Private standards for heart failure are met.

Commercial Standards

A person is not fit to hold an unconditional licence if the person has a complex cyanotic congenital heart disorder.

A person should not drive for at least 3 months following surgical treatment for congenital heart disease. A person should not drive for 4 weeks following a percutaneous intervention for congenital heart disease.

A conditional licence may be considered by the Driver Licensing Authority subject to annual review taking into account the nature of the driving task and the information provided by the treating specialist as to whether the following criteria are met:

- ~~There are no or minor symptoms~~
- ~~There is a minor congenital disorder of no haemodynamic significance such as pulmonary stenosis, atrial septal defect, small ventricular septal defect, bicuspid aortic valve, patent ductus arteriosus or mild coarctation of the aorta.~~
- ~~There has been surgical/percutaneous correction of the congenital lesion including atrial septal defect, ventricular septal defect, patent ductus arteriosus, coarctation, pulmonary stenosis, total correction of tetralogy of fallot or total correction of transposition of the great arteries or palliation with a fontan procedure~~
- There are minimal symptoms relevant to driving: (chest pain, palpitations, breathlessness).
- Criteria for a conditional licence with atrial fibrillation, paroxysmal arrhythmias and cardiac pacemaker are met.

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