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SAFE DRIVING WITH BIOPTICS

Last year a group formed to study evidence & experience elsewhere in the world on the use of BiOptics to facilitate those with low vision to drive **safely**. Simon Phillips one of the founders said today “*there are so many paradoxes and anomalies surrounding this subject in the UK and EU, we felt it helpful to try and make sense of the status quo.*” They have a website where those interested can get and contribute more information: **<http://www.BiOpticDriving.org.uk>**

Experience and evidence in the USA, and elsewhere, confirms that with the right training and visual aids, it is possible for some with low vision to legally and safely drive under certain circumstances. Candidates for driving in these countries are usually those who have a stable visual impairment (one that is unlikely to get worse over time), who have good peripheral vision, and who practice (after special training) good judgment with regard to their limitations.

This is particularly topical given the DVLA is now funding new research on vision and driving, and other British Universities are researching the subject too. For further reading about this subject one might consider "*Driving with confidence*": a practical guide to driving with low vision, by Dr Eli Peli of Harvard Medical School, published by World Scientific Publishing Co. Ltd. 57 Shelton Street, London WC2H 9HE Fax: 0207-836-2020 Tel: 0207-836-0888 email: sales@wspc.co.uk ISBN 981-02-4705-2 *If your vision would allow you to register as blind or partially sighted (roughly anything poorer than 6/60) then the foregoing is unfortunately unlikely to benefit you.*

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