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SAFE DRIVING WITH BIOPTICS

Last year a group formed to study evidence & experience on the use of BiOptics to facilitate those with low vision to drive **safely**. Simon Phillips one of the founders said today “*There are now 31 States that allow BiOptics for driving and this number is increasing. New research is being done both in the US and Canada and if this supports and reinforces earlier studies, eventually all States should see the merits of this case.*” They have a website where those interested can get and contribute more information:

<http://www.BiOpticDriving.org> and to post questions/comments:

<http://www.BiOpticDrivingNetwork.org>

Experience and evidence since the 1950s 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 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 international attention now being given to this subject, in the UK, Canada, and Taiwan. BiOptic Driving Network follows in the footsteps of the American BiOptic Certified Drivers group. 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. Inc. 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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