**IOM LAW RELATING TO EPILEPSY (and for group 2 for “seizures”)**

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**Disabilities relating to medical group 1 only**

(1) Epilepsy is prescribed for the purposes of paragraph 4(3)(b) of Schedule 3 to the Act in relation to an applicant for a licence authorising him to drive motor vehicles of a class comprised **within medical group 1,** being a person suffering from epilepsy who satisfies the conditions prescribed in paragraph (2).

(2) The conditions to which paragraph (1) refers are that –

(a) he has been free from any epileptic attack during the period of one year immediately preceding the date when the licence is to be granted; or

(b) if he has not been free from such an attack within that period, he has had an epileptic attack while asleep more than three years before the date when the licence is to be granted and has had epileptic attacks only while asleep between the date of that attack and the date when the licence is granted,

and that –

(i) he complies as far as practicable with the directions regarding his treatment for epilepsy, including directions as to such regular medical check-ups forming part of that treatment as may from time to time be given him by the registered medical practitioner supervising the treatment,

(ii) if required by the Department, he has provided a declaration signed by him that he will observe the condition in sub-paragraph (i), and

(iii) he satisfies the Department that the driving of a vehicle by him in accordance with the licence is not likely to be a source of danger to the public.

(2) Epilepsy is prescribed for the purposes of paragraph 4(3)(b) of Schedule 3 to the Act in the case of an applicant for a licence authorising him to drive motor vehicles of a class comprised **within medical group 2,** being a person suffering from epilepsy who satisfies the conditions prescribed in paragraph (3).

(3) The conditions to which paragraph (2) refers are that –

(a) he satisfies the Department that during the period of ten years immediately preceding the date when the licence is granted –

(i) he has been free from any epileptic attack, and

(ii) he has not required any medication to treat epilepsy; and

(b) he satisfies the Department that the driving of a vehicle by him in accordance with the licence is not likely to be a source of danger to the public.

**16. Disabilities relating to medical group 2 only**

(1) The following disabilities are prescribed for the purposes of paragraphs 4(1), 5(1) and 5A(1) of Schedule 3 to the Act in relation to an applicant for, or the holder of, a licence authorising him to drive classes of motor vehicles comprised within medical group 2 –

(a) save in the case of an excepted licence holder, abnormality of sight in one or both eyes of such a kind that the person concerned cannot meet the relevant standard of visual acuity;

(b) save in the case of an excepted licence holder, sight in only one eye unless the person concerned –

(i) has visual acuity no worse than 6/9 in his sighted eye,

(ii) while suffering from the disability, has held, at any time in the period of ten years ending on 1st July 2007, a licence authorising him to drive motor vehicles of a class comprised within medical group 2, and

(iii) satisfies the Department, when applying for such a licence, that he has had adequate recent driving experience and has not during the period of ten years immediately before the date of the application been involved in any road accident in which his defective eyesight was a contributory factor;

(c) liability to seizures arising from a cause other than epilepsy.

For all categories

14 (1) (c) Or severe mental disorder – for both groups