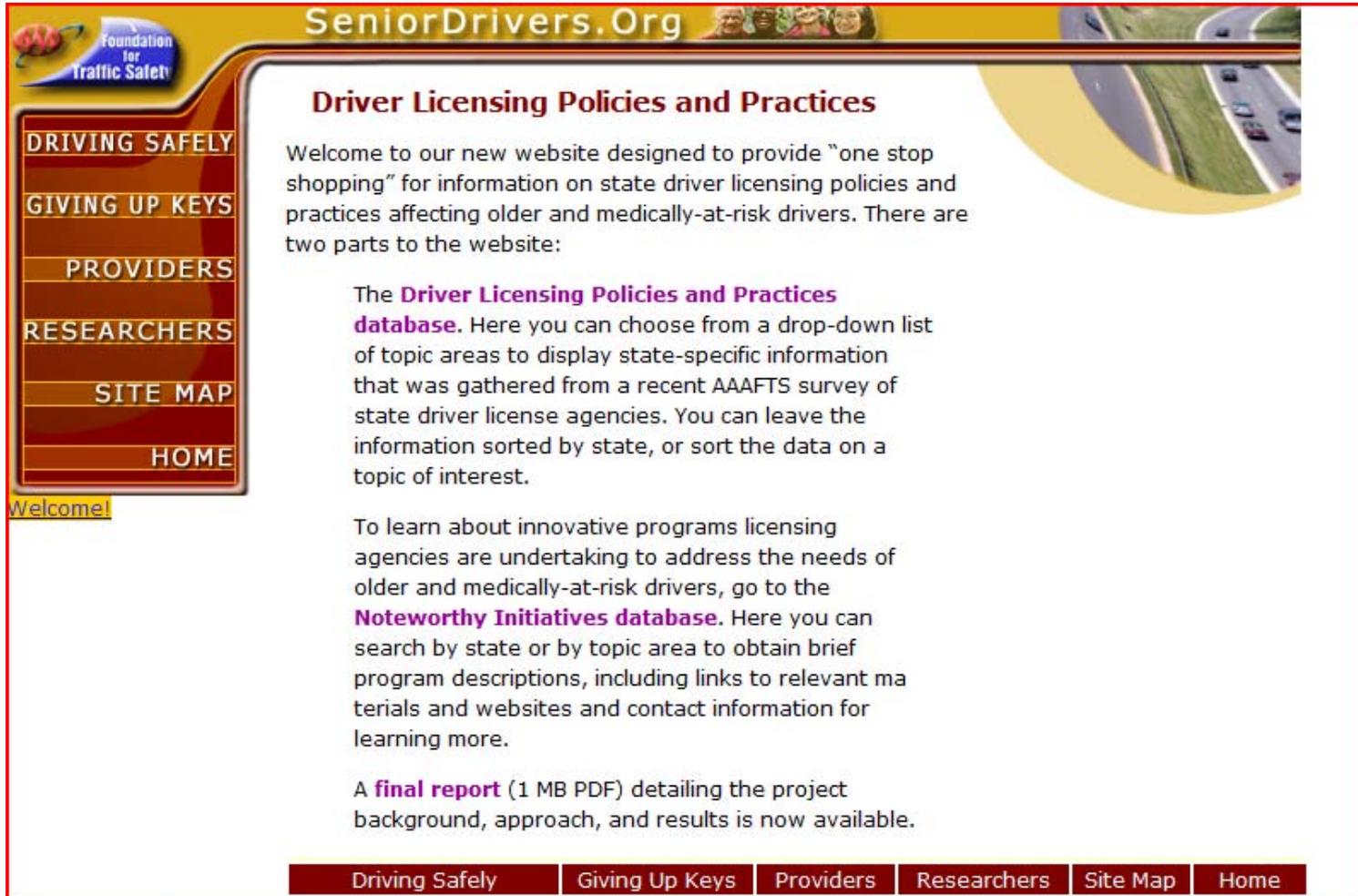


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Welcome to our new website designed to provide "one stop shopping" for information on state driver licensing policies and practices affecting older and medically-at-risk drivers. There are two parts to the website:

The **Driver Licensing Policies and Practices database**. Here you can choose from a drop-down list of topic areas to display state-specific information that was gathered from a recent AAAFTS survey of state driver license agencies. You can leave the information sorted by state, or sort the data on a topic of interest.

To learn about innovative programs licensing agencies are undertaking to address the needs of older and medically-at-risk drivers, go to the **Noteworthy Initiatives database**. Here you can search by state or by topic area to obtain brief program descriptions, including links to relevant materials and websites and contact information for learning more.

A **final report** (1 MB PDF) detailing the project background, approach, and results is now available.

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After searching here, you may also be interested in the complementary [Noteworthy Initiatives database](#).

Table Selection

Please Select a License Policy or Practice

Variable Sorting

To sort on one variable, simply click on the column heading. To sort on two variables at once, select from the following list:

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RED - 1st sort variable **YELLOW** - 2nd sort variable • [Print Version \(new window\)](#)

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Single Column Sorting: A-Z Z-A

State	Visual Acuity Requirements			Bioptic Telescopes		Visual field requirements
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AZ	20/40	20/60		Yes	Yes	70 temporal, 35 nasal monocular
CA	20/40	Better than 20/200		Yes	No	None
CO	20/40	None	No minimum requirement with vision specialist authorization and approval.	Yes	Yes	55 degrees nasal and temporal (binocular)

Iowa Initiative: 3

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Initiative Name:

Tailored Drive Tests

Initiative Type:

Driver licensing & renewal; Restricted licensing

Description:

In Iowa, any driver, regardless of age, may be required to take a driving test in order to renew their license. Driving tests are conducted at most licensing locations.

While being asked to take a drive test can be a stressful experience for anyone, it can be especially stressful for older Iowans who have limited their driving to familiar areas and may not be accustomed to the higher traffic areas where driving tests are normally conducted. In the past, drivers faced with this situation had to attempt, and fail, the drive test three times before they could appeal to a DOT hearing officer for permission to be tested in their own community on roads they would typically drive.

Recently, however, this requirement was changed so that drivers can now make a direct request to the DMV to schedule a local drive test. Iowa license examiners conduct approximately 100 to 150 such examinations each year. Drivers who request (and pass) a local drive test are restricted to driving only on the roadways where they have demonstrated driving competence, and may have other restrictions placed on their license as well. However, the DMV credits the program with enabling almost 9,000 persons in the state to maintain their driver's license and, with it, their independence and mobility.

Responsible**Agency:**

Iowa DOT Office of Driver Services

Partners:

None

Start: 2002

End: None

Contact Info**Name:**

[Kim Snook](#)

Title:

Director of Office of Driver Services

Phone:

(515) 237-3010

Website: No

Materials and References:

None

Evaluation Status:

Potential safety and mobility consequences of Iowa's use of restricted licensing, including area restrictions, are currently being examined under a study being funded by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. The study, which was initiated in 2005, has involved follow up phone interviews with restricted and unrestricted drivers, and some analysis of available crash data.

Keys to Success:

Convincing examiners of the importance of the program and gaining their support, especially given the increased travel and demands on their time.

