

(4) "Licensed physician" means a physician, including a doctor of osteopathy, who is licensed by the State Board of Physicians to practice medicine as described in § 14-101 of the Health Occupations Article.

(5) "Licensed podiatrist" means a podiatrist who is licensed by the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners to practice podiatry as described in § 16-101 of the Health Occupations Article.

(b) (1) The owner of any vehicle described in paragraph (3) of this subsection may apply to the Administration for the assignment to that vehicle of a special disability registration number and special disability registration plates, if a licensed physician, licensed chiropractor, licensed optometrist, or licensed podiatrist certifies, in accordance with paragraph (2) of this subsection, that the applicant[, a dependent of the applicant, or any individual who depends on the applicant for transportation ]:

(i) Has lung disease to such an extent that forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one second when measured by spirometry is less than one liter, or arterial oxygen tension (PO<sub>2</sub>) is less than 60 mm/hg on room air at rest;

(ii) Has cardiovascular disease limitations classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to standards accepted by the American Heart Association;

(iii) Is unable to walk 200 feet without stopping to rest;

(iv) Is unable to walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, or other assistive device;

(v) Requires a wheelchair for mobility;

(vi) Has lost a foot, leg, hand, or arm;

(vii) Has lost the use of a foot, leg, hand, or arm;

(viii) Has a permanent impairment of both eyes so that:

1. The central visual acuity is 20/200 or less in the better eye, with corrective glasses; or

2. There is a field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees in the better eye; or

(ix) Has a permanent disability THAT ADVERSELY IMPACTS THE AMBULATORY ABILITY OF THE APPLICANT AND which is so severe that the person would endure a hardship or be subject to a risk of injury if the privileges accorded a person for whom a vehicle is specially registered under this section were denied.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the qualifying disabilities specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be certified as follows:

(i) A licensed physician may certify conditions specified in paragraph (1)(i) through (ix) of this subsection;