



# The American Driving Society, Inc.

## **ADS Dispensation Certificates**

Excerpted from the ADS Policies and Procedures document

### **Policy:**

The ADS believes that the sport of carriage driving and all activities of the ADS related to carriage driving events or carriage driving educational activities should be open to all members of the ADS and that dispensations and allowances should be made for drivers with medical necessity.

Further, the ADS believes the burden of documenting, describing and recording such dispensations and allowances should be minimized as much as practical. Existing documentation requirements may be modified under certain circumstances with approval by the ADS.

Accordingly, any ADS member requesting a dispensation or allowances (either temporary or permanent) and upon confidentially providing documentation of the cause and nature of such dispensation or allowances will be provided with a certificate listing all requested and approved dispensations and allowances. Such certificates will be honored at all ADS events. Certificates issued by the USEF or the FEI under their programs will also be honored at ADS Recognized Events.

### **Procedures:**

The driver will submit the Dispensation Certificate Application to the ADS. Drivers requesting Certificates must be ADS members in good standing.

The application and supporting documentation will state if the circumstances leading to the application are permanent or temporary in nature. In the event that they are temporary, the anticipated expiration date of the dispensation will be noted on the Certificate issued by the ADS.

The driver will accompany the application with medical certification in the form of a doctor's letter on his/her letterhead describing the driver's disability as well as the compensating dispensations and allowances requested. The application will list the compensating aids, dispensations, and allowances requested on the application.

In the alternative, the driver may submit their USEF or FEI dispensation certificate as supporting documentation. State issued disability permit or placard may be used as supporting documentation only for motorized vehicle allowance (course walking) dispensations. It should



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be noted that despite the nature of the cause for the requested dispensations and allowances, if the materials submitted show an expiration date, this date shall be used on the Certificate issued. Accordingly, anyone applying for a permanent Certificate must provide documentation in support of their request.

The application and supporting documentation will be sent to the ADS Executive Director who will issue a certificate listing the compensating dispensations and allowances including aids, adaptive equipment, variances in dress or other allowances requested.

The driver will include a copy of their ADS certificate with their entries to ADS events.

The ADS will keep a confidential copy of the documentation on file and, where appropriate, issue an identifier/placard for those using motor vehicles while inspecting the course(s) (in order to allow the ready identification of permitted vehicles.)

The driver will include a copy of their certificate with their entries to ADS Recognized Events.

The Organizer will include a copy of the certificate(s) for each driver in each Official's packet.

The ADS reserves the right to revoke Dispensation Certificates for reasons including but not limited to the following:

- Expiration of temporary certificates,
- Lapse of ADS membership exceeding 60 days,
- False information supplied on the original application, or Resolution of the applicant's disability status.

Junior Drivers must renew their Certificate under their own signature after their 18th birthday.