

Emergency Department

Fitness to Drive in Common Medical Presentations

Many conditions seen in the emergency department are associated with driving restrictions. It is standard practice to ask all patients about their driving status.

Doctors have a duty to advise patients on the impact that their medical condition has on their ability to drive safely. They must also inform patients of the legal requirement to notify the DVLA where necessary. Doctors must notify the DVLA if the patient cannot or will not do this themselves.

The advice below pertains to the DVLA's medical restrictions on driving, for conditions with which patients may be discharged home from the emergency department. For information on psychiatric conditions, please refer to [Chapter 4 of the DVLA's guidance document](#).





Medical standards for driver licensing may vary depending on the license group:

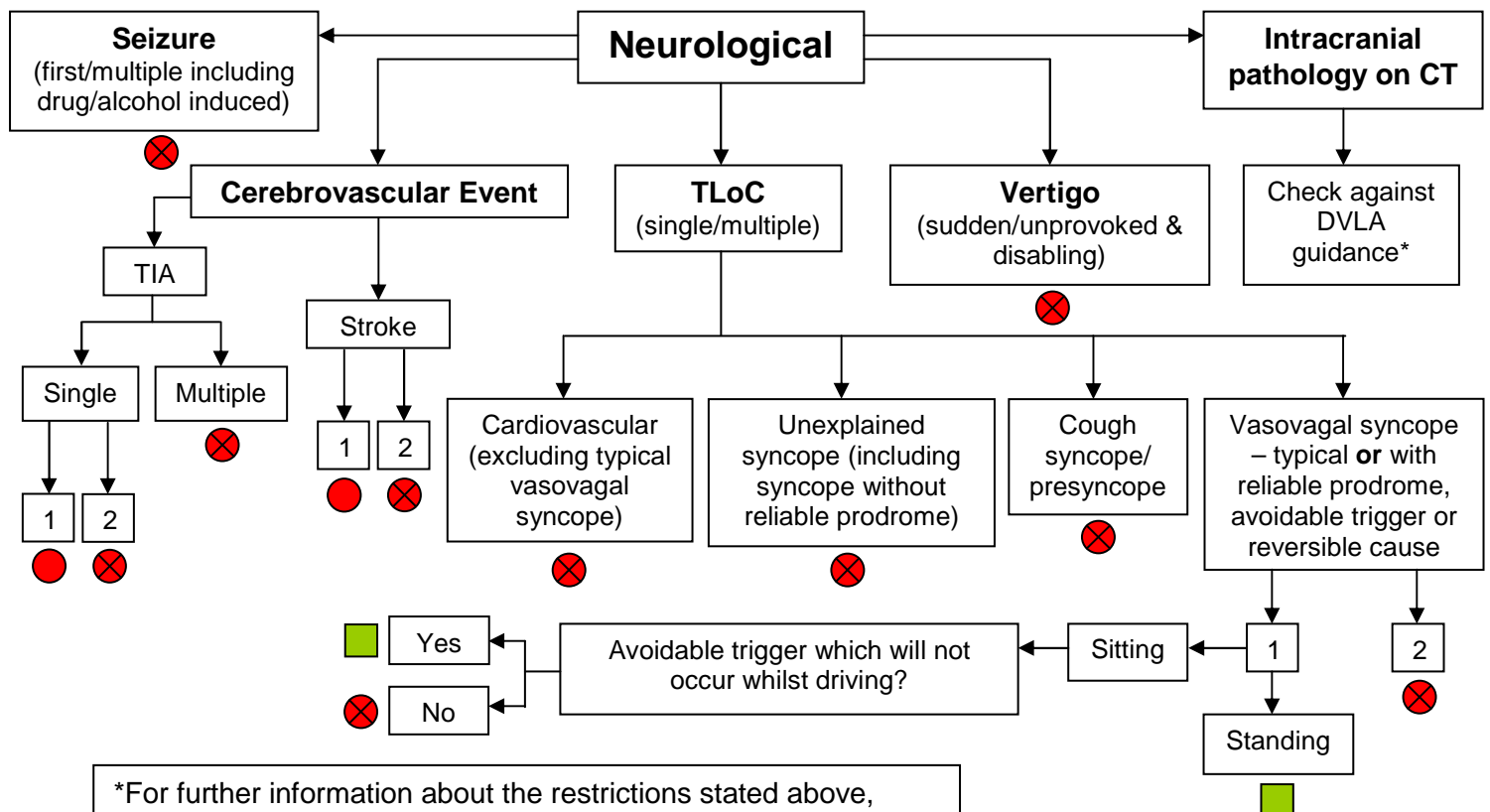
- 1 Cars and motorcycles
- 2 Lorries and buses

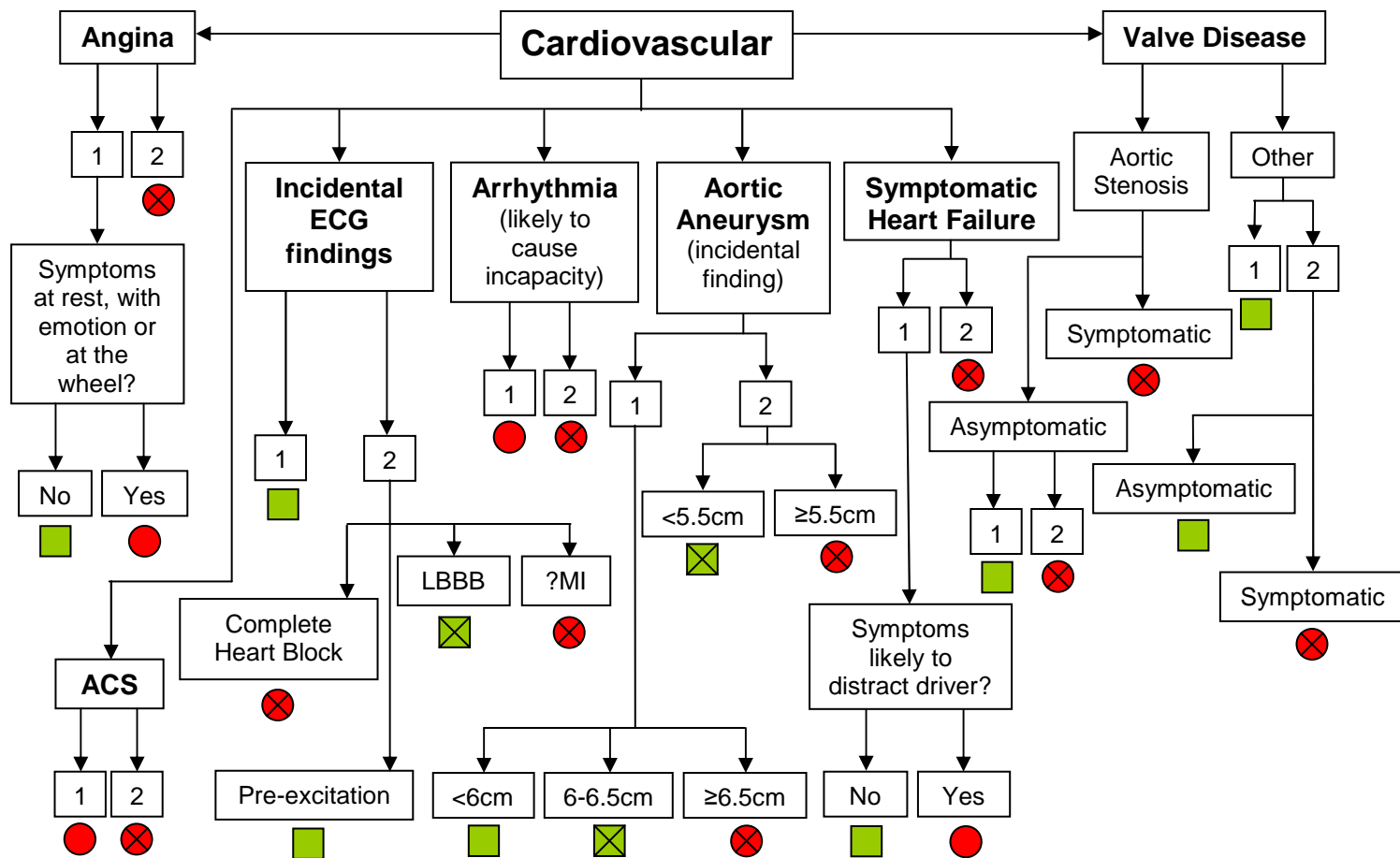
Drivers who obtained a Group 1 license before 01/01/1997 maintain an automatic entitlement to drive medium-sized lorries and minibuses.

*Note: If driving is to be restricted, general advice would be not to drive until further investigations/seen by a specialist.

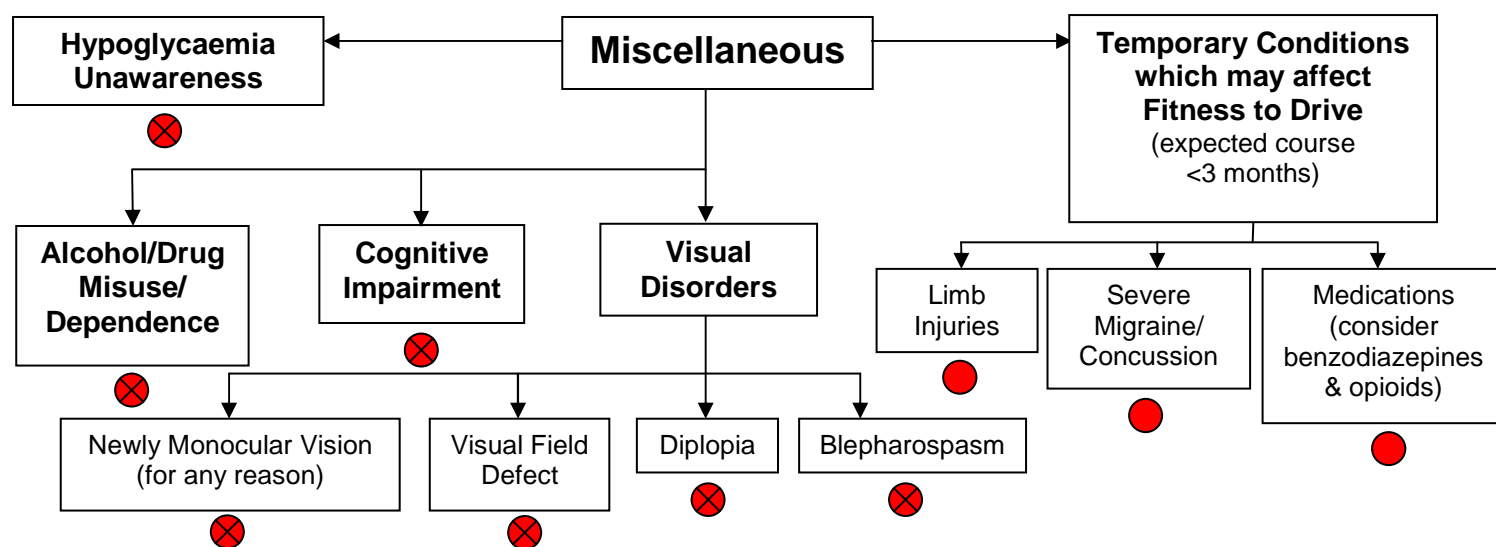
Key

-  May drive and need not notify the DVLA
-  May drive but must notify the DVLA
-  Must not drive but need not currently inform the DVLA
-  Must not drive and must inform the DVLA





For further information about the restrictions stated above, please refer to [Chapter 2 of the DVLA's guidance document](#).



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