

Window Tinting

Vehicles with applications of after-factory window tinting must be checked, at an additional charge of \$10 during a North Carolina safety inspection to ensure they meet specifications set by North Carolina in General Statute 20-127.

- Tinted windows cannot measure darker than 32 percent with a North Carolina-approved window tint meter.
- The tint on a windshield cannot extend more than 5 inches below the top of the windshield or below the AS1 line of the windshield, whichever is longer.

Restrictions & Exceptions

Requirements do not apply to other windows on:

- Excursion passenger vehicles, as defined in [G.S. 20-4.01 \(27\)a](#)
- Motor homes, as defined in [G.S. 20-4.01 \(27\)d2](#)
- Ambulances, as defined in [G.S. 20-4.01 \(27\)f](#)
- Property-hauling vehicles (rear window only), as defined in [G.S. 20-4.01 \(31\)](#)
- Limousines
- Law enforcement vehicles
- Multipurpose vehicles (e.g., mini-van, pickup truck, SUV) designed to carry 10 or less passengers – where the window is behind the driver and is built on a truck chassis or has special features designed for occasional off-road operation
- Vehicles with a medical exception issued by the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles.

Medical Exceptions

Individuals with a photosensitivity to light who need darker window tints can apply for a medical exception permit with the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles' Medical Review Program.

- Permits are valid for up to five years.
- An individual may have no more than two medical permits at the same time.
- Permits are not interchangeable and must be carried in the vehicle to which it applies.
- A medical exception sticker must be displayed in the lower left-hand corner of the rear window. Failure to properly display the sticker is punishable by a \$200 fine.