

UNEXPLAINED ALTERATION / LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS PREAMBLE

The Functional Ability Profile (FAP) for alteration/loss of consciousness shall pertain to drivers who have an **unexplained** alteration in their thought process that would preclude safe operation of a motor vehicle. This is a relatively common occurrence. Through medical investigation the cause may be identified or **explained** and the person should then be categorized under the appropriate FAP. Medical work up should evaluate possible cardiac and/or neurologic causes. An explained alteration of consciousness (AOC) with low to no likelihood of recurrence is not generally subject to the FAP rules. Examples of this include concussion with recovery, adverse drug reaction, or medical illness with recovery such as pneumonia, sepsis, singular cough syncope, or anaphylactic reactions. *Vasovagal syncope is excluded from this FAP unless episodes have occurred while driving. Driving may resume after receiving treatment and being symptom free 3 months (Please refer to Cardiovascular Conditions FAP).*

FUNCTIONAL ABILITY PROFILE
Unexplained Alteration of Consciousness (AOC)¹

Profile Levels	Degree of Impairment/ Potential for At Risk Driving	Condition Definition / Example	Interval for Review and Other Actions
1.	No diagnosed condition	No known disorder	N/A
2.	Condition fully recovered	History of unexplained AOC but none in 4 years.	N/A
3.	Active impairment (Profile levels are intended to describe potential for at risk driving; they are NOT consistent with clinical definitions for mild, moderate or severe.)	Refer to Preamble for description.	
	a. Mild risk	History of unexplained AOC greater than 1 year ago.	2 years
	b. Moderate risk	History of any unexplained AOC within 6 months – 1 year ago.	1 year
	c. Severe risk	Any unexplained AOC within the past 6 months.	No driving

¹ For further discussion regarding UNEXPLAINED ALTERATION OF CONSCIOUSNESS, please refer to Preamble at the beginning of this section.