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This brochure provides an overview to help with the journey requiring an Occupational Therapy Driver Assessment. We know driving a car is important to health, independence and social inclusion. Call admin if you have any questions or need assistance.

[NDIS, TAC, Vic Roads, Transport Vic Medical Review Private and Worksafe provider:](#)

Occupational Therapy Driving Assessors ODTA at idrivesafety offer a distinct advantage, they are not only leaders in their field, highly qualified and caring, but are fully supported by Australia's highest qualified & most effective driving coaches, with a Fleet of 5 Star fully modified cars, fitted with dual controls and all the latest driving aids: ***Left Foot accelerator, Various RB Remote Spinner Knobs, Fadiel Hand Controls, Easy Drive, Monarch hand controls, Satellite accelerator, Pedal Extensions, Lodgesons lollypop spinner knob.*** *Producing Australia's most successful client outcomes.*

Sometimes impairments associated with medical conditions, injuries and disabilities can influence how well you drive, you may not notice you are impaired. The Medical Review team (VicRoads/Transport Vic) may at any time ask you to have an occupational therapy driver assessment to show that you can still drive at the standard. Even if you're a very experienced driver you may be asked to demonstrate you still meet the standard.

An assessment may be necessary because:

- you have a [medical condition](#)(s) or a new disability and would like to know if you're able to obtain, retain or regain a driver Licence.
- Physical injury or disability requiring the use of modifications; Hand controls, FSK 2005, Satellite accelerator, easy drive, spinner knobs, RB system remote controls, Lodgesons lollypop spinner
- Neurodiverse, Autism, Aspergers, Stroke, Anxiety, Dementia, learning difficulties, Dyslexic, ABI, Head injury, psychiatric condition or medications impacting or affecting your ability to drive safely.
- Your physical skills or cognitive abilities, such as your memory or speed of thinking, may have changed recently or over time since you first obtained your Licence.

We are required by law to assess your fitness to drive using the [assessing fitness to drive guidelines](#).

The role of occupational therapists

Occupational therapists Driving Assessor (OTDA) are health professionals with additional qualifications that allow them to help their clients either obtain, retain or regain their licence.

They are independent & not paid by or work for Medical Review, Transport Vic or the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) and are registered with the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](#) - also known as Ahpra.

Arranging an assessment

Idrivesafety management in consultation with our Registered Occupational Therapists will help you manage and arrange the assessment process in **3 parts**, including all training & vehicle modifications if required.

Call. 1800 956 999 or email driveot@idrivesafety.com.au **part 1** on next page



Part 1: Medical assessment

Visit your doctor, have the form completed (links below). Ask your doctor to send you and admin@idrivesafety.com.au a copy of the medical assessment, this step must be completed before **part 2** can be conducted. Please talk to admin before attending the doctor.

https://idrivesafety.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Medical_report-1.pdf (fillable pdf)
<https://medicalreport.transport.vic.gov.au> (direct link for doctor to complete form online)

Part 2: Off-road assessment

The OT will ask you about your driving and medical history, test your understanding of road law, and assess your physical, visual, sensory and thinking abilities. This assessment evaluates your functional limitations, your understanding of safe driving, the need for vehicle modifications or licence conditions, and determines the requirements for your on-road test, **part 3**.

You must take with you to the Off-road assessment.

- Your driver Licence or learner permit.
- Your corrective lenses and/or hearing aids if you wear them for reading or driving.
- Please tell your occupational Therapist if you use or require any Vehicle modifications, E.g. hand controls, spinner knobs, left foot accelerator, vehicle access aids E.g. slider board.
- A list of all the medicines you take and the actual medications.

Part 3: On-road assessment or Test

The Assessment or test will occur in a dual controlled car with a specialised driving trainer and the occupational therapist, after approval is received from Medical Review.

The processes of driving assessments & tests vary based on the requirements.

- **Assessments:** An ability to demonstrate you can physically and cognitively manage a vehicle on a road system at a required standard. Initial assessments are completely different than a driving licence test or 2nd assessment following initial training. Physical limitations, judgement and ability to adjust to traffic situations, reacting appropriately to traffic, abiding with road laws and cognitive loading.
- **Driving tests;** A standardised test criteria is assessed on a Transport Vic prescribed test route, that measures performance-based outcome standards at each road user interaction, a standard must be achieved to successfully pass the licence test. Licence variations will be tested on tailored standardised test routes available across Victoria.

A written report outlining your driving assessment results and recommendations will be sent to Vic Roads/Transport Vic medical review. Medical review will then advise you formally of the outcome via email and or a written letter in post. You can seek further information www.vicroads.vic.gov.au.

If you disagree with the assessment and or test outcome you may request an independent assessment by another registered occupational therapy driver assessor. You can write to DTP and ask for an internal review of any decision. An independent person will review the decision and reply to you within 28 days. You also have the right to appeal to the Magistrates' Court if DTP has made a discretionary decision to cancel, suspend or vary your driver licence or learner permit.