

COMMUNITY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Incorporating Peninsula and Northern Occupational Therapy

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Driver Assessment and Rehabilitation

A person's ability to drive safely may be influenced by many factors. Specially trained Occupational Therapists can assist people who want to return to safe driving following an illness or injury.

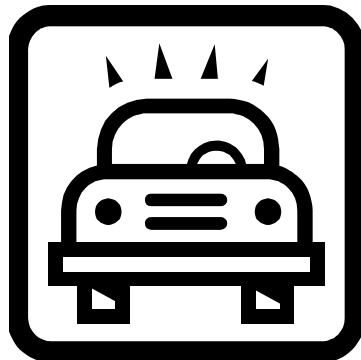
It is a two-step process that involves an off road assessment and an on road assessment occurring on two separate days.

It is advised that you read VicRoads *Guide to Occupational Therapy Driver Assessment* pamphlet to help you understand the process in more detail prior to the assessment.

1. Off Road Assessment

Can take 1.5 hours and consists of:

- An interview to collect information regarding your medical and driving history.
- A vision and hearing test.
- A physical, medication, sensory and cognitive screen.
- A written and visual road law test.



If further assessments are required (i.e. Optometrist) these will be recommended.

2. On Road Assessment

Usually takes 1 hour and is completed with a Driving Instructor in a dual controlled car.

Both automatic and manual cars available. If applicable the car may be fitted with modified controls. The Occupational Therapist is seated in the back seat and will observe your ability to drive.

The Occupational Therapist and Driving Instructor will provide you with feedback at the end of the assessment. Also discussed will be recommendations that may affect your driving and included in a report to VicRoads.

The Occupational Therapist may recommend one of the following:

- You are safe to drive and no further input is required.
- Your safety in controlling the vehicle requires improvement. Driving lessons are organised.
- Specialised equipment is required to be fitted to your car eg. hand controls.
- You are safe to drive given licence restrictions eg. no night driving.
- You are not safe to continue driving at this stage; therefore your licence will be suspended or cancelled.

FEE STRUCTURE

Driver Assessment

Off road Assessment: \$160 On road Assessment: \$160

TOTAL: \$320

****Plus driving instructor fee: \$120 (approx.)**

The driving instructor fee is due on the day of the on road assessment. The off road and on road assessment fees for the OT are to be paid on the day of the off road assessment.

Please bring to the assessment:

- Drivers licence
- Letter/documentation from VicRoads
- Spectacles/contact lenses
- Payment for driving instructor
- A family member or carer

For an assessment please ring with your referral information:

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***Please note that if you are unable to keep your appointment please call above, cancellation at late notice will incur an administration fee.**

Your appointment time is:

Off road:

On road:

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