

The driving assessment conducted by the RTA is provided at no charge with a limit of three test attempts. Driving assessments conducted by accredited driving instructors are on a 'fee for service' basis. You are able to choose any driving instructor accredited by the RTA to deliver the assessment and there is no limit on the number of driving assessments you can undertake. You may obtain the contact details of accredited driving instructors from the RTA website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au, by calling 13 22 13 or from any motor registry.

You are free to switch between assessments conducted by the RTA or by accredited driving instructors. However you should note that if you demonstrate extremely unsafe driving behaviours, your licence may be cancelled.

A guide to older driver licensing.

The publication *A guide to older driver licensing* provides more information on:

- how to continue driving safely
- your licence options, and
- the requirements of the practical driving assessment.

The publication is available from any motor registry or by calling 13 22 13.

Finished driving?

If you are unable to continue driving, you should return your licence to a motor registry. You may choose to exchange your licence for a NSW Photo Card at no fee.

Roads and Traffic Authority

The information in this brochure is intended as a guide only and is subject to change at any time without notice. It does not replace the relevant legislation.

For further enquiries:
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Medical and driving tests

ALL LICENCE HOLDERS

If you have a long term injury or illness that may affect your ability to drive safely, the law requires you to notify the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) as soon as possible. This applies to all licence holders.

The RTA needs to ensure that all drivers are medically fit and competent to drive. Older drivers and people who have a medical condition can be asked to have regular medical examinations. Some drivers also need to have a periodical driving assessment.

Medical examinations

If you need to have a medical examination, the RTA will send you a form approximately eight weeks before the due date. Your doctor needs to complete the form, stating whether you are medically fit to drive.

If your doctor considers you medically fit to drive, you can mail the completed form to the RTA or take it to a motor registry.

If you are experiencing some difficulties when driving, for instance, driving at certain times of the day or in some locations, you should discuss this with your doctor when you have your examination.

If your doctor considers you medically unfit to drive or wants to refer you to another doctor or for a driving assessment, they will send the completed form directly to the RTA and you will be notified about the outcome shortly after.

Driving test

If you need to pass a driving test as well as a medical examination it will be printed at the top of the form you receive from the RTA.

You can only take a driving test after your doctor has determined that you are medically fit to drive. To make an appointment for your driving test contact the RTA on 13 22 13 or go to your nearest motor registry.

A guide to the Driving Test is available from any motor registry and tells you what you will be tested on.

Occupational therapist reviews

For drivers with disabilities, your doctor may refer you to an Occupational Therapist to undergo a driving assessment before a licence may be issued/reissued.

OLDER DRIVERS

All licence holders aged 75 and over

When you reach 75 years of age, you will need to have a medical examination each year to keep your licence. The RTA will send you a form approximately eight weeks before your birthday for your doctor to complete.

If you have a licence to drive a heavy vehicle (LR to HC) you will also need to pass a driving test every year from age 80. Holders of multi-combination (MC) licences are required to pass an annual driving test from age 70 onwards.

Class C (car) and class R (rider) licence holders aged 85 and over

When you reach 85 years of age, in addition to your annual medical examination, you are required to pass a practical driving assessment every second year (age 85, 87, 89 etc) to retain your unrestricted driver licence. If you no longer require an unrestricted driver licence you can opt for a modified licence without the need for further driving assessments.

Licence options

Modified licence

A modified driver licence allows you to drive in your local area where you are familiar with the traffic conditions. Modified licence options are based on your individual personal driving needs. The limits on the modified licence are negotiated with the motor registry manager based on your essential weekly journeys. If your driving needs change, you can convert back to an unrestricted licence at anytime after passing a practical driving assessment.

Unrestricted driver licence

If you need to retain your unrestricted driver licence you are required to pass a practical driving assessment. You can choose to undertake the assessment either:

- from your home, conducted by a licensed driving instructor accredited by the RTA, or
- from an RTA testing centre, conducted by an RTA testing officer.