



#### Possible outcomes:

- Maintain your current licence status with or without a short course of lessons
- Downgrade your licence from a heavy vehicle or rider class licence to a class C licence, prior to assessment in these vehicles
- Downgrade your licence to a class C learner's licence in order to complete a *Driving Rehabilitation Program*
- Issue learner's permit to begin training with vehicle modifications
- Suspension of your licence to enable further recovery
- Cancellation of your driver's licence is rare

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Simplifying driving.



## DRIVER REHABILITATION PROGRAM

This may include:

- Learning to drive a modified vehicle:  
e.g. Spinner knob, hand controls, altered foot pedals etc.
- Learning specialised driving techniques:  
e.g. Use of additional mirrors for blind spot checks, pain management strategies etc.
- Improving driver confidence
- Preparation to sit a Licensing Authority test

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# What's driving you?

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The assessment takes around 3 hours to complete and consists of an off road and on road component. The off road component is conducted by a Driver Trained Occupational Therapist. The on road component is completed by the Occupational Therapist and Driving Instructor.

## PLEASE NOTE :

If no physical limitations are identified during the off road assessment AND you pass the visual, cognitive, perceptual and road law components of the assessment, an on road assessment may not be necessary. Please discuss this with your Occupational Therapist (OT).



## YOUR DRIVING ASSESSMENT

Prior to attending the assessment, you must have:

- Medical Clearance from your specialist or GP
- A current drivers licence/ learners permit

You must also sign an *Informed Consent for the Release of Information*. Without your consent to release information the assessment cannot proceed. A photocopy of this form can be given to you on request.

### OFF ROAD ASSESSMENT:

Conducted by a Driver Trained Occupational Therapist, this is a comprehensive assessment of the following:

- Interview about your medical & driving history.
- Physical screen to determine any physical limitations, including range of motion; strength; tone; sensation; and coordination in the trunk, neck, upper and lower limbs. Any pain you experience is also recorded.
- Cognitive screens to determine the presence of any difficulties with concentration, attention, memory, planning, insight and problem solving skills.

- Knowledge of current road rules to ensure you are aware of road laws and can apply these in appropriate simulated scenarios.
- Vision screen to assess visual acuity, peripheral vision and eye movement patterns.  
*Note:* A visual assessment may be requested by an Optometrist for some visual deficits

This information is used to determine whether equipment, car modifications or specialist driving techniques need to be trialed during the on road component of the driving assessment.

### ON ROAD ASSESSMENT:

The on road assessment is completed in conjunction with a Driving School. Use of a dual controlled vehicle is necessary. If required, a vehicle with a variety of modifications can be arranged. Depending on your licensing needs, an automatic or manual vehicle with dual controls will be arranged for the assessment.

The 'DOTS' team is aware that completing an assessment is a stressful experience. We allow time for you to become familiar with the vehicle both when stationary and when initially driving. The assessment commences in quieter streets, and progresses slowly to more complex situations.

The on road driving assessment will be completed with a Driving Instructor and Driver Trained Occupational Therapist.

The Driving Instructor provides feedback about your driving performance measured against licensing authority standards. The Occupational Therapist assesses limitations from your medical condition and identifies strategies to compensate for these, to enable you to drive safely and legally.

To ensure the assessment is objective, assessments are completed over a standard route. This will include: controlled and uncontrolled intersections, roundabouts, giveway/ stop signs, pedestrian crossings, single and multi-lane roads (with lane changes), shopping areas and school zones. When appropriate, feedback is provided during the assessment in order to give you the opportunity to improve your driving performance.

The outcome of the assessment will be discussed following the assessment and you will be provided with a *Driving Assessment Outcome Summary*. Where appropriate a *Driver Rehabilitation Program* is agreed upon. A report written by the Occupational Therapist is also sent to the licensing authority and other recipients as agreed upon.



ESTABLISHED IN 1982, OUR STAFF HAVE OVER 45 YEARS COMBINED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE