



Get moving
with our Driver Assessment
and Training Service



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Get in the driver's seat with the experts

Driving is important to most of us and it's a freedom we often take for granted. An injury, illness or disability can affect your ability to drive, potentially with a big impact on your independence.

Royal Rehab's Driver Assessment and Training Service supports people with disabilities or illnesses to commence or return to driving.

Our service is run by rehabilitation driving instructors and driver trained occupational therapists who have completed recognised postgraduate studies in driver assessment and training and are registered with the NSW Roads and Maritime Services. Using dual control vehicles, our team will work with you to assess, advise and offer support through all the necessary steps toward independent driving.

Operated five days per week, our service has short wait lists and is based at our campus in Ryde. We accept referrals from all areas.

Benefit from:

- Graded rehabilitation programs tailored to suit all ages
- Defensive driving techniques and driver education
- Advice on vehicle modification and equipment installation
- Access to modified vehicles and direct support to attend a Roads and Maritime Disability Test
- Access to trial a range of vehicle modifications such as left foot accelerator, hand controls, electronic brakes and accelerators, spinner knobs and satellite accelerators
- Licensing support
- Advocacy and support with insurance schemes or compensable third-party payers



Steps to your assessment

1

Medical assessment

A doctor will complete the initial medical assessment based on Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) guidelines. If you're considered medically fit to undergo the assessment, an appointment will be made.

2

Off-road assessment

Your driving history, visual and physical status, thinking skills, and capabilities will be assessed together with your knowledge of current road laws and rules.

3

On-road assessment

An occupational therapist and driving instructor will assess you using our dual-control automatic vehicle. Your control of the vehicle and driving in varying conditions will be reviewed; taking into account your past driving experience, an unfamiliar car and the fact that it is an assessment situation.

4

Feedback and discussion

Results and recommendations will be discussed at the end of the assessment, so you are clear on the outcome and our recommendations to the RMS.

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You will receive a comprehensive report with detailed information about your driving performance together with recommendations. These may include:

- The go-ahead for you to return to driving
- Modifications to your vehicle together with a series of lessons
- Driving lessons to upgrade your skills
- Referral to other health professionals
- Temporary suspension of your licence while you further recover
- Return to driving with restrictions
- Forfeiting of your driving licence and support and advice on alternative transport options.



Need car modifications?

If you require car modifications, Royal Rehab can assist you by conducting the lessons required in our vehicles and helping you to attend the required RMS disability test.

Once you have successfully obtained your licence, Royal Rehab can provide an assessment and script for vehicle modifications. We can assist you to apply for funding with your relevant body and if you are self-funding your modifications, we can refer you to a wide range of vehicle modification suppliers depending on your needs.

Funding options

Different funding options may be available to assist you to cover the cost of your occupational therapy driving assessment and lessons.

Our friendly staff can provide more detail on specific options for your individual circumstances. Examples of funding options you may be entitled to include NDIS, icare, WorkCover, third party compensable schemes, and private health insurance.



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