



Department of Infrastructure,
Energy and Resources

MEDICAL FITNESS TO DRIVE ASSESSMENT

NOTE THAT A CONDITIONAL LICENCE WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNLESS ADEQUATE SUPPORTING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED

Applicant / Licence Holder Details

Last Name:		
Given Names:		
Address:		
Date of Birth:	Driver Licence Number	Class of Licence Held

Please see overleaf for our Personal Information Protection Statement.

I consent to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles contacting any reporting health professional named on this certificate for further information relevant to my fitness to drive.

Signature: _____

The patient is required to be examined according to

APPLICANTS PHONE NUMBER.....

Note: Assessment by a relevant specialist is required for recommendation of a conditional licence for commercial vehicle licence applicant/holders.
Note: A person who does not meet the commercial vehicle standard may still be eligible to retain a private vehicle driver licence. In such cases both sets of standards will need to be consulted, and results recorded on the certificate.

Assessment of Medical Fitness to Drive - to be completed by medical practitioner

Were you familiar with the patient's medical history prior to this examination? YES NO

Visual Acuity	uncorrected		corrected		Visual Fields (Confrontation)	
	R	L	R	L	normal	abnormal
	6/	6/	6/	6/		

I certify that I have examined the above patient in accordance with the relevant medical standards as required in "Assessing Fitness to Drive for Commercial and Private Vehicle Drivers". I assessed the patient according to commercial and/or private standards.

In my opinion the person subject of this report:

Meets the relevant medical criteria for an unconditional licence with no further medical assessment.	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial standard	<input type="checkbox"/> private standard
<input type="checkbox"/> Does not meet the medical criteria for a conditional or an unconditional licence.	Criteria not met and other relevant medical details: nothing more to be done	
<input type="checkbox"/> commercial standard <input type="checkbox"/> private standard		
<input type="checkbox"/> Does not meet the medical criteria for an unconditional licence but is considered suitable for a conditional licence at	1) Criteria not met and other relevant medical details 2) Recommended restrictions/conditions 3) Recommended management & periodic review interval	
<input type="checkbox"/> commercial standard <input type="checkbox"/> private standard		
based on <input type="checkbox"/> opinion opposite (and additional details attached as required) (private standard only) <input type="checkbox"/> opinion of appropriate specialist - report attached		
<input type="checkbox"/> Client meets medical criteria as indicated subject to	Type (and name) of specialist referred.	
<input type="checkbox"/> commercial standard <input type="checkbox"/> private standard		
<input type="checkbox"/> appropriate specialist assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> Requires practical driving test by Testing Officer	
<input type="checkbox"/> occupational therapist driver assessment		
In my opinion the patient is not fit to continue driving pending a: <input type="checkbox"/> specialist report		

Health Professional Details (Please Print)

Date of Examination:	Doctor's Name:	OFFICE USE ONLY Approved By _____ Conditions _____ Date _____
Practice address:		
Telephone: Fax:	Signature:	Further comments on medical condition(s) affecting safe driving are attached

THIS CERTIFICATE IS TO BE GIVEN TO THE PATIENT FOR RETURN TO THE REGISTRAR OF MOTOR VEHICLES
GPO BOX 1002, HOBART TAS 7001 OR AT ANY SERVICE TASMANIA SHOP

PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION STATEMENT

Personal information we collect from you for Registration and Licensing processes will be used by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for that purpose and may be used for other purposes permitted by the *Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999* and associated laws. Your personal information may be disclosed to contractors and agents of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, law enforcement agencies, the Motor Accident Insurance Board, vehicle manufacturers (safety recalls only), courts and other public sector bodies or organisations authorised to collect it. This information will be managed in accordance with the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* and may be accessed by you on request to this Department. You may be charged a fee for this service. Failure to provide this information may result in your application not being processed or records not being properly maintained.

To the Driver/Applicant

- Make an appointment with your medical practitioner.
- As the examination may take longer than a routine consultation, please advise the receptionist when making the appointment that you are attending for this purpose.
- If you wear spectacles, hearing aids etc, please bring them to the examination.
- Take this form to the appointment for your medical practitioner to complete.
- You are required by law to advise the Registrar of Motor Vehicles of any conditions that may affect your ability to drive. You should make the medical practitioner aware of any medical conditions you may have so that they can advise the Registrar, on your behalf.
- On completion of the examination the medical practitioner will provide you with the form to return to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.
- Payment for the medical examination is your responsibility.
- Withdrawal of Licence – If the Registrar cancels or suspends your driver licence on the basis of a medical report, you may be re-licensed when you provide medical evidence that you have met the national medical standards and are qualified to be re-licensed. You also have the right of having the Registrar's decision reviewed.
- Any driver licensing queries may be directed to the Transport Enquiry Service – 1300 851 225.

To the Practitioner

- The examination must be conducted in accordance with the relevant national medical standards described in *Assessing Fitness to Drive for Commercial and Private Vehicle Drivers*. This publication is available from the Registrar of Motor Vehicles or on the Internet (www.austroads.com.au). It details the examination process and provides examination proforma to guide you.
- The responsibility for issuing, renewing, suspending or cancelling a driver licence or ancillary certificate is with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. Licensing decisions are based on a full consideration of relevant factors including health and driving performance.
- Upon completion of the examination please complete and sign the certificate overleaf.
- Distribute the completed certificate as follows:
 - (a) Provide the original certificate (together with additional information relevant to the patient's fitness to drive) to the patient for them to present to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.
 - (b) Retain a copy for the patient's medical record together with detailed examination notes.
 - (c) Information not relevant to the patient's fitness to drive should not be forwarded to the Registrar.
- A patient assessed at the commercial vehicle standard who does not meet that standard should also be assessed against the private standard.
- If you have doubts about your patient's suitability to drive, you may suggest a referral to a suitable specialist or driver assessment. Please indicate this on the form along with your opinion as to suitability to drive pending that report.
- If you have any doubts about the information required, or wish to discuss the case personally, please contact the Operations Officer – 6233 5221.
- Indemnity – Legislation provides legal indemnity to practitioners who conduct an examination and provide the Registrar with an opinion on the basis of that examination.
- Criminal Liability & Insurance – Health professionals may be liable under civil law in cases where a court forms the opinion that they have not taken reasonable steps to ensure that impaired drivers drive only in circumstances that do not place them and other members of the community at increased risk. Professional indemnity insurers are aware of the potential liability of health professionals and may reasonably expect health professionals to comply with the national medical standards.

Conditions and Restrictions

- If appropriate, the practitioner may recommend conditions which may enhance driver competency or safety and allowing the patient to continue to drive (e.g. corrective lenses, no night driving, additional mirrors).
- If the practitioner believes that vehicle modifications are necessary (e.g. hand controls, left foot accelerator), or prosthesis is necessary to drive safely, or that a local area driving restriction is appropriate, the patient will need to demonstrate the ability to drive safely with these restrictions. In these cases a driver assessment is necessary.
- The opinion of a medical specialist is required for recommendation of a conditional licence at the commercial vehicle standard.
- The general practitioner is in a good position to integrate reports from various specialists in the case of multiple conditions.

If a conditional licence is recommended, details of the recommended restrictions and reasons must be provided, otherwise the Registrar of Motor Vehicles will not consider the issue of a conditional licence.

Occupational Therapy Driver assessment

- The aim of the occupational therapy assessment is to assist people with impairments to resume or continue driving. There are two components of the assessment. The first part of the assessment aims to evaluate the person's difficulties. This involves an interview, vision screen, cognitive function test, assessment of physical strength, motor skills, reaction time, road law and road craft. The need for specialist equipment of vehicle modifications is considered at this time.
- The on-road assessment takes a standard approach but can be designed to meet individual needs. It is conducted in a dual controlled vehicle, accompanied by a driving instructor and where necessary set up with special requirements or modifications to meet the needs of the client. The assessment is structured to assess the impact of injury, illness or the ageing process on driving skills such as judgment, decision-making skills, observation and vehicle handling.
- Provided the overall drive is safe, the 'bad habits' that an experienced driver might display may not result in failure.