On-Road Driving Assessment (ORDA) Information

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Driving Assessment Information

To help assess the impact of a new or changing medical condition(s) your doctor may refer you for:

A. off-road driving assessment
   and/or

B. on-road driving assessment

When would I need a Driving assessment?
You may require an On-Road assessment for multitude of reasons particularly the presence or change of any medical condition(s) or functional impairment which may impact on driving ability. This change may follow as a result of a head injury, stroke, spinal injury, or amputation, or parkinson’s or another degenerative condition. In particular the law provides for an exception to allow the renewal of a driver licence of a group 1 driver who satisfies both clinical and on-road driving assessments despite not meeting the visual field criteria (Refer to Sláinte agus Tiumáint Medical Fitness to Drive Guidelines Visual Disorders Chapter 7, Appendix for full criteria/standard).

If your doctor has concerns about your driving they may refer you for assessment A) off-road and/or B) on-road. Most occupational therapy and driving assessment services collaborate to offer both off and on-road assessments. Ask the provider to confirm what service they offer.

A) off-road driving assessment.
This assessment is conducted by an Occupational Therapist (OT) who will check that your physical, thinking and decision making abilities are compatible with driving safety. They may make a recommendation that you require an on-road driving assessment, they may further recommend where appropriate that the car for the assessment be functionally adapted to assist your driving ability and safety.

B) on-road driving assessment
You doctor or OT may refer you to a person or organisation with experience in on-road driving assessment. This assessment will check that you demonstrate during the assessment that you can respond to the demands and unpredictability of driving on a public road.

Notes
A medical driving assessment
• is not a driver licence test.
• the services are not formally regulated
Do all drivers who require a Medical Report D501 to be signed by their doctor require a driving assessment?
No. In Ireland drivers from age 70 are medically assessed for re-licensing every 1-3 years by providing the NDLS with a D501 form, this can ordinarily be done by the driver’s GP without any need for specialist or other stakeholder involvement. Similarly drivers that are required to self declare an emerging medical condition mid licence or at licence renewal will need to provide the NDLS with a D501 form completed by their doctor. In most cases your doctor will be able to complete this form without the need for specialist or other stakeholder involvement. If your case is one where the doctor requires input, you should remember that this is to ensure your safety, the safety of your passengers and of other road users.

Before an On-Road Assessment:
the provider will check:
• that your driving licence is current and valid*.
• that you have valid insurance to drive the car in which you are being assessed.
• that the NCT on the car is current and valid.
• that the car’s tax is current and valid.
• the doctors or OTs referral
• ask you questions to help evaluate your difficulties in relation to driving and evaluate your needs in relation to car type or adaptation(s) required.

* On the request of the driver’s/patient’s doctor the NDLS/RSA may issue a temporary license (90 days duration) for the specified purpose of allowing the driver to complete an on-road assessment/rehabilitation. The doctor’s request must be accompanied by D501 and or letter indicating a temporary licence is required. This request should be sent to medicalfitness@rsa.ie.

What should I expect from an on-road driving assessment?
This assessment includes a range of driving situations such as high and low speed zones, controlled and uncontrolled intersections, parking and maneuvering. An on-road assessment should last for 45 minutes in duration (or longer if required). The on-road assessment may be shorter if the assessor considers it unsafe to continue.

The drive will include situations that you would normally face when driving in your local area but if relevant to you may also include motorway or dual carriageway driving.

Who pays for the driving assessment?
You will be required to pay the cost of your driving assessment. As the price of each service may vary we advise you to ask the provider for details on cost before your assessment. Some organisations are subsidised by government funding, while other services are completely privately owned. Each service is different so you should be comfortable that the service you have chosen is compatible with your needs.

If you have more questions on this please Email: medicalfitness@rsa.ie or Telephone: 1890 40 60 40.

Ways to seek help?
✓ Your GP or nurse (Your doctor or nurse or OT will advise you on the next steps and direct you on how to seek help).
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Disabled Drivers Association Ireland

Geographical regions covered by service | In general, Mayo, Galway, Roscommon, Sligo, Leitrim, Clare, in practice, clients come from nationwide
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Contact | Margaret Cunningham, Breege Kelly
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Web | www.ddai.ie

Cars used for Assessments
- 1 Automatic Transmission Car
- 1 Manual Transmission Car
- 1 Dual Auto/Manual Transmission Car

Other Assessment Tools
- Adaptations Include
  - Push pull hand controls
  - Left and right foot accelerator
  - Secondary controls on steering wheel
  - Electric Handbrake
  - Quick release handbrake
  - Various steering wheel spindles

Other Assessment Tools
- All cars Dual controlled
- Static Assessment Unit

The Disabled Drivers Association of Ireland (DDAI) is an organisation working for disabled people, promoting independence and equal opportunity through mobility, education and training. The members of the organisation are people with disabilities themselves. From its foundation, driving was identified as a key component in people achieving independence, access to employment and social interaction. The association has been providing support to people on ability to drive, information on adaptations and providing tuition since the mid-1970’s. Our driving services are no longer restricted to physical disability and include all drivers whose abilities are challenged.

Our static assessment unit assesses the motor ability of upper and lower limbs in terms of strength, mobility and motor reaction time in a car cockpit context. Mental reactions and decision making ability are also tested. The unit also assesses the client’s visual field. This assessment can be a valuable component in evaluating what car adaptations, if any, are required by the prospective driver. This information is particularly useful for those beginning to drive or returning following a traumatic injury. The unit is also useful where a driving license has lapsed and an-road assessment is not possible.

On road assessment with an experienced ADI instructor is the preferred assessment. An in-car on-road assessment may be requested to ascertain if any cognitive/perceptual or motor deficits affect one’s ability to drive. Cars are available, which offer a range of adaptations to meet the needs of the majority of clients.

The on-road assessment allows for a fair assessment in a more realistic driving situation and has proved to be a better environment for experienced drivers. Medical referrals are requested for on-road assessments. Assessment reports are completed and issued for all assessments.

The DDAI centre is located just off the N17 in Ballindine, Co Mayo. Collection can be arranged from Claremorris Rail Station, 10 minutes away. Residential driving tuition or rehabilitation courses are available.
The Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA) has been providing services to motorists with disabilities since the 1960’s. Over the years many thousands of motorists with medical conditions or disabilities have availed of our service. In 2000 we established the National Mobility Centre in Clane Co Kildare to co-ordinate our nationwide driving and tuition and assessment service. This centre also provides advice on all relevant motoring issues e.g. vehicle adaptations, VRT/VAT relief scheme. Currently we have 10 driving schools cars and driving instructors providing nationwide coverage with the exception of Cork. Each vehicle is automatic and fitted with an extensive variety of adaptations. We cater for all motorists with physical and cognitive difficulties and can provide services for those wishing to:

• Learn to drive
• Return to driving.
• Continue to drive

Depending on the medical condition, the initial assessment may be carried out by an

• Occupational Therapist (OT) and a Driving Instructor
• Solely by the Driving Instructor.

In order to avail of the service, clients are requested to complete an application form and be referred by a medical professional e.g. GP, Consultant or OT. We also run residential driving courses in our National Respite Centre in Donamon in Co Roscommon. IWA also provide a tuition and assessment service at the NRH in Dun Laoghaire and work closely with many health professional throughout the country.

Adaptations on our automatic cars include

• Push/Pull Hand controls
• Left/Right foot accelerator
• Infra red secondary controls fitted on steering wheel e.g. wipers, horn, lights etc.
• Quick release handbrake
• Cross over bars for indicators
• Electronic seat risers
• All cars dual controlled

Currently the cost of an assessment with the IWA is €70 and the cost of a driving lesson is €20.
The Occupational Therapy Department coordinate the driving service for patients in the National Rehabilitation Hospital in conjunction with the IWA (Irish Wheelchair Association). This service provision is for in-patients, out-patients and RTU (Rehabilitative Training Unit) attendees. The service is offered to patients across all programmes e.g. brain injury programme, spinal injury programme, amputee programme and age appropriate teenagers in the paediatric programme. There is no fee for the provision of the service to the NRH.

GP’s can refer previous NRH patients for a driving assessment.

The OT is responsible for completing the pre-driving assessment which includes cognitive and visual perceptual assessments. The OT refers patients for the on-road driving assessment once medical clearance is given.

The on-road assessment is completed by the IWA driving instructor (two and a half days a week). The OT will attend the on-road driving assessment when required. Patients are provided with a letter indicating the outcome of the driving assessment and any recommendations. The consultant/GP is responsible for providing the final clearance for return to driving.
The comprehensive Driving Assessment Service was developed in line with best international practice to assist Consultant Psychiatrists and the multidisciplinary teams to address the driving needs of their service users. The comprehensive driving assessment service includes both an off-road or clinical assessment and an on-road or behind the wheel assessment. St. Patrick’s Mental Health Service also has a driving simulator to assist with the off-road assessment and the rehabilitation needs of our service users. The on-road assessment is considered by many as the gold standard for concluding the pass or fail of the assessment (Dickerson et al, 2009). The comprehensive driving assessment takes approximately 3.5-4 hours to complete.

The off-road or clinical driving evaluation is performed by an occupational therapist with specialist knowledge in driving assessment and includes a visual screen, cognitive & perceptual assessments and a motor component. In line with best practice the on-road assessment is conducted in a dual controlled car with an Approved Driving Instructor (Michael Walsh) in the front seat and an occupational therapist (Sherrie Buckley) with post graduate training in driving assessment in the back seat. Both manual transmission and automatic transmission cars are available for the assessment.

The person is oriented to the car and allowed a period of adaptation. The on-road assessment begins in quieter streets and areas and gradually progresses to more complex driving situations. Driving situations typically found in Ireland are incorporated into the 21 km standardized route including single lane and multi-lane driving, yield and stop signs, zebra crossings, school zones, roundabouts and shopping areas.

The on road driving assessment is not like the driving test conducted when you first get a driving licence, in which driving skills are tested, the on-road assessment focuses on competency to drive and strategic thinking required for fitness to drive. At the end of the assessment, the service user is given a comprehensive driving assessment summary and a full report of the assessment is sent to the individuals Consultant Psychiatrist and General Practitioner. According to the Sláinte agus Tiomáint guidelines, a medical practitioner must make the final recommendation regarding medical fitness to drive. This service was developed to assist the Consultant Psychiatrist and/or General Practitioners to make the best possible decision for the service user. Currently, this service is only available to service users of St. Patrick’s Mental Health Services.

Sherrie E. Buckley, MOT, OTR/L - OT Manager & Driver Rehabilitation Therapist
St. Patrick’s Mental Health Service
Michael Walsh, Approved Driving Instructor
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A variety of adaptations are available through our service based at Motability Ireland in Ashbourne, Co. Meath. Adaptive equipment as diverse from a simple steering spinner to hi-tech driving equipment to enable a client with a severe disability, drive from their wheelchair. [http://www.motabilityireland.com](http://www.motabilityireland.com)

Other Driving Assessments are carried out in clients own cars and in their own areas, so that they will be familiar to the vehicle and the routes they typically use. This is for people who are living with a mild disability, or who have no disability and are maybe recovering from a mild stroke, or for clients who are recently diagnosed with a mild cognitive impairment, a dementia and who want to continue driving. We also provide this service to clients who have Parkinson’s Disease, M.S. MND, or for clients who have no specific diagnosis but whose Doctors are unsure if they should complete the Medical Fitness to Drive for a Driver Licence renewal.

Almost all clients come to TMC-I direct through their family Doctors, or their Hospital Consultants and Occupational Therapist, or through a community OT Service. We don’t provide OT service direct but depend on the referring source to provide relevant information on someone’s cognitive status, rather than forcing clients to go through this process again before we take them on the road. References are accepted from all Hospital Consultants and we currently have clients from all the major hospitals in Ireland.

Tony Regan, our on-road assessor, has been providing on-road driving assessments for over thirty five years. He has worked at the N.I. mobility centre in the early 1980’s, in the UK at the Dept. of Transports Mobility Centre, in the USA at both an adaptation firm in Boston and at a Hospital Programme in Ohio, and with the Irish Disabled Drivers Association and the Irish Wheelchair Association in the 1990’s. He set-up TMC-I in 2000. He has certification in teaching disabled people to drive from Banstead Mobility Centre in 1983, A Dip Ed in Driver Education for Disabled Drivers from the University of Toledo, Ohio, is a Certified Driver Evaluator at the USA ADED. He has a Certificate in Health and Safety Management, a Graduate Diploma in Business Management and is currently working towards a MSc in Driver Assessment & Outdoor Mobility with Chester University and the UK Forum of Mobility Centres. He is a Member of the Forum of Mobility Centres and has participated in a number of EU Projects on disabled and elderly drivers assessment, including CONSENSUS, Leonardo, TASIS, etc.
South East Mobility

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Car(s) used for Assessments

- Manual ✓
- Automatic ✓
- Clients Own Car ✓

Within my vehicles I also offer an adapted car. My car includes a push/pull hand control. I also have a left foot accelerator.

My name is Michelle Sheehan. I established South East Mobility Assessment & Tuition Specialists in 2012. I am based in Waterford and I cover the Waterford, Wexford, Carlow, Tipperary and Kilkenny area. I acquired The Road Safety Authority’s Approved Driving Instructor qualification, in 2008.

As per the guidelines of Sláinte agus Tiomáint, anyone with a medical condition, or anyone experiencing age related changes that may affect their ability to drive safely should follow the advice of their GP. Following a medical health professional’s evaluation, an on-road driving assessment may also be recommended. An on-road assessment can assist in determining a person’s fitness to begin, return or continue driving. I provide a comprehensive driving and assessment programme to various, General Practitioners, Occupational Therapists and other Health Professionals.

Within my fleet I have the following vehicles:

- Manual Car
- Automatic Car
- Adapted Vehicle

I provide a professional, comprehensive, specialist service in the area of transport and mobility including:

- Driver Assessments: An on road drive, in live traffic situation to determine a
- Person’s suitability for returning or continuing to drive.
- Driving Tuition: In an Automatic, Manual or Adapted Car.
- Driver Rehabilitation: For those wishing to return to driving following an illness or disability. Or for anyone learning to use driving adaptations.
- Older Drivers: To provide advice and information to the mature driver. Driving tuition to restore confidence, possibly expand their existing driving routes, or increase their driving skills to manage on today’s busy roads.

I strive to improve the availability and standard of driving tuition for people with disabilities and older drivers while also providing professionalism, friendliness, and confidentiality. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at michelle_sheeh@yahoo.ie or on 087-9908115.
Services in Leinster

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My Name is Colm Caren and I am currently a driving instructor and assessor for both the National Rehabilitation Hospital and the Irish Wheelchair Association.

I have been working in this capacity since 1999 using automatic cars with multiple adaptations, my manual cars and the client’s car where appropriate.

The area I cover is South Dublin and North Wicklow. A large amount of my work is in the National Rehabilitation Hospital where I meet people with disabilities from all over the country, indeed all over the world! The array of disabilities presenting means I have daily contact with Occupational Therapists, Consultants and other medical professionals. A significant feature in this context is the number of reports and documentation produced. This has also necessitated having contacts with an extensive network of ADIs and suppliers in Ireland and the near continent.

I have assessed or trained over 2000 clients dealing from young clients heading for the initial driving test to those with great experience and sometimes with extensively adapted cars. I have designed and commissioned some of the adaptations to the cars involved.

Apart from many years’ experience, I have received training for specialized ADIs in the Queen Elizabeth Foundation for disabled people in the U.K.

If further information is required contact Com at the above details.
Dublin Mobility

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| Car(s) used for Assessments | Manual ✓  
Clients Own Car ✓ |

The service which is provided by this company is predominantly for older drivers who have cognitive issues, to support General Practitioners when signing off for a patient’s Driver’s Licence Renewal, or where family members are worried about the client's driving skills and wish to have them assessed.

As a Registered ADI (Approved Driving Instructor) for 26 years and primary carer for my father who had Alzheimer’s disease, the Assessments are provided at the highest level and with great sensitivity so as to ensure that our Roads remain a Safe place and that the Recommendations are given in a manner in which the Client has an input so that they feel part of the process and have some dignity in the outcome if they need to stop driving.

The assessment is usually done in the Client’s Own Car but if necessary a Manual Car can be provided.

Of course we would try to keep drivers on the road for as long as possible, safety for all being paramount.
Irish School of Motoring (ISM) is Ireland’s largest and longest established Driving School. At the present time, we provide assessments and training in specially adapted cars and provide an Off-Road Training Ground at our Training Centre in Finglas, Dublin 11. We provide an excellent service and a free door-to-door collection service at no extra cost. For further information, please view our website: http://www.ism.ie/driving-lessons/car/disabled-driving-lessons

We also work with other medical professionals, such as Occupational Therapists, when carrying out driving assessments on people with any possible cognitive or perceptual difficulties. Contact ISM at 01 8641790 for further information.
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Mobility First offers driving assessments to a wide range of service users for physical and cognitive assessment. We can provide vehicles with dual controls fitted and a spectrum of vehicle adaptations from hand controls to wheelchair accessible vehicles for assessment. Assessments can also be undertaken in a client’s own car where this is deemed to be suitable and the vehicle roadworthy. All assessments are carried out in a supportive and professional environment with the emphasis on keeping people independent and driving safely for as long as possible.

Physical assessments are carried out to assess what driver aids or vehicle adaptations if any are required to drive a vehicle safely. They can also be used to aid entry or exit of the vehicle by driver or passenger. Any adaptation’s deemed to be necessary can be made available for instillation.

Cognitive assessments are used as a tool to assess a client’s cognitive performance relating to the task of driving performance and behaviour. These assessments are normally necessary when a client has suffered a brain injury or has been diagnosed with a cognitive impairment.

Michael Walsh has been working in driver education and training since 2004 and is registered as an Approved Driving Instructor by the RSA. Michael works with a Mobility Car Adaptation Specialist in Dublin and with a private hospital supporting the Occupational Therapist department with On Road Driving Assessments. He also has a role in working in Driver Education for two training centres in South Dublin.
OC Cars & Mobility provide a free information & advice service Driver & Passenger (NSAI Approved Workshop), we can advise on a range of issues including.

- Mobility Scheme – Disabled Driver & Passenger Scheme.
- Advice on the right Wheelchair Accessible vehicle
- Driving Assessment
- Driver tuition
- Elderly Driving Assessment
- Vehicle Adaptation, a range of new & used Manual & Automatic vehicles Saloons, Hatchbacks & Estates. Large Selection of Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles. (Full EU Type Approval)
- Process paperwork for Disabled Drivers/Passengers Scheme
- A review of your physical ability and range of movement
- Advice on which car adaptations are best suited to meet your needs if any
- An opportunity to trial different car adaptations in our dual-controlled vehicles
- A range of new and used manual or automatic vehicles.

Reasons for contacting the service –
- To determine your ability to drive a motor vehicle
- For current impartial information and advice on vehicle choice and adaptation
- People of all ages with mobility problems
- Families with disabled relatives who require advice on vehicles and equipment to travel in comfort and safety
- People experiencing any age related difficulties
- Diagnosed with a disability / illness
- Driving Assessment

Or If you experience any difficulty with the following:
- Safe control of a vehicle
- Physical or Cognitive Fatigue
- Vehicle entry and exit
- Stowage of equipment, such as wheelchairs, scooters etc.
- Lack of confidence following a period of abstinence from driving

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Cú-Chulainn Driving Assessments Cork has since 2002 been carrying out in-car practical on road driving assessments on people with mobility issues, caused by Spinal injuries, Stroke, Head Injuries, Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Scelorsis, Spina Bifida, Friederichs Ataxia, etc. in ascertaining peoples’ fitness to drive.

We have plenty of experience in how to deal with the sensitive personal issues and the practical driving issues involved in dealing with such people in a caring and professional manner.

We meet people where they want us to meet them and do the on road in-car practical driving assessment with them. Then a written report is sent outlining how the assessment went to the relevant person/s advising on the individual's ability to drive.

We work with other medical professionals, such as Occupational Therapists, when carrying out driving assessments on people with any possible cognitive or perceptual difficulties.

We look forward to meeting new clients all the time.
Results Driving Assessment Services was established by Tim O’ Donoghue in 2014. We are a family run business with more than 30 years experience providing driver tuition and road safety education in counties Limerick, Kerry and the surrounding areas.

Tim's numerous qualifications and years of experience in the area of driver assessment include:

- Diploma in Advanced Driving Instruction (ROSPA)
- Certificate in Transport Safety (LIT)
- Approved Driving Instructor with the Road Safety Authority (RSA).
- Irish Deaf Society Deaf Awareness Training.

We are based in Newcastle West, Co. Limerick and provide driver assessment services in Limerick, Clare and Tipperary. Our services are confidential, professional and friendly.

Driving lessons/assessments are provided in the client's own car; additionally our fleet includes:

- A manual car (dual controlled)
- An automatic car (dual controlled)
- An automatic adapted car (includes push/pull mechanical hand controls, left foot accelerator, various steering wheel spinners, Bluetooth secondary controls, pedal guards, and pedal extensions). This vehicle is dual controlled.
- Group 2 licence assessments (HGV, trucks, passenger vehicles including mini-buses and coaches)

For any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Tim O’ Donoghue (details above).
Southern Mobility is a family operated business and was established in 1997. We are a driver assessment, driver education & vehicle adaptation company.

We provide comprehensive driving programmes and driver assessment services to various hospitals, general practitioners, consultants, psychiatrists, occupational therapists and other health professionals. Additionally, we assist in various driving research programmes.

We are a professional indemnity insured company and provide a confidential, professional and friendly service.

Driver assessments and tuition services are carried out from our centre in Little Island or from a person’s home in the Cork area. We also provide a driving assessment and tuition service from Killarney, servicing the Kerry area and from Bandon Town, servicing the West Cork area.

We provide the following services:
- On-road driver assessments ( including Group 1 & Group 2 licence holders )
- Passenger assessments
- Vehicle adaptations for passengers or drivers ( NSAI approved)
- Driving tuition & driver assessment using:
  - Manual car (including adapted manual car)
  - Automatic cars
  - Adapted cars (Radial or push/pull mechanical hand controls, left foot accelerator, various steering wheel spinners, bluetooth secondary controls, pedal guards, pedal extensions, etc.)
  - Client's own car
- Driver rehabilitation courses
- Older driver refresher courses
- Driving instructor training for ADI’s who wish to advance their knowledge and skills to teach people with disabilities to drive
- Seminars, adapted vehicle demonstrations and a consultancy service
- Information and advice on licensing, adaptations, primary medical certificate etc.
- Cognitive and perceptual screening provided by an occupational therapist when requested