

Applicant/Licence Holder Details

Full name:

Address:

Contact number: Date of birth: Licence Class:

Applicants declaration: I will inform the doctor of all relevant illnesses and consent to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles contacting any reporting health professional named on this certificate for further information. Licence Number:

Applicants signature Please see overleaf for our Personal Information Protection Statement

If you have a driver licence please take it with you to the appointment.

Assessment of medical fitness to drive (To be completed by Medical Practitioner/Doctor)

1 I certify that I have examined the above patient in accordance with the relevant medical standards as set out in the National Guidelines "Assessing Fitness to Drive for Commercial and Private Vehicle Drivers"*.

I assessed the patient according to: (please tick) **Commercial standards** **Private standards**

If patient holds a licence that requires an assessment at the Commercial standard (eg Ancillary Certificate or MR class or above) and you assess them at the Private Standard, their licence may be downgraded. Yes No
Is the patient prepared for their licence to be downgraded?

2 Were you familiar with the patient's medical history prior to this examination? Yes No

The person subject to this report has the following condition(s), tick all applicable:

- Blackouts (Chapter 1)
- Cardiovascular (Chapter 2)
- Diabetes (Chapter 3) Controlled by: Diet Oral Insulin
- Musculoskeletal (Chapter 5)
- Neurological (Chapter 6)
- Epilepsy (Chapter 6) - Date of last seizure:
- Psychiatric - Cognitive impairments (Chapter 7)
- Sleep Disorders (Chapter 8) Is it Sleep Apnoea: Yes
- Substance Misuse (Chapter 9)
- Visual (Chapter 10) Visual aids required for driving: Yes No
Visual Confrontation: Normal Abnormal
- Other, please specify or more information

*Guidelines are available at: www.austroads.com.au/drivers-vehicles/assessing-fitness-to-drive Specific information on the different conditions/disorders/problems can be found in the chapters listed.

3 Does the patient meet the relevant medical standard to hold a licence? (tick one of the boxes below):

- Does not meet** the standard to hold a driver licence.
- Meets** the standard to hold a driver licence, **if** a medical fitness to drive assessment is undertaken every: Enter review period
and/or subject to the conditions or restrictions below, if applicable:

Details of any conditions or restrictions you believe should be placed on the licence

- Meets** the standard to hold a driver licence, if the following is undertaken/provided: (tick all applicable)
- Appropriate Specialist Assessment Occupational Therapy Driving Assessment Practical driving assessment by Driving Assessor
- Name and type of Specialist referred: (Including ophthalmologist for Visual Confrontation)
- What date, or expected date, is the appointment?

Until the assessment(s) are supplied the patient is: **Fit** to continue driving or **Not fit** to continue driving

- Meets** the standard and no longer requires periodic medical fitness to drive assessments. Details **MUST** be provided below:
Reason for medical review being ceased in relation to the Assessing Fitness to Drive Guidelines.
- Attach a separate letter if more space required
- If the Guidelines specify a review is required, the Registrar requires evidence to support the removal of a periodic assessment.

Date of examination: APHRA registration number:

Doctor's name:

Signature: Practice Address and contact details:

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 visual or 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. Medicare offer a rebate for Private Standard assessments.
- 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. You may be eligible to be relicensed if you have evidence that you are now medically fit to drive. You also have the right of having the Registrar's decision reviewed.
- Any driver licensing queries may be directed to 1300 13 55 13

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 on the Internet at www.austrroads.com.au/drivers-vehicles/assessing-fitness-to-drive. It details the examination process and provides examination proforma to guide you.
- **The Assessing Fitness to Drive Guidelines have been updated. From the 1st of October 2016 all examinations should be undertaken in accordance with the information contained in the 2016 version.**
- 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 assessment.
- Distribute the completed assessment as follows:
 - (a) Provide the original to the patient for them to present to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.
 - (b) You may 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 standard who does not meet that standard should also be assessed against the private standards.
- 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 - 6166 4887.
- 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 allow the patient to continue to drive (e.g. corrective lenses, no night driving, additional mirrors).
- If the practitioner believes that to drive safely the patient is required to have a prosthesis fitted, have vehicle modifications (e.g. hand controls, left foot accelerator), or a local area driving restriction the patient may need to undertake a driving assessment.
- The opinion of a medical specialist is required for the initial recommendation of a conditional licence at the commercial 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 Driving Assessment

- The aim of the Occupational Therapy Driving 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 or 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 judgement, decision-making, observation and vehicle handling.
- Provided the overall drive is safe, the 'bad habits' that an experienced driver might display may not result in failure.

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