



Maintain your driving independence

Information on licensing
for older drivers.



What senior drivers need to know about the licensing system

From 75 years

In NSW and ACT, you're required to have an annual medical examination to keep your licence once you reach 75. You'll receive a form before your birthday for your doctor to complete.

If your doctor considers you medically fit to drive, simply hand the completed form in at your local Service NSW or Access Canberra office.

If your doctor has concerns about your ability to drive, they may refer you for a detailed medical assessment and/or driving test.

From 85 years

In NSW, before your 85th birthday you get to decide whether you'd like to keep an unrestricted driver's licence, or choose a modified licence. You'll then revisit this decision every 2 years.

Unrestricted licence

If you opt to keep an unrestricted driver's licence after 85, you'll need to have a yearly medical assessment and complete an on-road driving assessment every two years to maintain your existing licence.

Modified licence

If you choose a modified licence, you get to negotiate the conditions of your licence so you can access essentials like shopping and doctor's appointments. For example, a 'home to town' condition might be negotiated so you're able to drive short distances only. This means you won't need to do an on-road driving assessment.

You have two options to take the on-road driving assessment:

Service NSW testing centre

A practical driving test can be carried out at your local Service NSW, free of charge.

You'll need to complete this test before your 85th birthday, and every two years after that.

Transport for NSW won't award a pass if you commit one of the 8 'Fail Items' during the test.

After 3 failed attempts, you'll be issued a modified licence. You can upgrade to an unrestricted licence once you pass a driving assessment with an accredited assessor, like the NRMA.

Assessment from home

A practical driving test can be carried out by a driving instructor accredited by Transport for NSW, such as our driver trainers.

Assessments are usually conducted starting at your home, and on roads you drive every day in your local area.

You'll need to complete this assessment before your 85th birthday, and every two years after that.

You can do as many assessments as you like, as long as you don't perform a 'Serious Fail' based on Transport for NSW standards.

Our assessments vary in length from 60 to 90 minutes, and also range in cost.

We can help you prepare

You'll feel confident and prepared once you've had a refresher lesson before your on-road driving assessment.

Refresher lessons update you on the latest road rules, provide feedback on areas for improvement, and increase your knowledge of 'Fail Items' from Transport for NSW.

Our experts in driver training will help you prepare to maintain your driving independence with both refresher lessons and driving assessments.

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