
After the Assessment

The occupational therapist writes a report based on the information obtained from the assessments with recommendations. A copy of the report is sent to the Division of Transport (Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources), the referring agent (eg: doctor) and any other relevant persons / organisations.

Conclusions and decisions are made by focusing on:

- The impact the medical condition or disability has on the client's ability to drive safely, legally and independently;
- Whether vehicle modifications are required to achieve this; and/or
- Whether a series of driving lessons are required to achieve this.

A summary of the possible outcomes to assist with independent, safe and legal driving includes:

- Installation of vehicle modifications;
- Completion of a series of lessons with the driving instructor to improve driving practices, or to become proficient in using the vehicle modifications;
- Licence holder is restricted to driving only with a qualified driving instructor or other fully licenced driver;
- Recommended use of an automatic vehicle only; or
- In some situations the only safe option is to recommend the cancellation of the clients drivers' licence.

There is a fee associated with this service. Current fees can be found at <http://www.u-turn.net.au>



Occupational Therapy Driver Assessment Information



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U-Turn Driver Assessment & Training

provides occupational therapist driver assessments and training and other OT services in Northern Tasmania.

If you have a medical condition which could affect your ability to drive safely, your doctor may request a driver assessment to determine your medical fitness to drive. A driver assessment can only be conducted by an occupational therapist who is qualified to conduct driver assessments, such as **U-Turn Driver Assessment & Training**.

U-Turn Driver Assessment & Training

provides a comprehensive off-road and on-road assessment process to determine the impact a medical condition or disability has on an individual's ability to drive in a safe and independent manner.

Off Road Assessment



The off-road assessment involves:

- An interview relating to the client's driving experience and medical history (including medications);
- Physical screen to determine any physical limitations in range of motion, strength, sensation, tone or coordination;
- Cognitive screen to determine any difficulties with concentration, attention, memory, problem solving and planning skills;
- Vision screen to assess acuity, peripheral vision and eye movements; and a
- Test of road knowledge.

The test takes approximately 2 hours to complete.

On Road Assessment



The on road assessment is carried out in a driving instructor's vehicle. The vehicle has dual controls and may be modified with equipment to suit your needs.

The driving instructor sits in the front to provide you with instructions and feedback. The occupational therapist sits in the back seat; their role is to assess the impact of your condition on your ability to drive safely and legally.

All aspects of driving are observed including observation, speed control, vehicle positioning, planning, judgment, reaction time and physical control.

The test takes approximately 1 hour to complete.
