

Driver Assessment Programs: Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will I get my license back right away?

If you are successful in passing the driving assessment and your licence is under medical suspension, the MTO will be notified and it will take them approximately six weeks to reinstate your licence. If your licence is valid and you have been asked not to drive by your physician, then upon successfully passing the driving assessment you would be permitted to resume driving.

2. What can I expect after the assessment?

Following the assessment, you will be advised of the outcome of the assessment. The outcome options are pass, fail or training. Pass indicates you are safe to drive. Fail indicates you are not safe to drive and that your licence will be placed under medical suspension if this is not already the case. Training is required if an individual is driving with adaptive equipment or needs to learn to compensate for a medical condition.

3. How many lessons will be needed for adaptive equipment?

Each individual is different in terms of their learning needs, which in turn dictates the number of lessons required. Upon completing an assessment and observing an individual driving, at that time an estimate can be given for the number of lessons required.

4. Can I practice before the assessment?

If you have been asked to not drive by your physician or your licence is under suspension you cannot drive prior to an assessment, even to practice. It is understood that many individuals have not driven for months or years prior to an assessment and that is taken into consideration when assessing an individual's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. The primary reason for the assessment is to determine if and how a medical condition or vision loss impacts a person's ability to drive and if they are able to safely and consistently compensate for that change in their medical status.

5. What are the costs associated with lessons/assessment?

This is a fee for service not covered by OHIP. For information about the fees please contact 519 685-4070.