

National Guideline

for

Driving Assessments

(RAP Schedule No. AP24)

NOTE: PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT **IS REQUIRED** BEFORE THE SUPPLY OF THIS ITEM.

Definition of a driving assessment

A driving assessment is an assessment of a person's driving skills undertaken by a certified driving occupational therapist, in conjunction with a suitably qualified driving instructor to identify a need for car/van ('vehicle') modification(s).

Driving assessments do not include assessment for fitness to drive or cognitive ability to drive and/or driver rehabilitation/refresher lessons.

Remedial driving lessons

Refer to RAP Schedule number AP20

Prior to recommending a driving assessment

Initial request

The initial request for a driving assessment must be from a LMO/GP or specialist.

Prior approval

Prior approval is required before proceeding with the assessment process. This applies to:

- the initial assessment; and
- remedial lessons/reassessment.

Individual circumstances

Consideration should be given to what particular circumstances prompted the request for the driving assessment.

Special eligibility requirements

The entitled person must have an assessed clinical need for a driving assessment due to a **WCI/AD**.

This applies to both Gold and White Card holders.

Assessment

Assessment and report by a certified driving OT, in conjunction with a suitably qualified driving instructor is required to address the following issues:

- the entitled person's visual, cognitive and visual-spatial abilities; and
- their ability to safely operate the vehicle.

Recommendation

Once the driving assessment has been completed, a recommendation is made to:

- the entitled person, including a list of their responsibilities;
- the assessing health provider; and
- the State/Territory Licensing Authority.