



Steps for Driving Goals Identified by NDIS Participants

These are the recommended steps for participants with disabilities who would like to commence driving.

Step	Details
Medical Referral	The Austroad guidelines state that participants with a disability must have a doctor's referral to do a Driving Assessment with an Occupational Therapist (OT). Ultimately the referring doctor is responsible for providing medical clearance to Queensland Transport and therefore must support the referral to an OT.
Drivers Licence from Queensland Transport and Main Roads	To complete an OT driving assessment the participant needs a current drivers licence, this can be either a learners permit or open licence. If the participant does not have a licence, the referring doctor can support the licence application by filling in the Qld Transport Medical Certificate for Motor Vehicle Driver (Form 3712) and stating "For the purposes of Occupational Therapy Driving Assessment / Training only". For participants who may have difficulty obtaining a learners permit, a three day course is available to help them achieve this - contact us for more information.
Vision	Participant informed computerised perimetry assessment / visual acuity and visual field testing by Optometrist/ophthalmology <u>is required</u> for all Occupational Therapy Driving Assessments. This is a vision test from an Optometrist/ophthalmologist with the goal of vision assessment for driving.
Neuropsychologist	For some participants with cognitive issues, a neuropsychologist may complete an assessment to determine suitability for driving.
Occupational Therapy Assessment	Once the medical referral and visual assessment (and neuropsychological assessment if relevant) is completed the OT can complete the Off and On-road Driving assessment. The OT will then write a report of recommendations, detailing the medical conditions impacting the participants driving abilities and list vehicle modifications that may be required to return to safe operation. If Driver Training is required, this will be detailed in the recommendations. The OT will specify if they would like to re-assess the person, towards the end of the driving program. All reports are sent to the treating doctor. The doctor must sign a Qld Transport Medical Certificate for Motor Vehicle Driver (Form 3712) for the person to commence driving.
Driving Lessons / Driver Training	The driver trainer can commence lessons to practice the skills the person requires to become a driver.
Queensland Transport Testing	If the participant has their Learners Licence, they will need to be tested by the Licencing Authority (Queensland Transport and Main Roads) to obtain their Provisional Licence.
Medical Approval for Driving	All participants need to supply a Medical Approval using the Qld Transport Medical Certificate for Motor Vehicle Driver (Form 3712) – specifying they are permitted to drive and detailing any conditions or vehicle modifications.

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