

Making sure you are Fit to Drive

This sheet aims to guide you through the steps you need to take to make sure you are fit to drive.

(1) Call VicRoads on 13 11 71 and inform them of your diagnosis. Read VicRoads' Fitness to Drive brochure.

(2) Ask your GP or specialist to complete the VicRoads Medical Report for Driving. On this form, your doctor will indicate whether they think you are medically fit to drive.

(3) Submit this form to VicRoads (sometimes your doctor will do this for you). VicRoads will send you a letter and advise you whether you need an Occupational Therapy (OT) Driving Assessment.

(4) If this is necessary, find an OT driving assessor and make an appointment – **Note!** **Be aware of the cost.** Fees charged by OTs vary; call Parkinson's Victoria for advice.

(5) Your OT will write a driving report and assess whether or not you are fit to drive. Be aware that:

Your OT might put conditions on your licence, such as not driving at night, driving automatic vehicles only or remaining within 15km of your home.

Your OT might suspend your licence and recommend driving aids or further practice on ways of driving safely.

There may come a point in time when driving becomes too difficult or dangerous and your licence will be cancelled. Find out more about giving up driving.

(6) Send copies of your doctor's letter and the OT driving assessment to your insurance company. If you don't and you have an accident, your insurance company might not cover the claim under the client "duty to disclose" clause.

Please note: You need to notify VicRoads once you are diagnosed with a medical condition **and** at any point in the future if your symptoms worsen. If you don't:

You may face a penalty

If you have an accident, your insurance cover may be affected and you might be sued under common law.