



DrivingWell

Occupational Therapy

What to Expect on your Driving Assessment



About us

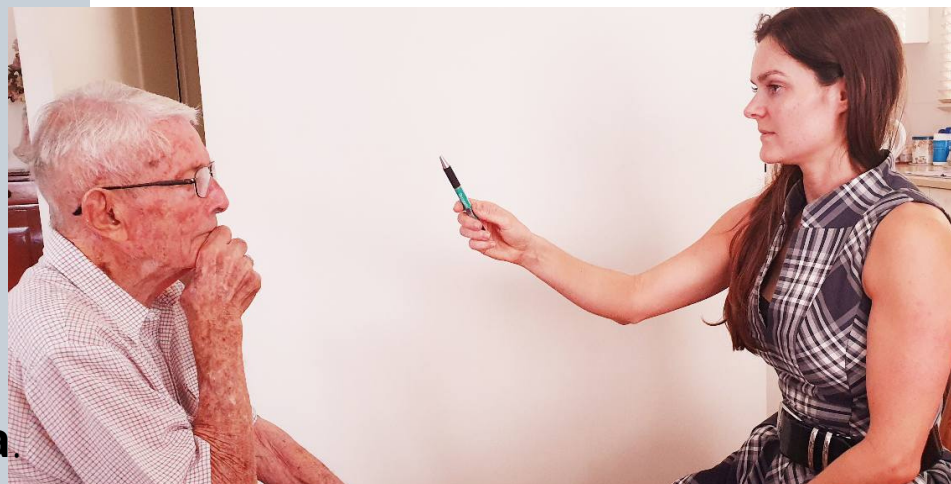
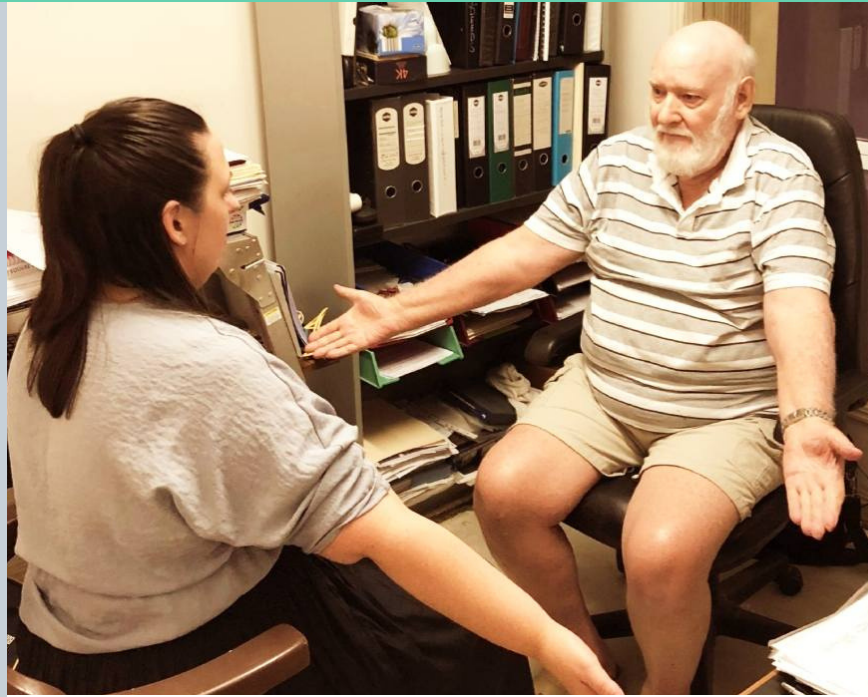
Driving Well Occupational Therapy works with people with an injury or medical condition to determine if they can drive safely. Some clients will continue driving, others will need lessons, others will need modifications, and for some it will be time to hang up the keys. We strive for kindness and passion to help you through this difficult process and make the best recommendations about your driving.

Clinical Assessment

The clinical assessment includes a range of tests:

- physical function (movement, strength, coordination, sensation)
- cognitive function (speed of processing, planning and observation skills)
- vision function (how your eyes move around)
- road law knowledge

This takes 1.5 hours and we need a clear table area.





Practical Assessment

The practical assessment is a drive in the specialised driving instructor's car, with the driving instructor in the front passenger seat, and the OT Driver Assessor in the rear left seat. The drive usually commences from your home.

An open or local area licence can be considered.



The practical drive is a test of driving performance in the following areas:

- observation skills
- speed control
- planning and judgement
- vehicle positioning
- physical control
- reaction time
- insight



The OT Driver Assessor will talk with the Driving Instructor at the end of the drive, to determine the outcome of the assessment.

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Outcome of Assessment

There are three possible outcomes from the driving assessment:

- pass: safe - continue driving
- fail: unsafe - retire from driving
- rehabilitation and re-assessment

The OT driver assessor and driving instructor will tell you the outcome of the drive on the day of the assessment.

We consider safety and independence, and strive to be fair and honest in our decision.

What now?

The OT driver assessor will let you know what happens following your driving assessment - it could be:

- report is completed and sent to your GP and QLD Transport
- you may have lessons with the driving instructor
- you may have a re-assessment with the OT driver assessor
- you may need to retire from driving

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