

Medical report

Please complete your licence and personal details and give this form to your practitioner. Please print clearly in ink using BLOCK letters.

- Licence /Permit type
Car/Motorcycle/Light truck (LR)
Bus/Truck (MR, HR, HC, MC)
Marine
Personal watercraft endorsement

- Licence /Permit status
Current
Applying for
Variation to

The Department of Transport and Planning ABN 69 981 208 782 ('Department') and R&L Services Victoria Pty Ltd ABN 28 657 005 493 (as Trustee for the Victorian R&L Services Trust ABN 96 342 123 072), known as 'VicRoads' and acting on behalf of the Secretary to the Department and Safe Transport Victoria (ST Vic) (we, us) collect personal information for registration and licensing purposes. This personal information will be handled by us as permitted or required by the applicable laws. This personal or health information may be disclosed to third parties, including our contractors and agents, or other bodies advising us on the medical fitness of drivers, occupational therapists, law enforcement agencies, other road and traffic authorities including Safe Transport Victoria and the Transport Accident Commission, courts and other agencies/persons authorised to obtain it under applicable laws. You are required by the Road Safety Act 1986, Marine Safety Act 2010 and their associated regulations to give this information.

Your failure to provide this information may result in your application not being processed, or your driver licence, learner permit, or marine licence records not being properly maintained, or your authority to drive on your interstate driver licence, learner permit, marine licence or overseas driver licence removed. For further information about our use of your personal and health information, and your rights to access it, go to: dtp.vic.gov.au/privacy or ST Vic's Privacy Policy at safetransport.vic.gov.au/privacy-policy. For other agencies or persons authorised to obtain your personal and/or health information, you should contact the agency directly for further information about their use and your rights of access to it. I agree to the practitioner named on this form completing the report and forwarding it to the Department or VicRoads and agree to the use and disclosure of personal and health information contained in the form in accordance with the above statement. I agree to pay all the expenses connected with this report.

Signed OFFICE USE

Your personal details

Surname Date of birth First given name Second given name Residential address Postcode

Examination – to be completed by a medical practitioner

You must complete this section
Visual acuity, unaided R 6/ L 6/ Binocular 6/
Visual acuity, aided R 6/ L 6/ Binocular 6/

Does the patient have any of the following conditions? Please cross all circles that apply and provide details in Comments section.

- Cardiovascular problems
Diabetes – controlled by
Epilepsy
Mental/psychiatric disorder
Musculo-skeletal disorders
Neurological disorders
Other
Visual problems

You must complete this section
How long have you known/treated the patient?
Do you know the medical history of the patient?

Comments (Please specify medical condition and indicate how the patient's driving ability may be affected by the medical condition. Provide clinical data, final diagnosis and current treatment, including medication and any likely side effects.)

You must complete this section
The patient meets the national medical standards to hold a licence/permit to drive a car (includes light truck) or motorcycle.
The patient meets the national medical standards to hold a licence to drive a bus or heavy truck.
In assessing the patient, I am of the opinion the patient is fit to operate a vessel safely.

Practitioner's details (please use BLOCK letters or official stamp)
Name of practitioner
Address
Postcode
Phone
Qualifications
Signature of practitioner
Date

You must complete this section
On road driving test required to determine fitness to drive
Please specify reason
Restrictions should apply to patient's driving (please specify)
Further examinations required
The patient is aware that this form is to be sent to the Medical Review Team
The patient is aware that if a follow-up medical certificate is required, they are responsible for sending it to the Medical Review Team.

We recommend you send your report(s) to us by email or fax. If you prefer to post, please allow up to two weeks for postal delivery. Email medicalreview@transport.vic.gov.au Fax (03) 9854 2307 Post GPO Box 2392, Melbourne, Victoria 3001

Notes

The Medical Review Team has a legal responsibility under section 17 of the *Road Safety Act 1986* and the *Marine Safety Act 2010* to ensure that all drivers have the appropriate skills and abilities, and are medically fit to hold a licence. This also applies to the authority to drive on an interstate driver licence/learner permit or overseas driver licence.

To meet this responsibility, section 27 of the *Road Safety Act 1986* and the *Marine Safety Act 2010* gives the Medical Review Team the authority to ask any motor vehicle or marine licence holder or applicant to provide medical evidence of their suitability to drive and/or to undergo a driving assessment.

To the practitioner

The examination must be conducted in accordance with the national medical standards *Assessing Fitness to Drive for Commercial and Private Vehicle Drivers* available at austroads.com.au.

This publication provides medical standards for licensing and clinical management guidelines for health professionals in Australia.

The Medical Review Team has expert medical advisors who assist in determining fitness to drive when medical conditions are complex. The Medical Review Team will be greatly assisted if you provide all relevant details. All information is treated in accordance with the law.

If you have doubts about your patient's fitness to drive, you may like to suggest a driving assessment. This does not apply to marine licence holders.

If you have any doubts about the information required, or wish to discuss the case personally, please contact the Medical Review Team (vehicles) on (03) 8391 3226 or Safe Transport Victoria (vessels) on 1800 223 022.

Indemnity – Victorian legislation provides legal indemnity to practitioners who conduct an examination and provide the Medical Review Team with an opinion on the basis of that examination.

Criminal liability and insurance – Health professionals may be liable under civil law in cases where a court forms the opinion that they have not taken reasonable steps to ensure that impaired drivers drive only in circumstances that do not place them and other members of the community at increased risk. Professional indemnity insurers are aware of the potential liability of health professionals and may reasonably expect health professionals to comply with the national medical standards.

To the applicant

You must make an appointment with your practitioner. As the examination and completion of this report may take longer than a routine consultation, you are advised to inform your doctor (or the receptionist) that you are attending for this purpose.

You should make the doctor aware of any medical conditions you may have. If the medical report has been requested for a particular reason, you should let your practitioner know this reason.

You are required by law to advise the Medical Review Team of any serious or chronic medical condition or disability (or the effects of treatment for any of those things) that may affect your ability to drive. If you provide this information, your doctor can provide this advice, on your behalf, using this form.

You should take any corrective lenses and hearing aids that you normally use, to the examination.

You should let your doctor know if you hold or are applying for a heavy vehicle licence, as the medical requirements for drivers of such vehicles are stricter. If you are required to provide a medical report to other agencies it is in your interest to keep a copy of this report.

Variation, suspension or cancellation of licence – If your licence is varied, suspended or cancelled on the basis of a medical report, you may be relicensed when you provide medical evidence which indicates that you have met the national medical standards and are qualified to be relicensed. You also have the right of appeal to a Magistrates' Court.

Medical Review driving assessment (Not applicable to marine licences)

Where there is a concern about a person's ability to drive safely, a driving test is necessary.

When retesting current licence holders the on-road test may commence from the person's home, ensuring that the customer is tested in a familiar area and allowing a local area restriction to be imposed if appropriate.

The on-road test is conducted in a vehicle with dual controls fitted with automatic transmission. Customers are allowed time to become familiar with the vehicle. The licence may be immediately suspended, or the authority to drive on an interstate driver licence/learner permit or overseas driver licence may be immediately removed, if the test is failed.

Occupational therapy driving assessment (Not applicable to marine licences)

Victorian law gives specially trained registered occupational therapists the right to conduct a driver assessment where there is a medical concern about the customer's ability to drive safely. The aim of the occupational therapy assessment is to assist people with impairments to resume or continue driving. There are two components of the assessment.

The off-road assessment aims to evaluate the person's fitness. This involves an interview, vision screen, cognitive function test, assessment of physical strength, motor skills, reaction time, road law and road craft. The need for specialist equipment or vehicle modifications is considered at this time.

The on-road test takes a standard approach but can be designed to meet individual needs. It is conducted in a vehicle with dual controls accompanied by a driving instructor and where necessary set up with special requirements or modifications to meet the needs of the customer. The test is structured to assess the impact of injury, illness or the ageing process on driving skills such as judgement, decision making skills, observation and vehicle handling.

Licence conditions

If appropriate, the customer's medical practitioner may make recommendations to the Medical Review Team, allowing the customer to continue driving on a conditional licence (e.g. corrective lenses, no night driving).

An occupational therapist after completing a driving assessment may also make recommendations to the Medical Review Team. The final decision is made by the Medical Review Team.

If the practitioner believes that vehicle modifications are necessary (e.g. hand controls, left foot accelerator), or a prosthesis is necessary to drive safely, or that a local area driving restriction is appropriate, the customer will need to demonstrate the ability to drive safely with these restrictions. In these cases a driving assessment is necessary.