Indigo Occupational Therapy Driver Assessment Service First Time Drivers Frequently Asked Questions

Procedure for First Time Drivers with a medical condition or disability which may impact on their ability to learn to drive.

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Before you can undertake an Occupational Therapy Driver Assessment with Indigo you are required to begin the process of achieving their Learners Permit.

This ensures you are a suitable candidate and alerts the Department of Transport that you would like to achieve your Driver's Licence.

<u>Step 1</u>: Complete the computer-based theory test

- A) Through the WA School Programme called 'Keys for Life'
- B) By attending the Department of Transport
- There are community resources available to assist you to complete the theory test.
- https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/learner-activities-and-resources.asp

*You may be eligible to complete the theory test orally at the discretion of the Department of Transport.

<u>Step 2</u>: Attend the Department of Transport and apply for a Learner's Permit with your completed theory test.

- When completing your licence application, you will be asked to disclose if you have any relevant medical condition or disability that might impact your ability to drive safely.

<u>Step 3</u>: Depending on your answer to Step 3, you will be issued with:

- A Learners Permit

or

- A Learner's Permit receipt (pending the outcome of a medical assessment)

Step 4: Submit a Medical Certificate completed by a medical professional

- Either by attending your local medical practitioner. (GP or Specialist)
 or
- Being referred by a Medical Practitioner for an Occupational Therapy Driver Assessment.
 - If your doctor recommends you complete an OT assessment, they will need to refer you to a driving assessment service.

Step 5: Have an Occupational Therapy Driver Assessment

- Contact your Driver Assessment Service to book an assessment.
- Upon completion of the assessment the OT will discuss their recommendation with you about what will happen next. This will be provided in report to the referring practitioner so they can submit your Medical Assessment Certificate and directly to the Department of Transport.
- The Occupational Therapist will advise the next steps available to the you. This may involve beginning lessons or practice, further assessment or review etc.

If you would like more information about completing an Occupational Therapy Driver Assessment with Indigo, please contact us on (08) 9381 0635 or email <u>driving@indigosolutions.org.au</u>