



SAFER DRIVING

Maintain your driving independence

Information on older driver
tests and assessments.

What senior drivers need to know about the licensing system.

From 75 years

In NSW and ACT, you're required to have an annual medical examination to retain your licence once you reach 75. Before your birthday you'll receive a form for your doctor to complete.

If your doctor considers you **medically fit to drive**, hand the completed form into your local motor registry.

If your doctor has **concerns about your ability to drive**, they may refer you onto another doctor for a detailed medical Assessment and/or Driving Test. Your doctor will then send the completed form directly to the RMS or RTA.

From 85 years

In NSW, before your 85th birthday you must decide whether you'd like to keep an unrestricted driver's licence or opt to switch to a modified licence. You'll need to reassess this decision every 2 years thereafter.

Unrestricted licence

If you opt to keep an unrestricted driver's licence, you're required to complete a practical **Driving Test** or **Assessment** to maintain your existing licence.

Modified licence

If you opt for a modified licence, you negotiate to modify conditions of your licence with the RMS. For example, a 'home to town' condition might be negotiated, where you're able to drive short distances only. Modified licence holders aren't required to undertake a **Driving Test** or **Assessment**.

The difference between Driving Tests and Assessments.

NSW Driving Test

- A practical Driving Test is carried out by the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) at your local motor registry, free of charge.
- You should complete this test prior to your 85th birthday and every two years thereafter.
- If you commit one of the 8 'Fail Items**' during the test, the RMS will not award a pass – regardless of your overall driving performance.
- After 3 failed attempts you'll be issued a **modified licence**. You may attempt to upgrade to an **unrestricted licence** by successfully passing a **Driving Assessment** with an accredited assessor, like the NRMA.

NSW Driving Assessment

- A practical Driving Test carried out by a licensed driving instructor who holds a Senior Assessor Qualification, including **NRMA Safer Driving**.
- Assessments are generally conducted starting at your home and on roads you drive every day in your local area.
- You should complete this Assessment prior to your 85th birthday and then every two years thereafter.
- You can repeat Assessments as many times as you like, provided you don't perform a 'Serious Fail**' based on the RMS standards.
- This option is a charged service.



We can help you prepare

Ensure you are well-prepared by taking a **Refresher Lesson** before your Driving Test or Assessment.

Refresher Lessons update you on the latest road rules, provide feedback on areas for improvement, and increase your knowledge of 'Fail Items' for undertaking a Driving Test at the RMS.

The trusted experts at NRMA Safer Driving can help you prepare to maintain your driving independence with **Refresher Lessons** and **Driving Assessments**.

Call **1300 696 762** or visit **nrmasaferdriving.com.au/senior** to book a Refresher Lesson or your Driving Assessment with NRMA Safer Driving.

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*A list of the 'Fail Items' can be found in the Guide to Older Driver Licensing booklet available from the RMS. A 'Serious Fail' result may be recorded for a practical Driving Assessment where your driving behaviours represent a danger to yourself or other road users.

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