

ADDRESS

St Vincent's Rehabilitation Centre

St George's campus
Ground Floor
283 Cotham Road
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(enter via Cotham Road)

Melway ref 45 H6

PARKING AND TRANSPORT

Parking is available at St George's via Normanby Road. Fees apply.

Tram 109 stops directly outside St George's.

ENQUIRIES

If you have any questions regarding the Occupational Therapy Driver Assessment or the referral process, please phone (03) 9231 8660.



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Occupational Therapy Driver Assessment Clinic

Information for patients

Driving is often important to a person's lifestyle and independence. Following an illness or injury, or as we age, our ability to drive safely may be affected.

WHY IS AN ASSESSMENT REQUIRED?

Under Victorian law you can be required to take an Occupational Therapy Driver Assessment to show that you can drive safely, legally and independently.

VicRoads, your family, your doctor or yourself can request that you be assessed.

An assessment may be necessary because:

- you have a physical injury, illness, disability or psychiatric disorder which may affect your ability to drive safely
- your physical or mental skills may have slowed since you obtained your licence
- you have a medical condition and would like to know if you are able to obtain a driver's licence or return to driving.

You are legally obliged to notify VicRoads if you have a medical condition that may impair your ability to drive safely.

THE ASSESSMENT

The assessment consists of two separate appointments:

Part 1 – Off-road assessment, including:

- an interview regarding driving history, medical history and medications
- a physical assessment
- a road law knowledge assessment

Part 2 – On-road assessment

- Conducted with a driving instructor in a dual-control driving school vehicle (automatic or manual).
- The occupational therapist is seated in the back seat and assesses the possible effects your injury or illness may have on your ability to drive safely.

OUTCOMES

After the assessment, the occupational therapist will recommend one of the following:

1. You are safe to drive with no further action.
2. You require a conditional or restricted licence, e.g. driving in a specified local area, or only driving during the day.
3. Your driving requires improvement. You may require driving lessons with a driving instructor. The occupational therapist will reassess your driving after the lesson(s).
4. You are not safe to continue driving. Your licence will be suspended or cancelled. This may be reviewed if your medical condition or functional ability improves.

The occupational therapist may also recommend that:

- you need to have your driving reassessed regularly (e.g. annually) due to your medical condition
- you need adaptations or specialised equipment fitted to your car. Driving lessons will be necessary to learn how to drive safely with these adaptations.

Following the assessment a report describing your driving and the recommendations made by the occupational therapist is sent to the VicRoads Medical Review Department.

Please note: *this driving clinic is available for people living in the municipalities of Boroondara, Yarra and Darebin south of Bell Street.*

Cost

The cost for the occupational therapist includes both the off-road and on-road appointments.

Occupational Therapist: \$220 (Pensioners \$200)

Driving instructor and car: \$90-\$100

What to bring

- driver's licence
- correspondence from VicRoads
- medical or vision reports
- list of current medications
- spectacles/contact lenses (reading and distance)
- hearing aid
- payment.