

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What class level does the Driving Evaluation Program assess?

Our program assesses people with Class 5 or Class 7 license.

Class 7 - Learner's License, for those learning to drive class 5 vehicles

Class 5 - (the most common) -- for driving cars, pick-up trucks, sport utility vehicles and vans seating less than 10 people;

A person's class level can be found on the front of their driver's license.

We do *NOT* assess for

- Class 1 (semi-trailers and tractor trailer)
- Class 2 – large buses (over 24 passengers)
- Class 3- for driving vehicles or vehicle-trailer combinations weighing greater than 14,000 kilograms;
- Class 4 - for driving smaller buses, vans seating under 24 passengers for compensation, taxis and ambulances;
- Class 6 (or 5a) - for driving motorcycles and motor-driven cycles
- Class 8 – farm tractors

2. Can a patient who has only a beginner/learner's license be assessed by the Driving Evaluation Program?

Yes, this is a Class 7 license and we are able to take this person on-road to complete an evaluation with them.

3. What if the patient doesn't have a license and has never had a license?

We do see patients who have not yet applied for their learner's license. Sometimes their doctors want to have them assessed for adaptive aids or to make sure they are safe driving before they apply for their license.

We do assess these patients but complete the 1 ½ clinic portion only. An on-road evaluation can be arranged once the person obtains their beginner's/learner's license.

4. What if the patient's license has been suspended?

We do assess patients whose license has been suspended for medical reasons (i.e., their physician has reported them to the Registry of Motor Vehicles as being unsafe to drive due to their medical condition).

A temporary license is required to complete the on-road portion of the assessment and the O.T. involved in the Driving Program can request a temporary license from the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

The Driving Evaluation Program can **NOT** assess (on-road) a patient whose license has been suspended for other reasons (i.e., unpaid fines, motor vehicle violations, driving under the influence). These patients must have their license reinstated prior to being assessed.