

Driver Assessment and Rehabilitation Courses | 2024

Part 1 Online and Part 2 practical component face to face (best practice education model) in Melbourne & Sydney

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Introduction:

The Driver Assessment and Rehabilitation Course trains occupational therapists from all over Australia to work as occupational therapy driver assessors (OTDAs). The course consists of seminars and practical classes and participants learn the practice procedures for off-road and on-road assessments and driver rehabilitation. On-road assessments are conducted in cars with dual controls with simulated patients and driving instructors. Participants from all states and territories can participate in the Course.

Part 2 face-to-face practical component provides course participants with the opportunity to consolidate learning from Part 1. This includes practicing all components off and on road assessment under direct supervision of experienced OTDA, and with driving instructors and simulated clients.

For Victorian participants, only occupational therapists who have completed a driver assessment training course can have their reports and recommendation recognised by VicRoads. This course has been running continually since 1986 and is one of the oldest in the world. It is also a very popular course given the intensive opportunity to develop and practice skills on-road with simulated clients and an expert supervisor.

Course aims:

Participants who successfully complete the course will:

- Be qualified to conduct assessments of functionally impaired drivers,
- Be equipped with the skills to establish a driver assessment program,
- Be able to maximise the potential for independent vehicle mobility for a person with a disability, and
- Have an understanding of their role and responsibilities in this area of practice.

Course Educators: Our team of expert educators in Melbourne and Sydney includes licensing authority staff, police, vision specialists and occupational therapy driver assessors:

Robin Lovell (Vic)	Dianne Cooper Nolan (Vic)	Michelle Turnbull (NSW)
Carolyn Unsworth (Vic)	Meg Marmo (Vic)	Jenny Wise (NSW)
Judy Shepherd (Vic)	Janene Strahan (Vic)	Trinity Glendenning (NSW)
Kay Russell (Vic)	Lyndall Cook (NSW)	

Dates	Part 1 Online (5 days Via Teams)	Fridays: 25 October, and 1, 8, 15, 22 November 9.00am – 4.30pm
	Part 2 On campus (6 days Face to Face)	Melbourne: 29th Nov – 6th December, 9.00am – 4:30pm Sydney: 9th – 13th December, 9.00am – 4.30pm
Venues	Melbourne	Swinburne University John St, Hawthorn VIC easily accessed by public transport and paid parking available
	Sydney	Toongabbie Christian College Metella Rd, Toongabbie NSW free parking on-site

- Participants can download Teams and require a quiet space from which to join the class
- Participants pay for own accommodation

Admission requirements for all courses:

Participants attend via Teams for the first 5 days. Attendance is in person for the final 6 days.

Course participants must:

- be occupational therapists with a minimum of two years' practice experience (Australian participants must be registered as occupational therapists with AHPRA) and
- eligible to drive a motor vehicle in Australia and have the appropriate current permit for state/ territory of practice.

Fees 2024| \$4300.00 (incl GST)

This all-inclusive fee covers tuition, on and off-road training sessions, manuals, and all equipment and resources required to practice. An additional cost (time with a driving instructor) will be incurred by participants who join on-line for Part 1 (approx. \$80 - \$100).

Registrations are now open - Please forward this email to all who may be interested



Scan the QR code to register your details or click here

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For information on the application process and to access the application website

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