



About Indigo

Our vision is to create a community in which all abilities are valued, where people have the knowledge, tools and confidence to participate.

Indigo is proud to have over 40 years' experience providing assistive technology (devices and equipment) and allied health services.

During this time, we have supported hundreds of thousands of Western Australians of all ages and abilities to live more independent lives.

Our experienced team is passionate about working in partnership with you to achieve your independence and inclusion goals.

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Driving Services Perth, Bunbury, Mandurah, Northam:

- Occupational Therapy
Driver Assessment
- Assessment for driving controls and vehicle modifications
- Driving Lessons



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Occupational Therapy Driver Assessments

The Occupational Therapy Driver Assessment (OTDA) service provides comprehensive assessment and rehabilitation services for people with disability or a medical condition which may affect their ability to drive.

What happens in an assessment?

Assessments are conducted by a registered driver trained occupational therapist in a supportive environment and aim to ensure that people are safe and able to drive, where possible.

Appointments are generally two hours and include an interview about the person's medical and driving history, a clinical screen of physical, sensory and cognitive skills required for driving, followed by a practical driving assessment. This is done on a set route with a range of road conditions and driving experiences. It is conducted in a dual controlled automatic or manual vehicle by a qualified driving instructor and driver trained occupational therapist.

Driving Lessons

Indigo provides specialised driving lessons for first-time drivers, including those requiring vehicle modifications. An assessment by an occupational therapist may be necessary to determine an individual's suitability for lessons.

Refresher lessons for older drivers to update their knowledge of road laws and improve driving confidence can also be provided.

Rehabilitation lessons, where appropriate, are supervised by the assessing therapist and implemented by an experienced driving instructor. Lessons may include modifications if required.

Who are occupational therapy driver assessments for?

Assessments may be conducted for:

- **Fitness to drive:** drivers with medical or age-related changes.
- **New drivers:** to determine driving readiness.
- **Experienced drivers with acquired medical conditions or disabilities:** to determine the impact on driving performance and possible need for modified driving controls.
- **Work related drivers:** to determine the impact of injury or chronic pain conditions, including ergonomic evaluation.
- **Commercial vehicle drivers:** to determine medical capacity to drive heavy vehicles or workplace plant equipment.

How do I access this service?

A written referral is needed from a doctor or other health professional. Once a referral is received, we will contact the person to arrange an appointment. Find referral forms on our website: indigosolutions.org.au.

Fees

Fees apply for OTDA services for individual, NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme), corporate, insurance and rehabilitation clients.

Indigo is a registered provider for the NDIS. Individuals with a disability or medical condition who require an OTDA for vehicle modifications or fitness to drive may be eligible for a subsidy to help with the cost of the assessment.

Did you know that Mandatory Reporting of Medical Conditions requires that all drivers report any permanent or long term medical condition which may impair their ability to drive?

Visit www.transport.wa.gov.au for further details.

