

The Driver Evaluation Rehabilitation Centre

Services provided in partnership with Limestone Health Consultants Inc. and Victoria Webster.



**This program has been approved by the
Ministry of Transportation.**



Why do I need a Driver's Evaluation?

- To answer the question – “Can I drive?”
- To identify your potential to :
Continue to drive
Return to driving
Learn to drive
- To assist you in determining if you require adaptive equipment or driving lessons.

What is involved in a Driver's Evaluation?

The driver's evaluation consists of 2 parts:

A) In-Clinic Evaluation

- The occupational therapist conducts an interview to gather medical and driving information.
- The occupational therapist completes the testing to evaluate your physical, perceptual and cognitive (thinking) abilities required for driving.

B) On-Road Evaluation

- The occupational therapist and driving instructor evaluates your driving performance on the road.
- For safety, the evaluation is conducted in the vehicle provided by the assessment centre.

There is a short break between the 2 parts of the evaluation. You will be required to have someone bring you to the appointment and to pick you up after the evaluation is complete. The entire evaluation may take up to 4 hours.

What happens after the evaluation?

- The occupational therapist and driving instructor discuss their recommendations regarding your ability to drive.
- The occupational therapist writes a report outlining the results of the driver's evaluation and any recommendations.
- Recommendations may include remedial driving lessons, and/or vehicle adaptations.
- The report is forwarded to you, the Ministry of Transportation, your physician, and any referral sources.

What do I need to consider if I think I need a Driver's Evaluation?

- You need to be medically stable.
- You need to be able to independently transfer into a car.
- Your vision needs to meet Ministry of Transportation (Ministry) requirements. If you are concerned that your vision may not meet the requirements, you should have your vision checked by an eye specialist.
- You must ensure that the Ministry has received all requested or required medical reports from your physician(s) before you are referred for an evaluation.
- You must have a valid driver's license (new drivers require a valid G1 license) or,
- If your license is under medical suspension, we must be able to arrange for a temporary driver's license in order for you to participate in the driver's evaluation.

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- ✱ The driver's evaluation is not covered under the Ontario Health Insurance Program (OHIP).
- ✱ To be scheduled for an evaluation, you must have written approval for payment by a third party funder or be able to personally finance the evaluation.

Making an Appointment

- ✱ A completed and signed Medical Information and Referral Form is required from your physician (this applies to all referrals).
- ✱ Referrals can be initiated by:
 - Physicians
 - Health Care Professionals
 - Ministry of Transportation
 - Insurance companies and other professionals
- ✱ Once **all** required information has been received, an appointment will be booked for you.
- ✱ Contact Sherrey Larmour-Trode, M.Ed., CCRC at **613.389.2350** for referral forms or additional information about The Driver Evaluation Rehabilitation Centre.

Who performs my driver's evaluation?

Our team includes:

- ✱ A regulated Occupational Therapist
- ✱ A licensed Driving Instructor

The occupational therapist and driving instructor are experienced in assessing and teaching individuals who have a disability or special need.

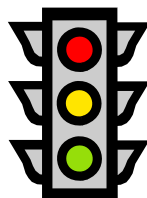
Occupational Therapists

Limestone Health Consultants Inc. has been providing rehabilitation services to the Kingston region since 1995. Our occupational therapists are qualified to conduct assessments of an individual's function.

Senior Therapist – Linda Laporte, B.Sc. OT
Therapist – Danielle Michel, B.Sc. OT
Therapist – Cheryl Moggridge, B.Sc. OT
Therapist – Beth Hopkins, B.Sc. OT

Professional Driving Instructors

Victoria Webster is a Ministry of Transportation Approved Driving Instructor with over 30 years of experience. Ms Webster has been the on-road evaluator for St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital Driver Assessment Program since 1985 and will continue to offer her expertise to new clients of The Driver Evaluation Rehabilitation Centre.



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