



# Fitness to drive

## South Australian law requirements

- Drivers must notify the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, in writing, of any injury or illness that may affect their fitness to drive. Failure to do so could result in a penalty of up to \$750.
- Drivers aged 70 years or over must have an annual medical examination if they've had a previously reported medical condition, or if they hold a licence other than a car licence. If you're required to have a medical examination, you'll be sent a form for your doctor to fill in.
- Drivers over the age of 75, who do not have a previously reported medical condition, need to complete a self-assessment form and return it to the Registrar. If you create an EzyReg account, you can complete the form online.
- Drivers aged 85 or over, who hold any class of licence other than a car licence, must take an annual practical driving assessment. If the Registrar considers it necessary, a practical assessment may be requested at any age, regardless of the type of licence held by the driver.

Failure to comply with any of these requirements can result in the cancellation of your driver's licence.

Health professionals such as doctors, optometrists and physiotherapists are required to notify the Registrar if they consider a driver, or driver's licence applicant, to be temporarily or permanently unfit to drive.

If anyone else, including carers, family members and police officers, has genuine concerns about a person's fitness to drive, they can write to the **Registrar of Motor Vehicles, GPO Box 1533, Adelaide SA 5001**. For more information contact **Service SA** on 13 10 84.

**It's a serious offence to continue driving without notifying the Registrar of Motor Vehicles about a reportable medical condition.**

If you're involved in a crash:

- You may be charged with driving offences relating to the crash, as well as failing to notify the Registrar of a reportable medical condition.
- You may be sued for any damages to people or property caused in that crash.
- Your third party (bodily injury) and private car insurance coverage may be affected.

## Driving check up

Occupational therapists and driver rehabilitation specialists can evaluate your driving abilities and recommend ways to keep you safe on the roads.

For more information, call **OT Australia** on 1300 682 878 or visit [otaus.com.au](http://otaus.com.au).

## Education and practice

It's important to be aware of any changes to road rules. RAA Drive School offers a one-hour driver refresher lesson, with a qualified driving instructor to assist in maintaining and improving your skills, confidence, and safe motoring experience on the road.

Contact our **Drive School** on 8202 4444, by email at [drivereducation@raa.com.au](mailto:drivereducation@raa.com.au) or visit our website at [raa.com.au/drivereducation](http://raa.com.au/drivereducation) for more information.

The Driver's Handbook, produced by the SA government, outlines the state's road rules. It can be bought at your



local RAA Shop, at Service SA customer service centres, and selected newsagents. It can also be downloaded at [mylicence.sa.gov.au/road-rules/the-drivers-handbook](http://mylicence.sa.gov.au/road-rules/the-drivers-handbook).

RAA can provide organised groups with a range of free presentations through our Years Ahead program. We have sessions on subjects like maintaining safe mobility, alternative transport options and road rules.

Call our **Years Ahead** team on 8202 4221, email [yearsahead@raa.com.au](mailto:yearsahead@raa.com.au) or visit [raa.com.au/yearsahead](http://raa.com.au/yearsahead) for more information.

### Consider alternatives to driving

Even if you drive on a regular basis, you might wish to use other forms of transport at peak hour, during bad weather, or at any time when driving is stressful. This also means you can avoid the bother of trying to find safe, convenient and affordable parking.

By researching community transportation options now, it can help make the transition smoother when the time comes to stop driving.

Contact your local council for information on community transport options.

The **Australian Red Cross** provides a door-to-door transport service to help you attend non-urgent medical appointments and social outings. Contact them on 8100 4500, by email at [saclientservices@redcross.org.au](mailto:saclientservices@redcross.org.au) or visit [satss.sa.gov.au](http://satss.sa.gov.au).

South Australian Seniors Card members can travel for free on Adelaide Metro buses, trains and trams.

For information on public transport timetables and routes, contact **Adelaide Metro** on 1300 311 108 or visit [adelaidemetro.com.au](http://adelaidemetro.com.au).

For information, or to apply for the South Australian Seniors Card, call the **Seniors Card Unit** on 1800 819 961, or email [seniorscard@sa.gov.au](mailto:seniorscard@sa.gov.au).

People who have permanent and severe disabilities that limit their ability to use public transport may apply for subsidised taxi fares. Call the **South Australian Transport Subsidy Scheme (SATSS)** on 1300 360 840.

**There are many transport options available to you as your driving circumstances change.**

### We're here to help

Call our Road Safety team on 8202 4570 or email [motoringroadrules@raa.com.au](mailto:motoringroadrules@raa.com.au) [raa.com.au/roadsafety](http://raa.com.au/roadsafety)