

Please complete your licence and personal details and give this form to your psychiatrist.
Print clearly in ink using BLOCK letters.

Licence/Permit type

- ☐ Car/Motorcycle/Light truck (LR)
☐ Bus/Truck (MR, HR, HC, MC)
☐ Marine
☐ Personal watercraft endorsement

Licence/Permit status

- ☐ Current
☐ Applying for
☐ Variation to

Personal and/or health information that we collect from you in connection with the administration of your driver licence/learner permit will be used for that purpose and may be used for other purposes permitted by the *Road Safety Act 1986* and the *Marine Safety Act 2010*. Your personal and/or health information may be disclosed to contractors and agents of VicRoads, the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine or other body advising VicRoads on medical fitness of drivers, occupational therapists, law enforcement agencies, other road and traffic authorities including the Taxi Services Commission, the Transport Accident Commission, courts and other agencies/persons authorised to obtain it such as Transport Safety Victoria. You are required to give this information to VicRoads by the *Road Safety Act 1986*, *Marine Safety Act 2010* and associated regulations. Failure to provide this information may result in your application not being processed or driver licence/learner permit records not being properly maintained or your authority to drive on your interstate driver licence/learner permit or overseas driver licence removed. For further information about our use of your personal and/or health information and your rights of access to it, see VicRoads brochure *Protecting your privacy* or contact VicRoads. For other agencies or persons authorised to obtain your personal and/or health information, you should contact the agency directly for further information about their use and your rights of access to it.

I agree to the practitioner named on this form completing the report and forwarding it to VicRoads and agree to VicRoads' use and disclosure of personal and health information contained in the form in accordance with the above statement. I agree to pay all expenses in connection with this report.

Licence/Learner permit no.

Signed

Your personal details

Surname									
First given name					Second given name				
Date of birth	D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y	Contact phone no. (mobile preferred)
Home address								Postcode	

Assessment – to be completed by a psychiatrist

To the practitioner: You must refer to the relevant national medical standards *Assessing Fitness to Drive for Commercial and Private Vehicle Drivers* at austroads.com.au
Please also refer to information on the back of this form.

You must complete this section

How long have you known/treated the patient? Years Months

☐ Yes ☐ No Do you know the relevant history of the patient?

☐ Yes ☐ No Is the patient currently being treated, or has a history of being treated, for a mental illness or psychiatric disorder?
(if Yes, specify the nature of the disorder)

☐ Yes ☐ No Was hospitalisation required? *(if Yes, specify below)*

Name of hospital

Admission date

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y
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Discharge date

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y
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☐ Yes ☐ No Is the patient taking medicine?
(if Yes, specify medical treatment below)

Medication *(Please specify any medicine)*

☐ Yes ☐ No Does the medical condition or treatment have any effect on fitness to drive? *(if Yes, specify in Comments section)*

☐ Yes ☐ No Is an on road driving test required to determine fitness to drive?

☐ Yes ☐ No Should the patient continue to drive pending the outcome of a driving test?

☐ Yes ☐ No Should any restrictions be applied to the patient's driving?

☐ Yes ☐ No Are further examinations required? *(if Yes, specify what and when)*

Comments *(Please indicate how the patient's driving ability may be affected by the condition or treatment and any likely side effects.)*

You must complete this section

☐ Yes ☐ No The patient meets the national medical standards to hold a licence/permit to drive a car (includes light truck) or motorcycle.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A The patient meets the national medical standards to hold a licence to drive a bus or heavy truck.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A In assessing the patient, I am of the opinion the patient is fit to operate a vessel safely.

Psychiatrist's details *(please use BLOCK letters or official stamp)*

Name of psychiatrist									
Address									
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Phone								Qualifications	
Signature of psychiatrist <i>(or psychiatric registrar)</i>									
Date								D	D
								M	M
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								Y	Y

Notes

VicRoads has a legal responsibility under section 17 of the *Road Safety Act 1986* and the *Marine Safety Act 2010* to ensure that all motor vehicle driver licence/learner permit holders and marine licence holders are medically fit to hold a driver licence/learner permit or marine licence. This also applies to the authority to drive on an interstate driver licence/learner permit or overseas driver licence.

To meet this responsibility, section 27 of the *Road Safety Act 1986* and the *Marine Safety Act 2010* give VicRoads the authority to ask any motor vehicle licence/learner permit holder or marine licence holder or applicant to provide medical evidence of their fitness to drive a vehicle or operate a vessel and/or to undergo a driving assessment.

To the practitioner

For guidance in completing this examination you should refer to the national medical standards: *Assessing Fitness to Drive for Commercial and Private Vehicle Drivers* available at austroads.com.au

This publication provides medical standards for licensing and clinical management guidelines for health professionals in Australia.

VicRoads has expert medical advisors who assist in determining fitness to drive when medical conditions are complex. VicRoads Medical Review will be greatly assisted if you provide all relevant details. All information is treated in accordance with the law.

If you have doubts about your patient's fitness to drive, you may like to suggest a driving assessment. This does not apply to marine licence holders.

If you have any doubts about the information required, or wish to discuss the case personally, please contact VicRoads Medical Review (vehicles) on 9854 2407 or Transport Safety Victoria (boats) on 1800 223 022.

Indemnity – Victorian legislation provides legal indemnity to practitioners who conduct an examination and provide VicRoads with an opinion on the basis of that examination.

Criminal liability and insurance – Health professionals may be liable under civil law in cases where a court forms the opinion that they have not taken reasonable steps to ensure that impaired drivers drive only in circumstances that do not place them and other members of the community at increased risk. Professional indemnity insurers are aware of the potential liability of health professionals and may reasonably expect health professionals to comply with the national medical standards.

To the applicant

You must make an appointment with your practitioner. As the examination and completion of this report may take longer than a routine consultation, you are advised to inform your practitioner (or the receptionist) that you are attending for this purpose.

You should make the practitioner aware of any medical or mental health conditions you may have. If the medical report has been requested for a particular reason, you should let your practitioner know this reason.

You are required by law to advise VicRoads of any serious or chronic medical condition or disability that may affect your ability to drive. If you provide this information to your practitioner he/she can advise VicRoads, on this form, on your behalf.

You should take any corrective lenses and hearing aids that you normally use, to the examination.

You should let your doctor know if you hold or are applying for a heavy vehicle licence, as the requirements for drivers of such vehicles are stricter. If you are required to provide a report to other agencies it is in your interest to keep a copy of this report.

Variation, suspension or cancellation of licence – If VicRoads varies, suspends or cancels your licence on the basis of a report, you may be relicensed when you provide evidence which indicates that you have met the national medical standards and are qualified to be relicensed. You also have the right of appeal to a Magistrates Court.

Occupational therapy driver assessment (Not applicable to marine licences)

Victorian law gives specially trained occupational therapists the right to conduct a driver assessment where there is a medical concern about the customer's ability to drive safely. The aim of the occupational therapy assessment is to assist people with impairments to resume or continue driving. There are two components to the assessment.

The off-road assessment aims to evaluate the person's fitness. This involves an interview, vision screen, cognitive function test, assessment of physical strength, motor skills, reaction time, road law and road craft. The need for specialist equipment or vehicle modifications is considered at this time.

The on-road test takes a standard approach but can be designed to meet individual needs. It is conducted in a vehicle with dual controls accompanied by a driving instructor and where necessary set up with special requirements or modifications to meet the needs of the customer. The test is structured to assess the impact of injury, illness or the ageing process on driving skills such as judgement, decision making skills, observation and vehicle handling.

Licence conditions

If appropriate, the customer's medical practitioner may make recommendations to VicRoads, allowing the customer to continue driving on a conditional licence (e.g. corrective lenses, no night driving, abide with Community Treatment Order).

An occupational therapist after completing a driver assessment may also make recommendations to VicRoads. The final decision is made by VicRoads.

If the practitioner believes that vehicle modifications are necessary (e.g. hand controls, left foot accelerator), or a prosthesis is necessary to drive safely, or that a local area driving restriction is appropriate, the customer will need to demonstrate the ability to drive safely with these licence conditions. In these cases a driver assessment is necessary.