



## About Independent Living Centre WA

Our mission is to guide people's choices to access assistive technology and services for independence and wellbeing.

In addition to our Occupational Therapy Driver Assessment Service we provide:

- Assistive Equipment and Home Modification services
- Technology Services
- Equipment Hire
- Noah's Ark Toy Library
- Grants and Equipment Funding
- Training
- Carer Respite and Support

For more than 35 years, the ILC's experienced health professionals have been providing services to people with disability, older people, their carers, service providers, health professionals and educators.

## How to access the ILC Occupational Therapy Driver Assessment Service

**Phone:** 08 9381 0600 or 1300 885 886

**Email:** [ilcdriverassess@ilc.com.au](mailto:ilcdriverassess@ilc.com.au)

**Fax:** 08 9381 0611

**Web:** [www.ilc.com.au](http://www.ilc.com.au)

**Assessments are available at:**

### ILC Nedlands

The Niche, Suite A,  
11 Aberdare Road, Nedlands WA 6009

### ILC Cockburn

Suite 6B, Ground Floor,  
Cockburn Integrated Health and Community Facility,  
11 Wentworth Parade, Success WA 6164

### ILC North Office

Unit 13, 386 Wanneroo Road,  
Westminster WA 6061

**Services are also available in Bunbury and Northam on a regular basis.**



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## Occupational Therapy Driver Assessment Service





## Have confidence that it is safe for you to drive

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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.

OTDA is different to a Department of Transport licensing test as the focus is on determining the impact a disability or medical condition may have on commencing or returning to driving.

### What happens in the assessment?

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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.

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 suitable for?

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Assessments may be conducted for:

- Fitness to drive – drivers with medical or age related changes.
- Novice 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 to access the service

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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.

Referral forms are available from [www.ilc.com.au](http://www.ilc.com.au) or by contacting us.

### Fees

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Fees apply for OTDA services for individual, NDIA, My Way, corporate, insurance and rehabilitation clients.

The ILC is a registered provider for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIA and My Way).

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](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au) for further details.