



### Renewing your driving licence

The law requires a driver to renew their licence on reaching the age of 70, and every three years thereafter.

The DVLA will normally send out a renewal form at least two months before licence expiry.

Alternatively, you can pick up a renewal form from a Post Office. Remember to notify DVLA of any change of address.

### Find out more

#### Medical-based driving assessments Driving Mobility

- Web: [www.drivingmobility.org.uk](http://www.drivingmobility.org.uk)
- Phone: 020 8770 1151

#### Reporting a medical condition DVLA

- Write: Drivers Medical Group DVLA, Swansea, SA99 1TU
- Phone: 0300 790 6806
- Webchat: [www.contact.dvla.gov.uk/drivers-medical](http://www.contact.dvla.gov.uk/drivers-medical)

#### Skills-based driving appraisals Isle of Wight Council

- Web: [www.iow.gov.uk/roadsafety](http://www.iow.gov.uk/roadsafety)
- Email: [roadsafety@iow.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafety@iow.gov.uk)

### Notifiable medical conditions

You must notify the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) of certain medical conditions which may affect your ability to drive safely.

Notifiable medical conditions include any heart condition, poor short-term memory, epilepsy, diabetes, and difficulty in the use of limbs affecting a driver's ability to control a vehicle. A full list can be found online.

You should ask your doctor for advice, including possible effects that any medicines or drugs that you are prescribed may have on your driving.

### Eyesight

You must be able to read (with glasses or contact lenses, if necessary) a car number plate made after 1 September 2001 from 20 metres.

If you need glasses or contacts to meet this standard, make sure you wear them every time you drive.

If you have any concerns about meeting this standard or you develop any eye disease or changes in either eye you should consult a specialist about your fitness to drive.

### Driving with a disability

If you are driving with a disability or have trouble due to reduced mobility, you can get specialist advice from Driving Mobility.

Driving Mobility also offers medical-based driving assessments that review your fitness to drive and mobility needs.



# Older driver skills appraisal

Have a confidential driving appraisal in your own car

For drivers over 60 years old



ONE HOUR'S  
ASSESSMENT  
**£50**



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## Do you qualify for a driving skills appraisal?

- Are you over 60 years old?
- Do you have any concerns about driving?
- Would you like a professional to confirm that you are a good driver?
- Are you interested in updating your skills and knowledge?
- Do you have problems when dealing with certain traffic situations?

If you have answered 'yes' to any of the above, you could arrange for one of our professional driving assessors to visit you and carry out a confidential driving appraisal in your own car.



## Why should you have your driving skills appraised?

Driving is the most dangerous activity that most people take part in. A slight increase in awareness or improvement in skills is all it takes to make you safer.

Experienced drivers generally have fewer accidents than young drivers. However, as people grow older gradual changes take place which mean their ability to deal safely with some situations diminishes.

A professional driving assessor will be able to identify any unnecessary risk in your driving and help to correct this. Our aim is to help people stay safe on the road for as long as possible.

Please note that this service is not a medical review of your fitness to drive, and is a skills-only appraisal.

## Who should attend?

The driver appraisal scheme is aimed at drivers:

- Aged 60 years and over;
- Who have an interest in updating their skills and knowledge;
- Who want help in adapting to a new vehicle; or
- Simply want to gain confidence.

## What does the appraisal offer?

This is an informal and confidential appraisal with the aim of enhancing current skills. It is not a test so there is no pass or fail element.

The assessor looks at the way the driver deals with various traffic situations on roads that they normally drive on, and makes recommendations to help ensure ongoing safety.

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## Where is the appraisal held?

The appraisal takes place from the person's home, using their own car, and delivered by specially selected and trained Driving and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) Approved Driving Instructors (ADI) who have a good understanding of the needs of experienced drivers.

## How much does a driver appraisal cost?

The appraisal lasts around sixty minutes and costs just £50.

