

# Medical Specialist Fitness Assessment Report for Driver Licences

## Important information

- This medical report must be completed by an appropriate Specialist Medical Practitioner, experienced in the treatment of medical condition(s) relevant to the person listed below.
- The medical report should be completed by one Specialist Medical Practitioner only, if more than one Specialist assessment is required, a separate medical report must be used for each case.
- The original completed medical report must be returned by post to Roads and Maritime Services (RMS). It is recommended that you retain a copy of the completed medical report for your records.
- Please take the time to read the attached 'Information for the Applicant and Specialist Medical Practitioner' Information Sheet.

### Part A - Driver Details - to be completed by driver / applicant

Surname (*family name*)

Given names

Sex      Male   
            Female

Date of birth

Residential address (*PO box not accepted*)

  
  

Contact phone number

Driver licence number

#### Licence type:

C (car)       LR (light rigid)       MR (medium rigid)   
HR (heavy rigid)       HC (heavy combination)   
MC (multi-combination)       R (rider)

#### Driver / applicant declaration and privacy statement

I declare I have provided true and complete details to my medical practitioner/specialist medical practitioner. I also consent to Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) verifying the information contained in this Medical Report with any medical practitioner who provides a certification in respect of my fitness to drive and any medical practitioner engaged by RMS.

I recognise that my failure to consent to this verification may result in RMS being unable to determine whether or not I am eligible to hold a driver licence and may result in restrictions being placed on, the suspension of, or the cancellation of, any driver licence that I hold.

I also confirm that I have read, and I agree with, the privacy statement detailed in the 'Information for the Applicant and Specialist Medical Practitioner' page attached to this Medical Report

Signature

Date

### Part B - Medical Specialists Details to be completed by Specialist Medical Practitioner

Name of Specialist Medical Practitioner

Speciality

Qualifications

AHPRA number

Practice address (*PO box not accepted*)

  

Telephone number

Fax number

Signature of Specialist Medical Practitioner

#### Instructions for Specialist Medical Practitioner

The examination must be completed in accordance with the published national 'Assessing Fitness to Drive' for commercial and private vehicle drivers medical standards for licensing and clinical management guidelines, published by Austroads. In accordance with the medical standards all commercial drivers will require a specialist opinion for any serious medical condition.

**Please note** that any information that is not relevant to the patients' fitness to drive should not be included on this report.

It is important that you undertake the examination in accordance with the medical standards relevant to the class of licence held or applying for, and also take into consideration the nature of the persons driving task.

Information relating to NSW licence classes, and the meaning of 'private' and 'commercial' driver standards, is contained in the information sheet.

Please ensure Specialist Medical Practitioner Certification (Part D) is completed in **all** cases and also ensure the patient reads and signs the 'Driver/applicant declaration and privacy statement'.

More information relating to the RMS medical review process, and a link to the 'Assessing Fitness to Drive' publication is available on our website at:

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/licensing/healthmedicals/index.html>.

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## Part C - Specialist Report to be completed by Specialist Medical Practitioner

**Note:** Please provide relevant details about the driver/patients' medical condition and medical fitness to hold an unconditional or conditional driver licence. Please describe diagnosis, medications/treatments, compliance with medications/treatments and provide any comments relating to additional testing or assessments required (e.g. *RMS driving assessment, occupational therapist driving assessment, further specialist medical assessment and/or recommended licence conditions*).

Further pages attached

## Part D - Specialist Medical Practitioner Certification to be completed by Specialist Medical Practitioner

**Driving standards applied:** (*tick applicable*)

- Private  
 Commercial

**The driver (applicant) detailed in Part A**

- Meets the criteria for an unconditional driver licence  
 Meets the criteria for a conditional driver licence - I recommend future review:  Yearly **or** in \_\_\_\_\_  Months  
 **Does not** meet the criteria for an unconditional or conditional driver licence (as per AFTD March 2012)

Specialist Medical Practitioner signature

Date

  
day / month / year

**Note:** Please return the completed medical report to the patient to submit directly to RMS. Otherwise, if you wish to return the medical report directly to RMS on behalf of the patient, address details are on page one.

## Information for the Applicant

In many cases it is necessary for information to be provided from an appropriate specialist medical practitioner before Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) can allow the issue of a driver licence, or provide approval for a driver to maintain a licence.

If you are required to undertake a specialist medical assessment it is recommended that you make an appointment as soon as practicable, as in some areas of NSW appointments with specialist medical practitioners can involve long waiting lists. Once you have obtained an appointment with the specialist medical practitioner(s) it is suggested that you provide RMS with confirmation of your appointment to ensure that our records can be updated.

The responsibility for issuing, renewing, suspending or cancelling a person's licence (including conditional licence) lies with RMS. Licensing decisions are based on a full consideration of relevant factors relating to health and driving performance. Accordingly, you should make the specialist medical practitioner aware of any medical conditions you may have.

If you no longer need the class of licence that you currently hold, or wish to elect to downgrade to a lower class of driver licence, please inform the specialist medical practitioner.

**Please ensure that you carefully read and sign the 'Driver/applicant declaration and privacy statement' on page one of the Medical Specialist Fitness Assessment Report for Driver Licences, before returning it to RMS.**

**Please note:** It is a legal requirement for any costs associated with the medical examination(s) to be met by the licence holder. **It is recommended that you present this information document to your specialist medical practitioner when you attend your appointment.**

## Privacy Statement

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is subject to the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* and *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002*. Your personal and health information collected in this form will be held by RMS at 101 Miller St, North Sydney NSW 2060. You may request access to and/or correction of this information.

The collection, use and retention of your personal and health information in this Medical Specialist Fitness Assessment Report for Driver Licences, is for the purpose of verifying your fitness to drive and consequently hold a driver licence. In the event that any medical practitioner recommends restrictions in respect of your driver licence or certifies you are medically unfit to drive, this may result in restrictions being placed on your driver licence or the suspension or cancellation of your driver licence. You are required to provide this information under road transport legislation. Failure to do so may result in you being ineligible to hold a driver licence.

Where you hold a Mobility Parking Scheme permit (MPS permit), the health information in this Medical Report and any additional Medical Report provided, may be used for the purpose of verifying your eligibility to hold an MPS permit and may result in the cancellation of your current MPS permit or a refusal to renew your MPS permit.

If you are the holder of a NSW Public Passenger Authority, the health information in this Medical Report and any additional Medical Report provided, may be used for the purpose of determining your fitness to drive public passenger vehicles in accordance with the provisions of the passenger transport legislation.

Your personal and health information held by RMS may be disclosed as required by law or to any medical practitioner who provides certification in respect of your fitness to drive and any medical practitioner engaged by RMS for the purpose of ascertaining or reviewing your fitness to hold a driver licence.

## Roles and responsibilities of the driver

In all States and Territories, legislation requires a driver to advise their Driver Licensing Authority of any long-term injury or illness that may affect his or her safe driving ability. These laws may impose penalties for failure to report. As well as these legal obligations, a driver may be liable at common law if he or she continues to drive knowing that he or she has a condition that is likely to adversely affect safe driving.

## For further enquiries

Additional information relating to medical examinations and driving test requirements in NSW can be obtained from your local RMS or Service NSW office. Alternatively, you can telephone RMS' Contact Centre on 13 22 13 or check the website at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au)

## Licence classes and relevant medical standards

<b>R - Motorcycle</b>	<b>Private standards apply unless:</b> Rider holds or is applying for an authority to carry passengers for hire or reward, in which case the commercial standards apply.
<b>C - Car</b> - Vehicle not more than 4.5 tonnes GVM and seating up to 12 adults including the driver.	<b>Private standards apply unless:</b> driver holds or is applying for an authority to carry passengers for hire or reward (e.g. taxi driver) driver holds or is applying for an authority to carry bulk dangerous goods driver holds or is applying for an authority to be a driving instructor.
<b>LR - Light Rigid</b> - Any rigid vehicle greater than 4.5 tonnes GVM or a vehicle seating more than 12 adults, that is not more than 8 tonnes, plus a trailer of no more than 9 tonnes GVM (e.g. light truck, small bus)	<b>In these cases the commercial standards apply.</b>
<b>MR - Medium Rigid</b> - Any 2 axle rigid vehicle greater than 8 tonnes GVM (e.g. truck, bus)	<b>Commercial standards apply.</b>
<b>HR - Heavy Rigid</b> - Any rigid vehicle with 3 or more axles greater than 8 tonnes GVM. (e.g. heavy truck, heavy bus)	
<b>HC - Heavy Combination</b> - Prime mover plus single semi-trailer or a rigid vehicle plus trailer greater than 9 tonnes GVM and any unladen converter dolly trailer (e.g. Semi-trailer)	
<b>MC - Multi Combination</b> - Heavy combination vehicle with more than one trailer (e.g. B-double, road train) C, above.	