

Driver Behaviour and Road Safety Information Sheet

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DriveABLE – the In-Office Assessment

Your Driving Abilities Can Change

Driving requires complex cognitive abilities. Drivers with medical conditions or who are on multiple medications can experience changes to their driving abilities. Even drivers with excellent past driving records can become unsafe to drive. No one wants to drive if they are a danger to themselves or others on the road. Drivers are referred to the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles primarily by physicians after a medical assessment raised concerns about their cognitive functioning and continued ability to drive safely.

“DriveABLE is not like a traditional ICBC driving test, it’s an assessment of cognitive abilities specific to driving.”

What is DriveABLE

DriveABLE is a research-based assessment to determine your cognitive medical fitness-to-drive. The in-office cognitive assessment was developed through extensive research that compared the driving abilities of hundreds of cognitively impaired and medically healthy drivers. Your test performance is compared against the performance of many others your own age.

What to Expect During an Assessment

The assessment is presented on a touch sensitive screen. You only need to touch the screen or push a button to respond. You do not need to be familiar with computers. You will not be asked to use a keyboard or a mouse.



The assessment will take approximately an hour. You will be given opportunities to practice before each task begins.

You will be asked to proceed only when you have shown the evaluator that you understand the task and are ready.

On the day of your assessment, please:

- Have someone drive you.
- Bring your driver’s licence.
- Bring your reading and/or driving glasses.
- Bring your referral letter from the Office of the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles.

It's important to understand that taking driving lessons and studying for the rules of the road do not improve your DriveABLE performance. There is no preparation required.

What the DriveABLE Assessment is Used For

The assessment measures your memory, attention span, reaction time, spatial judgment, and decision-making. Your assessment results will be used to make a decision about your driver's licence. Any decision to cancel a licence is not taken lightly. All driver medical fitness decisions strive to balance individual fairness with public safety for all road users.

If your driver's licence is cancelled, or if you decide to retire from driving yourself, family and community support can ease your transition into driving retirement. Resources may be available at your local community centre or senior centre.

Book your DriveABLE appointment by phone: 1-888-475-4666