

Mobility Information Sheet 3.

Driving Assessments - What, Why & Where

You may be faced with the question, "Can I drive", or "What adaptive equipment do I need to enable me to drive?" This information sheet gives details of what a driving assessment entails, where clients can be referred to for a driving assessment and information and advice on adaptive controls.

Listed below is the three main organisations providing assessment, each provide a service slightly differently, but with the same general aim, to ensure someone can drive before committing to expensive lessons, vehicles and adaptive equipment. They also aim to provide you with up to date information and advice on the best way forward to suit your specific needs.

The three main organisations providing driving assessment are:

- Transport & Mobility Consultants-Ireland
- The Disabled Drivers Association of Ireland
- The Irish Wheelchair Association

Transport & Mobility Consultants-Ireland, (TMC-I)
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Co. Wicklow.

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TMC-I, a commercial consultancy company, provides driving assessment and advice on all aspects of transport and mobility for people with disabilities, and for people who are elderly. Driving assessments are typically carried out at a client's home, at a rehabilitation hospital or at the car conversion company's premises. Impartial advice is given on vehicles, adaptive driving controls and driver rehabilitation sessions. There is also a specific service for elderly drivers, and those who are beginning to experience memory loss or early dementia.

There is a cost for this service. (Currently €145, at 7/08)

If necessary, clients have the opportunity to test drive an adapted car at TMC-I, a Nissan Micra with automatic transmission and adaptations.

**The Disabled Drivers Association of Ireland,
Ballindine, Co. Mayo. Tel: (094) 9364054.**

Email: ability@iol.ie

The DDAI, a national charity providing service and information to disabled people who wish to drive, or travel as a passenger, provide assessment and advice to people with disabilities on all aspects of transport and mobility at their Centre in Ballindine, Co. Mayo. They have a 'state of the art' driving assessment unit, which provides detailed measurements of a clients steering strength, braking strength, reaction time and decision making skills. This unit also looks at vision and fields of vision, to ensure a potential driver meets all requirements to drive safely. The DDAI are then in a position to advise clients and adaptation firms on the best adaptive driving equipment suited to an individuals needs.

There is a cost for this service, but many clients qualify for grant aid through their local area health board. Clients should contact the DDAI for further information.

Clients have the opportunity to test drive a variety of cars with adaptations fitted at the DDAI in Ballindine.

**The Irish Wheelchair Association, National Mobility
Centre, John Sullivan Resource Centre, Clane, Co.
Kildare. Tel: (045) 893094. email: maats@iwa.ie**

The IWA provide driving assessment and tuition to people with disabilities through out Ireland. They have several Centres' from which they provide this service and you should contact your local IWA office to establish what services are available to drivers and passengers in your area. Assessment is usually carried out at regional offices. There is a cost for this service.

Clients have the opportunity to test drive a number of cars with adaptations fitted at the IWA.

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