



DRIVER EVALUATION PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

Why was I referred to the Driver Evaluation Program (DEP)?

Sometimes there are concerns that a person may have a physical, cognitive, visual or medical problem that could impact driving. How this problem is affecting actual driving is not clear.

Being referred to DEP allows you to obtain a functional assessment of driving ability.

You are not required to drive “perfectly”; you have to demonstrate awareness of the traffic around you, respond appropriately, and drive in a safe manner.

If limitations are demonstrated and can be compensated for, recommendations will be provided on measures that can be taken. This may include specific techniques or adaptive equipment.

How long does the assessment take?

The amount of time the assessment takes can vary depending on the type of problem you have. Assessment time usually is between 3-6 hours. You can bring snacks and extra breaks can be provided.

How do you assess drivers from rural areas?

We assess all situations a client must face in a rural setting. For example: responding to stop signs, yield signs, uncontrolled intersections and traffic lights. Also, gravel roads and highway driving are assessed, if applicable.

Can I drive my own vehicle?

For insurance and liability issues we must be in a driver instructor’s vehicle. The driver instructor has a brake to ensure safety of the driver and the assessors in the vehicle.

Can I have someone come with me to the assessment?

For all in office testing a support person may be present. They may NOT take part in the on-road testing for liability reasons.

Who gets the evaluation report?

All reports are sent to the Medical Review Unit at SGI.

- If you are paying, with your signed consent, the report may be sent to anyone you like.
- If a third party is paying for the assessment they determine who gets a copy of the report.

What can I do if I do not agree with the results of the assessment?

We are not the licensing body, SGI is. Assessment results are recommendations only. SGI makes all licensing decisions. If you want to appeal a licensing decision you should contact SGI directly.

Who pays for the evaluation?

There are times that a third party will cover the cost of the assessment. This may occur if possible driving limitations or difficulties are related to a specific injury or disability that the company has agreed to financially cover (for example, after a work related injury or after sustaining injuries after a motor vehicle accident.).

All drivers are required by law to report any significant changes in their health status that may affect their ability to drive a vehicle safely to Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI).

Issuing of driver's licenses is the responsibility of Saskatchewan Government Insurance.