

- Follow-up with your doctor and submit medical information. (If additional medical information is required, you will be notified by mail.)
- Provide additional vision information from a doctor or optometrist.

Once these requirements are fulfilled you will be able to renew your driver's licence.

The renewal fee is \$36.00 for 2 years. A new driver's license will be sent by mail in 4 to 6 weeks.

You may renew your driver's licence up to 180 days before it expires.

For more information on the Age 80+ license renewal process go to www.ontario.ca/SeniorDriver

Accessible parking permit

Accessible parking permits are issued **to an individual**, not a vehicle. This permit will allow you (or the person who is driving you) to park in an 'Accessible' parking space when the permit is displayed (the permit holder must be using that vehicle).

Application is in two parts and submitted to a Service Ontario Centre:

- Part A – completed by permit holder
- Part B – completed by medical professional

There is no cost to obtain or renew an accessible parking permit.

All accessible parking permits must be returned to a Service Ontario Centre when:

- the holder no longer suffers from the condition requiring the permit
- the permit contains incorrect information
- the holder is deceased

Should anyone else use your accessible parking permit without you in the vehicle, they may face a fine of up to \$5,000 and the permit could be seized.

Ontario Photo Card

An Ontario Photo Card is a wallet sized government issued photo ID card that can be used as a proof of identification for such things as opening a bank account, credit application, voting and in-country travel.

This card is available to Ontario residents over the age of 16 **who do not have a driver's license**. The cost for this card is currently \$35.

When you apply for an Ontario Photo Card, your driver's license (even a suspended license) will be cancelled.

Resources

Ontario's license renewal program for drivers age 80 and above:
www.ontario.ca/seniordriver

Ontario Photo Card:
www.ontario.ca/photocard

Accessible Parking Permit:
www.ontario.ca/page/get-accessible-parking-permit

55 Alive Driver Refresher Course (sponsored by Canada Safety Council)
www.canadasafetycouncil.org

Service Ontario
www.serviceontario.ca
800-267-8097 or 416 235-3579

Drive Test Ontario
(Administers driving tests for the Province of Ontario):
www.drivetest.ca

For more information, visit www.halton.ca or call 311.



halton.ca 311

For Ontario Drivers Age 65+



Fast Facts

Older Adult Advisory Committee (OAAC)



Seniors and Driving

Driving is privilege that supports independence. However, with aging, driving safety can become more challenging.

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) assures Ontario drivers that a **driver’s age** is not the reason that a driver’s license may be suspended or revoked.

This Fast Fact is focused on the ways that the MTO supports the driving privilege for older adults.

Medical or visual conditions

Ontario law requires that regulated medical professionals such as optometrists, physicians, and nurse practitioners report any medical and/or visual issues that could impair your ability to drive safely directly to the MTO. A medical professional is **not** required to speak to you before they notify the MTO. Should you experience a medical and/or visual condition that is affecting your driving, you should seek medical advice. If the MTO agrees that the reported medical/visual condition will make it dangerous for you to drive, you will be sent a ‘Notice of License Suspension’ in the mail. This means you must stop driving. When a license is suspended, the driver is no longer insured for **any vehicle**, even if the premiums are paid.

If the condition that triggered your suspension is resolved, you can ask your physician or nurse practitioner to request in writing (via mail or fax to the MTO) a suspension review. This review can take up to 15 days and you will be advised of the results by mail.

A change in judgment or motor skills

If an injury or condition impacts your judgment, cognitive ability or motor skills, the MTO requires all medical professionals to report your situation.

The MTO may then ask you to complete a functional assessment (also known as a driving evaluation) at an approved Functional Assessment Centre.

If your license has been suspended, your situation will be reevaluated once the functional assessment report is received by the MTO.

If your license has not been suspended, information about the assessment **and the date it must be completed by** will be sent to you in a notice letter from the MTO. Failing to complete the assessment by the deadline may result in the loss of your license.

This cost of this assessment is not covered by OHIP. Prices range from \$500.00 upwards and may be covered by private health or accident insurance.

Ontario Drivers – Under Age 80

There may be some situations under which the MTO will re-evaluate your driving skills:

Involvement in an “at fault” collision

If you are involved in an “at fault” collision that results in a traffic offence charge and conviction, you could receive a letter from the MTO requiring you to pass a three-part driving test, which includes:

- vision test
- knowledge test on the rules of the road
- “G2 level” or Class G road test (including driving on a 400 series highway)

Traffic offence convictions

If you are convicted of a traffic offence, you may receive a letter from the MTO, in which case you will have to pass the same three-part driving test mentioned above.

If you fail a portion of the testing within the allotted time frame, a G1 will be issued.

If you are not able to successfully complete this testing by the due date, your license will be cancelled.

If your license is cancelled after a road test, you cannot legally drive home.

Ontario Drivers – Age 80 Plus

The MTO will mail to you a notification outlining what is necessary to maintain your driver’s license 90 days before your 80th birthday. This renewal process will be repeated every two years.

To book an appointment for a license renewal session at a Service Ontario location:

Call 416-235-3579 (GTA) or 800-396-4233

Online at **www.Ontario.ca/Appointment**

You must book an appointment before your license expires. Otherwise, your license will be rendered invalid.

Your appointment will include mandatory vision and cognitive screening. No vision screening will be needed if you bring a signed/dated (within the last 6 months) vision report from an optometrist. This vision report should contain both a measurement for acuity and peripheral vision.

Depending on your results, you may be able to renew your licence immediately, or you may be asked to complete one or more of the following:

- Pass a road test.