

To renew your license, you will need to take your written results (in the sealed and unopened envelope you receive) to a Service Ontario Centre.

Based on a driver record review and/or the renewal session, some additional requirements might also be identified. These may include:

- Passing a 'G1' level road test (does not include driving on a 400 series highway)
- Providing the MTO with medical information from a medical professional

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

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

MTO Approved Functional Assessment Centres:

www.mto.gov.on.ca

Aging and Driving: Ontario's license renewal program for drivers age 80 and above:

www.mto.gov.on.ca

Ontario Photo Card:

www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-photo-card

Accessible Parking Permit:

www.ontario.ca/page/get-accessible-parking-permit

55 Alive Driver Refresher Course – sponsored by Canada Safety Council:

www.canadasafetycouncil.org

Drive Test Ontario (administers driving tests for the Province of Ontario):

www.drivetest.ca

Burlington Age Friendly Council – Safe Driving Tips for Older Adults:

www.burlingtonagefriendly.ca

Candrive – Driving Research for Older Adults:

www.candrive.ca

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

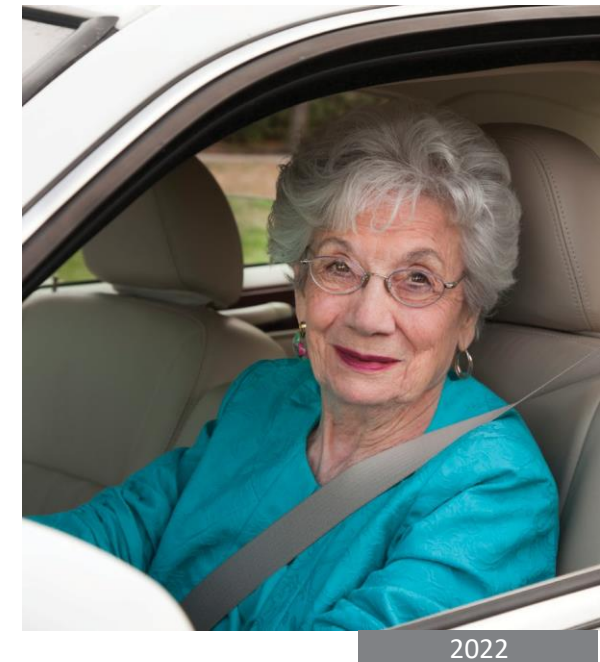


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For Ontario Drivers Age 70+



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Fast Facts

Older Adult Advisory Committee (OAAC)



Seniors and Driving

Holding a driver's license is a major responsibility and privilege. It is your duty to ensure you are capable of meeting all of the obligations associated with this privilege.

For your own safety and the safety of others, it's important to recognize when you need to rely less on your personal vehicle and consider other modes of transportation, either public or private.

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) assures Ontario drivers that a **driver's age** will never be the reason that a driver's license may be suspended or revoked.

Medical or visual conditions

It is your responsibility to seek medical advice if you have a medical and/or visual condition that may impair your ability to drive safely.

Ontario law requires that regulated medical professionals such as optometrists, physicians, and nurse practitioners report any medical 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.

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.

Upon receipt of the 'Notice' you must stop driving immediately.

When your license is suspended, you will no longer be insured as a driver 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 (via mail or fax to the MTO) a suspension review. This review can take up to 30 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.

Should a medical condition or impairment impact your cognitive abilities or motor skills, the MTO may ask you to complete a functional assessment (also known as a driving evaluation) at an approved Functional Assessment Centre.

If your license has already been suspended, your situation will be reconsidered once the driving evaluation is received by the MTO.

If your license is not 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.

An assessment can cost \$500-\$800 and is not covered by OHIP, although private health or accident insurance may cover the cost.

Ontario Drivers – Age 70 Plus

If you are 70 years or older, 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 **will** receive a letter from the MTO requiring you to pass a three-part driving test, which includes:

- vision test
- written test on the rules of the road
- 'G2' level road test (including driving on a 400 series highway)

There is no cost for these tests.

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

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

Ontario Drivers – Age 80 Plus

You will receive a notification from the MTO before your 80th birthday outlining what is necessary for you to maintain your driver's license. This renewal process will be repeated every two years.

You will need to book an appointment for a license renewal session at one of the 117 locations throughout Ontario by calling 1-800-396-4233 or 416-235-3579.

You must book an appointment before your 80th birthday. Otherwise your license will be rendered invalid.

Each session will last approximately 90 minutes and will consist of:

- 45-minute interactive group education time to review changes to traffic legislation, effects of aging on driving, medications and driving, and safe driving practices.
- vision test (you may also use a vision report submitted by a certified optometrist)
- written screening test

Your valid license will not be revoked at this session.