

The following information has been provided as part of COTA NSW's Information Hubs established in the community. The information is intended as a guide only and should not be considered as advice. As with all matters of this kind, people need to seek and obtain relevant advice before taking any action.

COTA NSW's Information Hubs are part of COTA NSW's commitment to providing information and guidance to older in their own community. This Place-Based Navigation is designed to provide safe, accessible and independent information for older people.

It has three (3) layers:

Signposting: This is delivered by peers that provide a safe and welcoming environment for older people to engage and ask questions. Information is provided that is designed to be general in nature and the peer will navigate the person to a more appropriate source if appropriate.

Information: This is provided by COTA NSW after the person has received information and aided by the COTA NSW peer, believes they require further information and knowledge to take action.

Guidance: Provided by content experts like Financial Planners or Accountants and Solicitors, supporting the person to act.

DRIVING

In NSW, when a person reaches 75 years of age, they are required to have a medical assessment every year to keep their licence.

For those aged 85, if they want to continue with an unrestricted licence, they must have a yearly medical assessment and pass an on-road driving assessment every two years.

There are two options:

- Attend a Roads and Maritime Services testing centre for the assessment with a testing officer up to three times at no charge.
- Take the assessment from home with an accredited driving instructor and pay a fee, with no limit to the number of times a person can be assessed within a two-month period.

The on-road assessment must be completed before the person turns 85.

Drivers aged 85 years and over have the option to change from an unrestricted licence to a modified licence. This licence requires an annual medical assessment, but not the on-road driving assessment. A modified licence allows the person to drive certain distances within your local area to access the services they need.

Links: https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-10/older-drivers-guide_0.pdf