

**Assessment Services**Cornwall & Devon

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# What is a driving assessment?

A driving assessment is NOT a driving test. Cornwall Mobility aims to enable people to begin driving or continue driving.

A driving assessment is a method of assessing your ability to drive in safety and in comfort, and to determine whether any adaptations are required to enable you to do so.

#### Who is it for?

A driving assessment is available for any person whether they are:

- Disabled
- Elderly
- A provisional licence holder
- A person wishing to return to driving following an accident/long term illness/ trauma/disability
- A person wishing to obtain vehicle and/or adaptations advice

#### Who will assess me?

We have a team of Specialist
Driving Assessors who are
Approved Driving Instructors
and Occupational Therapists.
All have the professional expertise
to assess people of all ages
and abilities.

#### Where will I be assessed?

Cornwall Mobility staff can assess you at:

- Truro
- Launceston
- Liskeard
- Penzance
- Plymouth
- Holsworthy
- Exeter

# **Assessment charges**

There may be a charge for this service, however, we keep this charge as low as possible and the cost of the assessment is supported by the Charitable Trust. Details of assessment charges are on our application form.

# What does the assessment involve?

The Assessor(s) will start the assessment by having an initial discussion with you. This enables the Assessor(s) to find out relevant background information relating to you such as:

- Mobility details
- Medical history
- Driving history

The Assessor(s) will perform a simple physical assessment in order that they are aware of your physical abilities.

It may be necessary for clients to have their visual fields tested in order to determine whether their eyesight meets the legal requirements for driving purposes.

If necessary a further assessment can be conducted. This will comprise a series of exercises to evaluate concentration, memory, co-ordination, attention and visual perception.

# The Assessment Rig

The Assessment Rig is a computerised system that assesses strength of limbs, range of movement and decision and reactions times. It is particularly helpful for clients who do not have a driving licence and/or are unable to have an "on-road" drive.

#### On-road drive

The final stage of the assessment is a drive in one of our specially equipped vehicles. (Or it may be possible to use your own vehicle) This may only take place if the client has entitlement to drive and it is felt appropriate. The Assessor will ask clients to perform a series of exercises in order to assess their ability to drive in control of the vehicle and in a safe manner.

The outcome of the assessment including recommendations will be discussed in full with you. A written report will be available to be sent to either you, your doctor or referring agency such as the DVLA.

# How do I arrange an assessment?

If you would like to have a driving assessment you can contact us by visiting the Centre or our website or by telephone, fax, or email.

Alternatively, you can ask your GP or relevant healthcare professional to refer you by writing to us or by emailing us. To make an enquiry or for informal advice, please telephone 01872 254920 or email us at info@cornwallmobility.co.uk We are open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

# Where we operate:



# **Cornwall Mobility is:**

- A DVLA Accredited Assessment Centre
- Motability Accredited
- A Member of Driving Mobility
- A Member of BHTA
- ISO9001 registered

# Other driving related services:

- Driving tuition/familiarisation/ refresher lessons
- Theory and Hazard Perception tuition
- Pass Plus Courses
- Passenger/transfer assessments
- Vehicle adaptations information and advice for any driving/vehicle related query
- Specialist Drive from Wheelchair assessments

# Additionally we provide:

- Independent Living department providing free mobility equipment assessments and advice for adults and children
- Workshops providing servicing and repairs for mobility equipment
- Advice on community transport, hospital car services and public transport including wheelchair accessible taxis.

# **Get in Touch**

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