

## OUR PHILOSOPHY

*"To assist our clients to live a healthy, productive and active life"*

## OUR OBJECTIVE

*"To provide quality, cost effective goods and services."*

### **Products include**

- *Occupational Rehabilitation*
- *Medical and like services*
- *Worksite Assessments*
- *WorkSafe Household Help Assessments*
- *Functional Education Programs, FEP*
- *Assistive equipment Assessments*
- *Mattress assessments*
- *Chair assessments*
- *Driver Assessments*
- *Driver retraining*
- *Ergo-Wares—ergonomic products for the home and garden and much more*


**Guide to Occupational Therapy driver assessments**  
Enabling clients to drive safely and independently

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Performance Specialists  
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## Our Story

Occupational Performance Specialists, OPS, commenced business in 2001 specialising in the provision of Occupational Therapy services for WorkSafe and the TAC.

*Occupational Therapy is a health profession concerned with enabling people of all ages who may have physical, mental and or social challenges to participate in their activities of everyday life, thereby, promoting their health and well being through occupation.*

## Driver assessment and retraining

Injury and disability can result in an incapacity to drive. Fortunately for most clients this incapacity is only short term and they resume driving without the need for any therapeutic intervention. However some clients experience ongoing problems and are unable to resume driving for a range of reasons. These clients often rely on others to drive them including family, friends and taxi's. This not only adds to the clients feelings of dependency but can result in an added financial burden for WorkSafe, the TAC and clients. However help is at hand .OPS have two VicRoads Accredited and experienced therapist's available to conduct Occupational Therapy Driver Assessments and retraining programs in metropolitan and regional Victoria.

## What is the aim of the assessment

The aim of assessment and retraining is to assist clients to remain or resume driving whether it is a car, bus, motor bike or heavy combination vehicle.

## What does the assessment involve

The Assessment is divided into three parts.

### 1. A medical assessment

Clients will be asked to provide a medical report from their doctor or specialist which shows that you are medically fit to undergo the assessment.

### 2. An off-road assessment

The Therapist will ask the client about their driving history, assess their physical, visual, sensory and thinking abilities and test their road law knowledge

### 3. An on-road assessment

The initial assessment will occur in a dual control vehicle and involve an assessment of the client on a preset route.

Assessments for vehicles other than a car will be arranged at a later date pending the outcome of the initial on road assessment.

## How do I arrange an assessment

Referring for an assessment is simple.

Just complete a referral form and forward this to our office.

OPS are an approved provider of services for WorkSafe and the TAC and as a general guide the cost of our services are outlined below,

**WorkSafe:** 5 hours, Code OT608

**TAC:** Code OT0030

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