



South Australian law requires drivers:

- to notify the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, in writing, of any injury or illness that may affect their fitness to drive. Drivers who fail to report any such medical condition within a reasonable time can be fined up to \$750.
- aged 70 years or above to have a medical examination annually if they have had a previously reported medical condition or if they hold a licence other than a car licence. If you are required to have a medical examination, you will be sent a form to take to your doctor to fill in.
- over the age of 75 years, who do not have a previously reported medical condition, to complete a self-assessment form and return to the Registrar.
- aged 85 years or above, who hold any class of licence other than for a car, to have an annual practical driving assessment. However, the Registrar may require a practical assessment at any age regardless of the type of licence held by the driver, if considered necessary.

Failure to comply with any of these requirements can result in cancellation of a driver's licence.

Health professionals such as medical practitioners, optometrists and physiotherapists are required to notify the Registrar anytime they consider a driver or driver's licence applicant is temporarily or permanently unfit to drive. Any other concerned member of the community or public,

including carers, family members and police officers, with genuine concerns about a person's fitness to drive, can advise the Registrar in writing of those concerns and what they are based on.

Registrar of Motor Vehicles
GPO Box 1533, Adelaide SA 5001

The consequences of failing to notify the Registrar of Motor Vehicles of a reportable medical condition and continuing to drive are severe.

If involved in a crash:

- you may be charged with related driving offences and with failing to notify the Registrar of a reportable medical condition;
- you may be sued for any damages to people or property caused by the driver in that crash; and
- your third party (bodily injury) and private car insurance coverage may be affected.

For more information, contact:

RAA Motoring Road Rules Information Service
(08) 8202 4570
motoringroadrules@raa.com.au



Think about alternatives to driving

Even for full-time drivers, using alternatives to driving your own car can provide relief from driving in bad weather and in fast and frustrating traffic. It can also relieve the aggravations of finding a safe, convenient parking place.

Learning to use your community transportation options now can also help you make a smoother transition from full-time driving to the time when it's right to stop driving.

- Contact your local council for more information on community buses or visit the South Australian Community Transport Association website for options in your local area.
www.sacta.org.au
- Seniors travel free on public transport 9am to 3pm weekdays, and all day on weekends and public holidays.

For information on timetables and routes contact:

Adelaide Metro
1300 311 108
Free call: 1800 182 160
www.adelaidemetro.com.au

For help with transportation to medical appointments:

Adelaide Red Cross Transport Team
(08) 8100 4500
Free call: 1800 246 850



Driving check up

RAA offers a program called CarFit where trained professionals, including a qualified occupational therapist, ask simple questions and complete a checklist with the driver. The driver is then shown recommended adjustments they can make, such as changes to their mirrors and seat position. The entire process takes about 20–25 minutes.

For more information, contact:

RAA Community Education
(08) 8202 4221

Occupational therapists and driver rehabilitation specialists can evaluate your driving abilities and recommend ways to keep you safe on the roads.

For more information, contact:

OT Australia SA
(08) 8342 0022

Keep alert and up-to-date

To maintain mental alertness and stay up-to-date on current road rules, you can sign up to RAA Driver Education's Safe Driver Program.

For more information contact:

RAA Driver Education
(08) 8202 4444
www.raa.com.au/drivereducation

The Driver's Handbook, detailing the most up-to-date information, is another way you can keep on top of the road rules and can be purchased through your local RAA Shop, at Service SA Centres and most reputable newsagents.

**There are many options still available to you,
as your driving circumstances change.**