



Adapted Driving Controls and Driving Assessments

Adapted Driving Controls

Official vehicle modifications can be made to address a number of medical conditions. Adapted drive controls (such as hand controls or alternate foot controls) may allow you to continue driving your vehicle safely despite changes in your strength and movement.

These accessories and modifications can only be recommended and installed after you complete a driving assessment and receive a prescription from a Functional Assessment Centre approved by the Ministry of Transportation.

It is not advisable to find third-party or alternate methods of adapting your vehicle, as this may invalidate your insurance, your vehicle's warranty, or influence your safety while in the car.

Functional Assessment Centres

Functional Assessment Centres are independent centres approved by the Ministry of Transportation. We are happy to refer you to a Functional Assessment Centre (or you may choose to self-refer) upon request.

You are free to choose any centre on the ministry's approved list of functional assessment centres, which can be found online:

<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/functional-assessment-centres.shtml>

Please be aware that there is a cost for this assessment (approximately \$700) and that any assessment of your driving ability may result in an official recommendation by the Ministry of Transportation that you no longer drive. If your symptoms change in the future, a re-assessment may be required to ensure your continued safety while driving.

What is a Functional Assessment?

A functional assessment (or driving evaluation) is a comprehensive assessment performed by an occupational therapist and a driving instructor. It involves an in-clinic medical assessment and an on-road driving evaluation. It can take 3-4 hours to complete the entire assessment and must be done at a Ministry Approved Functional Assessment Centre.

You may be asked to complete a battery of tests that assess your vision, physical abilities, cognitive skills, and visual attention. You may also be asked to complete an on-road portion of the test that involves basic driving maneuvers.

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