

Senior Drivers in Ontario

Ontario Ministry of Transportation

<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/dandv/driver/senior/>

All seniors over the age of 80 who wish to renew their license must participate in the Senior Driver Renewal Program?

The Senior Driver Renewal Program requires that every two years senior drivers aged 80 years and over must complete the following in order to renew their license in Ontario:

- pay the applicable licensing fee
- complete a vision test and a knowledge test
- take part in a group education session
- a small number of drivers may also be asked to take a road test to have their in-car skills assessed. The need for an on road test will be determined by a trained counsellor during the Group Education Session.

How are drivers notified about their licence renewal?

Drivers are notified by mail approximately 60 days before their licence expires, and should contact the Ministry of Transportation Regional Scheduling Office in their area to make arrangements for their licence renewal. They must take the knowledge and vision tests and the Group Education Session so that they can complete them before their licence expires.

Are there other measures which senior drivers can take to improve their driving?

There are senior driver improvement programs such as "55 Alive" which are available through safety organizations and various driving schools.

Are drivers required to complete the knowledge and

vision tests and participate in the Senior Driver Group Education Session on the same day?

The vision and knowledge tests will be completed at the same time and place as the Group Education Session. An appointment is required for the vision and knowledge tests and the Group Education Session. When you receive your renewal application in the mail you must contact the MTO Regional Scheduling Office in your area to schedule an appointment. Please have your driver's licence number available when you call. The numbers to call are:

- Southwestern: 1-888-276-7885 or (519) 873-4276
- Central: 1-800-396-4233
- Eastern: 1-800-701-2171
- Northern: 1-800-461-9548 or (705) 497-5436

How are senior drivers who spend part of the year outside Ontario accommodated?

The ministry currently allows early renewal, up to six months before the driver's licence expires.

A senior driver who cannot be accommodated by the ministry in a Group Education Session or a test before the licence expires may be issued a Temporary Driver's Licence.

Where can people get more information about the program?

For further information please visit the web site

<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/dandv/driver/senior/> or contact the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Contact Centre at 416-235-2999 or toll free at 1-800-387-3445.