



Driving Instructions

What are 'Driving Instructions'?

People with disabilities can learn to drive through a local driving school, but it may be helpful to find an instructor who has experience teaching individuals with disabilities to drive and who may have an adapted car, if needed.

The Queen Elizabeth Foundation Mobility Centre can advise people of trained instructors in your area. Otherwise, you can enrol in the QEF driving school. Expert support is also available for studying for the theory test.

How do I apply?

To enrol in QEF's driving school all, you'll need to have a QEF driving assessment first. An assessment can provide practical advice on driving, car adaptations and choosing a suitable vehicle.

1. Complete the driving assessment application form and send it in for our review:
<https://www.qef.org.uk/service/mobility/driving-assessment/>
2. A member of their bookings team will be in touch to discuss next steps.

Who is a Driving Assessment recommended for?

A Driving Assessment is recommended for those who:

- have a medical condition such as stroke, dementia, head injury, epilepsy or other neurological condition
- have psychological difficulty, physical disability or visual impairment
- are a provisional licence holder or are seeking a provisional licence

What happens on the assessment?

This assessment offers a practical trial of equipment to improve access to a car seat and advice on seating and posture to improve comfort for car journeys. The two-hour assessment is carried out by a qualified occupational therapist who will produce a written report to confirm the outcome of the assessment and recommendations.

The assessment will help to identify concerns regarding car journeys, either for a passenger or a driver. The large indoor demonstration area offers an opportunity to try various aids and adapted vehicles to find the most suitable solutions. Loading



equipment, such as wheelchairs or mobility scooters into a car is also covered, as are people who need to travel whilst seated in a wheelchair.

How much will my assessment cost?

This varies depending on the type of assessment involved and whether you have been referred by a third party.

What if I don't feel an assessment is necessary?

If you don't feel an assessment is necessary, visit www.disabilitydrivinginstructors.com to contact a driving instructor near you

Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
Is there any funding for people with disabilities to drive?	Although there is no public funding for driving instruction, the Family Fund Trust will sometimes pay for driving lessons if you are caring for a severely disabled child under 16 years of age. The government funded Motability scheme can sometimes help with the cost of driving lessons for a disabled person or a carer. Other charities may also help toward the cost of instruction.

How We Can Help

If you live in the Barnsley borough and would like some advice on Access to Work, you can:

- Email us at first.contact@dialbarnsley.org.uk



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- Or call our Advice Line on 01226 240273