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What you need to do

Complete an *Application for renewal of driver licence* form. Please read all the details carefully and change anything that might be incorrect, such as your mailing address.

Make an appointment with your doctor to get a *Medical certificate for driver licence*.

During your appointment your doctor will discuss your present state of health with you and test your eyesight.

They will recommend whether you are:

- medically fit to drive
- medically fit to drive with conditions (eg corrective lenses, time-of-day restriction, distance restriction)
- medically fit to drive subject to passing an on-road safety test
- to be referred to a specialist (eg optometrist, occupational therapy driving assessor – your doctor will advise you the results)
- not medically fit to drive. Your doctor must advise the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) and your licence will expire on your birthday.
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What you need to do:

If your doctor decides you are medically fit to drive, they will provide you with a Medical certificate for driver licence. You will then need to visit a driver licensing agent with:

- your completed Application for renewal of driver licence form
- your existing photo driver licence or other acceptable evidence of your identity (see page 3 of the application form)
- confirmation of your address, such as a recent bank statement (see page 3 of the application form)
- Medical certificate for driver licence (issued within the previous 60 days)
- driver licence application renewal fee of $18.70.

If you are required to sit an on-road safety test you will need to pay an additional $41.80 test fee. For more information the Guide to the on-road safety test is available from any driver licensing agent or by calling 0800 822 422.

A new photograph will be taken and your signature recorded when you renew your licence at age 75, 86 and every 10 years afterwards.

Once you have completed the application process, the licensing agent will issue you a temporary driver licence.

Your new photo driver licence will be posted to your mailing address.
When turning 75, 80 and every second birthday after that, you must obtain a ‘medical certificate for driver licence’ from your doctor.

Your doctor decides that you are either:

- medically fit to drive
- medically fit to drive with conditions
- medically fit to drive subject to passing an on-road safety test
- medically fit to drive following confirmation from a specialist
- not medically fit to drive

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Licence renewal process

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For drivers turning 75 and over:

- pass: driver licence renewed at an NZTA driver licensing agency
- fail: driver licence will expire on your next birthday, as shown on your driver licence
- fit: driver licence renewed at an NZTA driver licensing agency
- unfit: driver licence will expire on your next birthday, as shown on your driver licence
On-road safety test

If your doctor decides you are medically fit to drive, but is unsure about your ability to drive safely, they may recommend you sit an on-road safety test with a testing officer.

You can book this test when you apply to renew your licence, at selected branches of:

- NZ Automobile Association
- Vehicle Testing New Zealand
- Vehicle Inspection New Zealand

or if you have a credit card you can book the test over the phone by calling 0800 822 422.

For more information, when you book ask for a copy of the *Guide to the on-road safety test*. 
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Endorsement holders

Any special vehicle (R, F, T or W) endorsements that you hold will be automatically renewed as part of the renewal procedure.

If your driver licence shows employment-related endorsements (P, V, I, O and D), a separate renewal reminder will be sent when these are due to expire.
Refresh your knowledge

Education resources are available to help senior road users stay safe behind the wheel for as many years as possible.

Information and interactive activities for people aged 70 years and over are available free on our website www.nzta.govt.nz/traffic/senior-road-users.

There you will find:

- basic facts about senior road users including examples of common older driver crash situations
- a ‘Seniors driving safely’ section where you can check how you’re doing with a self-assessment rating form to help you assess your driving skills. This section also contains safety videos and information on choosing safe vehicles for senior drivers
- information on using public transport and alternative transport schemes. You can download or read online a copy of Keeping moving - the positive guide for mature road users
- information about cycling, walking and using a mobility scooter safely.

Enrol in a Staying Safe workshop

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Further information
For more information or to locate a driver licensing agent near you, please call 0800 822 422 or visit www.nzta.govt.nz

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