



# ADED

The Association for Driver  
Rehabilitation Specialists

ADED: The Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists helps people drive and regain their independence in the community. We are a professional membership association that trains and certifies driver rehabilitation specialists. Our professional members evaluate and teach drivers with disabilities and the aging for return to driving. They also guide clients into graceful retirement from driving if needed.

**Where to locate a program:** Visit our website for a listing of Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialists (CDRS) and driver rehabilitation providers in your area: [ADED MEMBER SEARCH](#) Please enter your State in the "location" field.

**Diagnoses:** ADED publishes Fact Sheets on various medical conditions. Find answers specific to your particulate circumstance here: [ADED Fact Sheets](#).

**Who does the evaluation:** A driver evaluation is performed by a professional with background in health care and/or driver education. These professionals have additional training and education in the field of driver rehabilitation and many have earned a certification in this specialty field. The CDRS must maintain their education and work experience over time to retain the certificate. They are obligated to follow ADED's Best Practice Guidelines and Code of Ethics to ensure that each evaluation is standardized, formalized and objective.

**A typical evaluation program:** A standard driver evaluation consists of a clinical assessment and road test. The clinical assessment covers skills necessary to operate a motor vehicle (vision, reaction time, cognition and physical skills) as well as skills necessary for safe driving (knowledge of road rules and regulation, safety awareness, judgment and decision making). The road test is both observation and instructional depending on the client's needs. If indicated, the CDRS will also introduce any adapted driving equipment, such as hand controls, during the road test portion of the evaluation. More than one evaluation may be required depending on the severity of the driver's condition.

**Driver's Training:** The driver client may also have to complete a series of driver training sessions to gain competency with the new equipment or improve skills. Final recommendations from the CDRS will be shared with the driver and referring physician. Prescription for adapted driving equipment and/or vehicle modifications are shared with the mobility equipment dealer (MED) and, together, the CDRS and MED work to achieve the best possible outcome for the client. The division of motor vehicles is also alerted on a case by case basis or per the individual facilities policy and procedures.

**Cost:** Cost for the evaluation and training program vary by facility and are often dependent on the amount of time required providing the service. Some of our members will travel to the driver for a local assessment and some will bill insurance. You will need to ask each facility directly about billing and evaluation location.

**Financial Support:** For financial support, some clients may qualify for services through your state's Vocational Rehabilitation or Independent Living Program. Both services are generally conducted through your state's Health and Human Services division and can be found through a simple Google search.