

## How to Apply

If you would like to apply for a Road Assured assessment drive, firstly complete the form below. Then send the completed form, together with a cheque for £50 made payable to **Somerset County Council** to: Somerset Road Safety, County Hall, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4DY. Alternatively you can apply online at [www.somersetroadsafety.org](http://www.somersetroadsafety.org)

### Road Assured Application Form

Full name:

Address:

Address:

County:

Post code:

Contact number:

Email address:

Doctor's name:

Doctor's Surgery Address:

Reason for wanting a Road Assured assessment drive:

Signature:.....

Date:.....

# Road Assured Driver Support Scheme



## Who is the Road Assured scheme aimed at?

The Road Assured scheme is for any driver who has a health issue that may make driving more difficult, or anyone who is returning to driving, perhaps after an operation or a health episode.

*It is all about helping you to cope safely as a driver.*

The scheme enables you to take a short, assessed drive with one of our Approved Driving Instructors. You will be given advice about your driving style and a written report will be produced at the end of your assessment. You will be given the report and a copy will be sent to your doctor. This report will help you and your doctor decide which steps to take, if any, to reduce the chances of problems occurring when you are behind the wheel.

A fee is payable for the Road Assured driving assessment.

## How do I access the Road Assured scheme?

- You can be referred by your GP or other health professional if there is a concern about your fitness to drive.
- You can ask your GP or other health professional to refer you if you have a health problem which is making driving more difficult. For example you may feel less confident when driving following an operation or, if you have experienced an event that has affected you emotionally.
- You can refer yourself for a Road Assured assessment.
- You can refer a family member or friend, with their knowledge if you are concerned about their driving safety.

## The Road Assured referral

In order to make your assessment appointment we will ask for:

- your name, address and contact details
- your doctor's name and surgery address
- a brief reason why you are being referred to the Road Assured scheme

We will then pass your contact details to one of our Approved Driving Instructors who will contact you to agree a mutually convenient time and date for the Road Assured assessment. This will usually start from your home address.

## How much is a Road Assured assessment?

There is a £50 fee for the Road Assured assessment.



## The Road Assured assessment

The instructor will meet you as arranged and will take some time to talk about your driving concerns so that you can get the best out of your assessed drive. You do not need to give the instructor any details of your medical condition unless you want to.

Before commencing the assessment drive, you will be asked to:

- show your driving licence
- show your certificate of insurance if you use your own vehicle
- show your vehicle's MOT certificate, if applicable
- demonstrate that you are able to read a number plate at the required distance, as specified by the Highway Code

Once the above has been completed, you will set off for your assessment drive which may last up to 45 minutes. To make the process as fair as possible you will not normally be asked to drive on roads that are unfamiliar to you. At the end of the assessment your instructor will discuss aspects of your driving that seemed good and any that gave cause for concern. The instructor may offer advice on how to increase your safety whilst driving including, if appropriate, some additional driving sessions. In some cases, the advice may be for you to consider other methods of getting around.

## Rights and Responsibilities

The Road Assured scheme is not designed to address the issue of notifiable medical conditions. The responsibility for this remains with the driver. A full list of notifiable medical conditions is available from your GP or on the DVLA website: [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/driver-and-vehicle-licensing-agency](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/driver-and-vehicle-licensing-agency).

Your Approved Driving Instructor will not have any role regarding your driving licence.

In the event that a driver is considered dangerous, this will be included in the report to the doctor, who has a duty to act on this information.