Quick Reference Guide
Online Optometrist/Ophthalmologist Form
Transport for NSW
1. Log in to MyHealthLink Portal

In your preferred web browser go to https://auportal.healthlink.net/hlkportal/login. Log-in using your account username and password.

2. HealthLink Portal Homepage

On the right hand side, select compose to get access to the online form.

3. Services Landing Page

Select Transport for NSW
4. Patient Details

Enter all of the patient’s details in the fields provided and select ‘Next’. Anything that is marked with a * is a mandatory field.

**Important Note:** these details need to match what is on the patient’s NSW Driver licence/record to enable Transport for NSW to validate the customer.
5. Form Selection

From the list of forms, select ‘Vision or Eye Disorder Medical Assessment’ then click the green continue button.

INFORMATION FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Transport for NSW requests that this licence holder submits to a Vision or Eye disorder assessment undertaken with a registered Optometrist or Ophthalmologist in order to maintain or apply for a NSW driver licence, or to be a public passenger vehicle driver.

The eyesight medical assessment must be completed in accordance with the Assessing Fitness to Drive for commercial and private vehicle drivers - medical standards for licensing and clinical management guidelines, published by Austroads (Assessing Fitness to Drive Standards). Refer to part B:10 Vision and Eye Disorders on pages 124-131 of the Assessing Fitness to Drive for Commercial and Private Vehicle Drivers publication.

The Assessing Fitness to Drive Standards are available at: www.austroads.com.au/drivers-vehicles/assessing-fitness-to-drive

If a licence holder has a vision or eye disorder or monocular vision the medical assessment must be conducted by a registered Optometrist or Ophthalmologist.

The licence holder must meet the medical assessment standards that apply to their class of licence. Private vehicle driver licence classes are categorised as R, C, or LR. Commercial vehicle driver licence classes are categorised as MR, HR, HC, MC and may include drivers of Public Passenger vehicles with a Class C or LR licence (e.g. taxi or rideshare driver). See Principles of Assessing Fitness to Drive. (refer part A.2 on page 6 and part A.4 on page 20 of the Assessing Fitness to Drive for Commercial and Private Vehicle Drivers publication). Only information relevant to the licence holder’s fitness to drive should be listed in the assessment. All drivers aged 75 years and above require an annual medical assessment and an eyesight review to retain their licence.

Important - Health professionals must adhere to the Assessing Fitness to Drive Standards when recommending a conditional licence. Recommendations that conflict with the Assessing Fitness to Drive Standards and/or Transport for NSW Policy or licensing schemes may not be implemented. For more information about the roles and responsibilities of health professionals, (refer part A.3 on page 15 of the Assessing Fitness to Drive for Commercial and Private Vehicle Drivers publication).

Security - You are responsible for ensuring that there is no unauthorised access to the Transport for NSW medical assessment forms using your HealthLink SmartForm compliant EMR system or MyHealthLink Portal username and password.
6. Driver Licence Verification

- Select and enter either a valid NSW ‘Driver Licence’ or ‘Customer number’.
- Tick ‘Patient Consent obtained’.
- Click ‘Validate/Retrieve’ to confirm the patient’s details with Transport for NSW.

![Driver Licence Verification Form](image)

- Consider the nature of the driving task when performing this assessment. Commercial includes driving heavy vehicles and/or driving public passenger vehicles for hire or reward regardless of licence class.

[Continue with Medical Assessment]
7. Driver Licence Verification Continued

- ‘Field of practice’ – Please select your specialist type:
  - Optometrist
  - Ophthalmologist

- ‘Assessing Medical Standard’ can be changed, however it will pre-populate with the medical standard on Transport for NSW records that the customer holds.

- Select ‘Continue with Medical Assessment’ to proceed.
8. Completing the Form

Once you have generated the form, any pre–existing medical conditions that are recorded on the patient’s Transport for NSW record will be **pre-selected** within the form for easy processing.

**VISION**

Does the patient have a current vision or eye disorder? * ☐

Please select the relevant condition(s) *

- [ ] Cataracts
  - Has the cataracts been successfully treated or removed? *
    - ☐ Yes          ☐ No

- ☐ Diabetic Retinopathy
- ☐ Diplopia/Double Vision ☐
  - Is the condition corrected by wearing glasses? *
    - ☐ Yes          ☐ No

- ☐ Glaucoma
- ☐ Keratoconus
- ☐ Macular Degeneration
- ☐ Monocular Vision ☐
- ☐ Poor Night Vision ☐
- ☐ Quadrantanopia & Hemianopia ☐
- ☐ Visual Field Defect
- ☐ Other

What is the patient’s visual acuity? *

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Does the patient meet the vision standard to maintain a driver licence? ☐

- ☐ Yes          ☐ No
9. Completing the Form Continued

• If the patient does not have a current vision or eye disorder, select ‘No’ to the first question and provide patients visual acuity.

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• If you click on the i icons, you will be provided with a link to the ‘Assessing Fitness to Drive’ standards or helpful information about individual conditions.
10. Treatment History

There are fields to provide Transport for NSW with information about how long you have been treating the patient.

**TREATMENT HISTORY**

- **First visit**

**When did you first treat the patient?**

**When did the patient first attend this practice?**

**Did you have any knowledge of the patient's medical history before undertaking this assessment?**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Meets the medical criteria for unconditional licence - no further review required
- Meets the medical criteria for a conditional licence
- Does not meet the medical criteria for a driver licence - unfit to drive

**Any additional comments on conditions likely to affect driving?**

**DECLARATION**

- Applicant declaration read and accepted*
11. Recommendations

The Recommendations section provides **3 options** for you to provide your professional opinion about the patient’s medical fitness to drive.

- Meets the medical criteria for an unconditional licence – no further review required. *This option is only available if your patient has no relevant medical conditions.*

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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- Does not meet the medical criteria for a driver licence - unfit to drive

Permanently Unfit means TfNSW will cancel the driver licence. Temporarily Unfit means TfNSW will suspend the driver licence until further medical clearance is obtained. Please select the duration*

- Permanently Unfit
- Temporarily Unfit
12. Recommendations Continued

• Meets the medical criteria for a conditional licence. *To be used for customer with medical conditions that will require ongoing review or additional assessments/licence conditions.*

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**Review recommendation (if applicable)**
TNSW will use the default review period if review period recommendation is left unselected. Recommended review periods will be assessed by TNSW.

**Driving assessment recommendation/s (if applicable)**
- Transport for NSW practical driving test
- Occupational Therapist Driver assessment
- None

**Recommended licence condition/s (if applicable)**
- Downgrade to a lower class of licence
- Daylight hours only
- May only drive automatic vehicles
- Radius restrictions

**Specialist review recommendation/s (if applicable)**
Recommend other specialist/s review: 
Click on the box below to show more specialist options

**Important Note:** Please only select applicable additional information in this section. Only fields marked with an * are mandatory.
13. Attaching a Report

If you have an additional report/information that you would like to provide Transport for NSW you can add an attachment.

To attach a report:

• Select the ‘Attachments/Reports’ tab on the right hand side.
• Click ‘Browse for Local File’.
14. Attaching a Report Continued

- Click ‘Choose File’.
- Select the relevant document you wish to attach then select ‘Upload’.
- Once uploaded you will see the document listed under the ‘Local File Attachments’.

![Image of Add File Attachment interface]

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15. Submitting a Completed Form

• Once you have completed a form all that is left to do is submit. In the top left hand click the ‘Submit’ button.

• If there are any mandatory fields that have not been completed you will received a message asking you to fix them before submitting the form.
16. Submitting a Completed Form Continued

• You will receive confirmation that the report has been received by Transport for NSW.

Referral Sent and Acknowledged on 27/07/2020 21:50 AEST

Assessment Summary
Report has been forwarded to Transport for NSW for processing.

For any enquires please contact Service NSW on 132213

• Based on how the form has been completed additional information may also be provided advising the patient of additional assessment/licence conditions they will require.

Referral Sent and Acknowledged on 04/08/2020 22:30 AEST

Assessment Summary
Report received by Transport for NSW and the following assessments/conditions are now required: The assessments/conditions listed below are additional to any other assessments that may have been requested already. You will receive a letter with additional information in the post.

Licence Conditions:
• May only drive auto vehicles (Added)

Specialist Assessments:
• Ophthalmologist Assessment

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17. Printing or Saving a Copy

• Once the form has been submitted you can print or save a copy of the PDF, just select the ‘Print’ button.

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• Or on the homepage under the ‘Submitted’ tab you will see all your previously submitted forms. You can select and review these reports at anytime.
18. Accessing Submitted Forms

- On the homepage under the ‘Submitted’ tab you will see all your previously submitted forms. You can select and review these reports at anytime.

19. Park a Form

- If you’re in the middle of completing the form and you need to do something else, you can ‘Park’ the form. This saves what you’ve currently done, allowing you to access it at a later time and pick up where you left off. To Park a form just click on the ‘Park’ button and close the form.
20. Retrieving and Submitting a Parked Form

On the homepage under the ‘Parked’ tab you will see all the forms you have ‘Parked’.
- Double click on the form you wish to continue completing/submit and it will load ready for your action.