

Potential to Drive Group Program (2025)

What is it?

The Potential to Drive Program was developed as a tool to assess whether a young person with a disability is ready for driving.

Who is it for?

Any young person between the ages of 15 - 21 with a disability **and** has a goal of learning to drive. A learner's licence is not required to participate in this program.

How will it run?

While this program is usually conducted in a 1:1 capacity, we are changing things up a little bit. Remarkable OT is seeking to offer this program in a group setting of **no more** than 4 participants. Relevant intake assessments will be conducted prior to the commencement of each group in order to allocate suitable participants together.



What is involved?

The program aims to assess the following in a clinic setting:

- Physical function - such as balance, movement, coordination, and reflexes.
- Visual function - such as visual acuity, eye tracking, and visual-motor integration.
- Cognitive function - such as processing speed, attention, planning, and problem solving.
- Road law knowledge - such as awareness of the driving environment, roundabout rules/diagrams, and visual traffic scenarios.

As well as a motor vehicle setting:

- Passenger Activities - this involves the young person in the front passenger seat with the OT Driving Assessor operating the vehicle (parents are welcome to sit in the rear seat). The purpose of this component is to allow the tasks of driving to be broken down without placing any pressure or anxiety on the young person.

What will it cost?

We envision the program will cost between \$500 - \$1,000 per participant. The end cost will be dependent on how many participants attend each group, and the full cost (\$2,000) divided accordingly. The cost involves 5 x 1-hour sessions, room hire, provision of iPads (for the relevant components), and a summary report at the completion of the program. An NDIS plan is not required to participate, however funding may be available to the young person under Capacity Building - Occupational Therapist.

