

# Automatic Condition for Motor Driving Instructor's Licence

## New MDI Applications

### What's happening:

The Registrar of Motor Vehicles (“The Registrar”) has approved the issue of a Motor Driving Instructors licence (MDI) with a transmission condition. Where a regulator assessment for class C (Car) has been completed in an automatic vehicle an automatic class C condition will apply.

Regulator assessments completed in a class C manual vehicle will be issued an unrestricted motor driving instructor's licence.

Effective immediately, an applicant for the **issue** of a class C Motor Driving Instructors licence may choose to undertake a regulator assessment in an automatic government vehicle.

This change does not affect current MDI licence holders.

### New Applications for Regulator Assessment

New MDI applications that meet the pre-requisites will receive an email inviting them to undertake the regulator assessment. The email will advise the applicant at the time of **booking the assessment to nominate the transmission type for the assessment** e.g. **automatic** or **manual**.

If the applicant does not advise of the transmission type at the time of booking it will be presumed that the assessment will be conducted in a manual government vehicle.

### Applicants with an existing Regulator Assessment booking:

Applicants with an existing regulator assessment booking are **NOT required** to contact the Driver Licensing Standards Bookings Office to change to an automatic transmission.

On the day of the assessment the applicant is to advise the Assessment Officers of the transmission type (automatic, manual) for their assessment. A government vehicle with the nominated transmission (either auto or manual) will be provided.

# Nominated transmission for Regulator Assessment

Applicants may change the transmission of the vehicle part way through the assessment, but not during a component.

Where any components of the regulator assessment are completed in an automatic vehicle the MDI licence will be issued with an automatic class C condition. For example, component 1 competent in a manual vehicle and the applicant chooses to do components 2 and 3 in automatic vehicle, the MDI licence will be issued with an automatic condition.

To be issued an unrestricted MDI licence the applicant must be competent in all 3 components in a manual transmission vehicle.

## Regulator Assessment Component Changes for the inclusion of automatic vehicles

Applicants that nominate to undertake the regulator assessment in an **AUTOMATIC** transmission vehicle:

### Component 1 – Commentary Drive

No changes to the current process for commentary drive.

### Component 2 – Drive Assessment

Applicant must demonstrate 100% compliance with the Australian Road Rules and **80% compliance with system of vehicle control, including successfully demonstrating two (2) manoeuvres (refer Tasks 9-13 and 27 from the Driving Companion) selected at random on the day by the Assessment Officers.**

### Component 3 – Training and Delivery of Tasks

No changes to the current process for training and delivery of tasks.

**NOTE: There are no changes to the components for a regulator assessment conducted in a manual vehicle** – The applicant must demonstrate 100% compliance with Australian Road Rules and 80% compliance system of vehicle control.

## Transmission condition

A person issued an MDI licence subject to automatic class C conditions can only provide training in automatic class C vehicles only.

The transmission condition will not display on the MDI licence; however, the applicant will be issued with an automatic condition letter, and the transmission will be recorded by the department.

If the regulator assessment is completed in a manual transmission vehicle (unrestricted), the MDI can provide training in either automatic or manual vehicles.

To remove an automatic condition on an MDI licence, the MDI licence holder must complete a regulator assessment in a manual vehicle. The MDI applicant bears all costs associated with removing the automatic condition.

## Breach of Automatic condition

Where an MDI licence holder breaches the automatic transmission condition of their MDI licence, the Registrar under the *Motor Vehicles Act 1959* Part 98A (7) may cancel or suspend any instructor's licence for a term that the Registrar thinks fit if satisfied that the holder has been guilty of conduct making the holder unfit to hold such a licence.

## For further information:

- Visit [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au)
- Driver Licensing Standards on 7133 2777