

# 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