

Rules for Ontario's Senior Drivers

Ontario's senior driver programs aim to keep seniors driving for as long as they can safely do so.

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- Undergo a driver record review
- Participate in a 45-minute Group Education Session (GES)
- During the GES, complete two, brief, non-computerized in-class screening assignments
- If necessary, take a road test

This entire renewal process will take a total of about 90 minutes.

Please note that this is a licence renewal program. Existing and valid licenses will be not revoked, but all requirements need to be met before your licence is renewed.

Once you've completed the group session and screening components you may be asked to take a road test (**G2**) or submit medical information from your doctor.

If you have questions about the new program, please call **1-800-396-4233**

The screening test gives seniors two written tasks. An example question given by the Province asks the test writer to **draw a clock and then draw a specific time on it.**

Another question gives a list of letters and asks the senior to **cross out all the H's**. The idea is that anyone who struggles with these tasks is losing their cognitive abilities, and possibly their ability to drive safely.

If you fail this part of the exam, then you must take a driving test (**G2**) to renew your licence.

Drivers over 80 will still have to take the test every two years. Seniors will take a vision test and undergo a review of their driving record. Drivers will still take a group education session.

The cost is \$32 with no extra fee if a road test is required.

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- About the program
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- <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/driver/pdfs/ges-booklet-english.pdf>