

Patient Advisory Form



Dear _____

Following your assessment today, ____ / ____ / ____, I am advising you that you need to contact your Driving Licensing Authority to let them know that you have a condition _____ which may impact on your fitness to drive:
I am also advising that:

_____ and recommend a further specialist/consultant opinion Yes No

The philosophy of the NDLS is an enabling one, aiming to maximise mobility of drivers to the greatest extent possible. However, it is important to ensure that an appropriate balance is found between mobility and safety and the NDLS is likely to request you to provide a medical report clarifying your medical fitness to drive once you have notified them. The conditions that require reporting to your Driving Licensing Authority are outlined in the declaration made by you when you applied for, or renewed, your driving licence (see below) and also in the official RSA guidelines for medical fitness to drive, *Sláinte agus Tiomáint*. You should also clarify with your insurer as to whether or not this condition needs to be reported to them as well. A record of this notification will be held in your medical file here.

Yours sincerely

Medical conditions requiring declaration at application for and renewal of driving licence

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| 1. Diabetes treated by insulin and or sulphonylurea tablets (doctor to advise whether patient is on these or not) no need to tell us if managed by other tablets and or diet | 12. Persistent drug misuse or dependency |
| 2. Epilepsy | 13. Serious psychiatric illness or mental health problems |
| 3. Stroke or TIAs with any associated symptoms lasting longer than one month | 15. Sleep Apnoea Syndrome |
| 4. Fits or blackouts | 16. Narcolepsy |
| 5. Any type of brain surgery, brain abscess or severe head injury involving in-patient treatment or brain tumour or spinal injury or spinal tumour | 17. Any condition affecting the drivers peripheral vision |
| 6. An implanted cardiac pacemaker | 18. Total loss of sight in one eye |
| 7. An implanted cardiac defibrillator (ICD) | 19. Any condition affecting both eyes, or the remaining eye if driver only has one eye (Not including colour blindness or short or long sight) |
| 8. Repeated attacks of sudden disabling dizziness | 20. A serious hearing deficiency |
| 9. Any other chronic neurological condition such as multiple sclerosis, motor neurone disease, Parkinson disease and Huntington's disease | 21. Any persisting problem with arm(s) or leg(s) which needs driving to be restricted to certain types of vehicle or those with adapted controls |
| 10. A serious problem with memory or periods of confusion. | 22. Is the driver's vehicle adapted because of a physical disability to enable you to drive |
| 11. Persistent alcohol misuse or dependency | 23. Severe learning disability |

The above list is not exhaustive

Please note if you are the holder of an EU licence from a country other than Ireland, or hold a licence from a recognised country for licence exchange purposes, you should contact the licensing authority to arrange for a licence exchange and medical report.