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OBLIGATIONS AND
OPPORTUNITIES FOR
OLDER DRIVERS



Information Sheet 11

For more information



Government of South Australia

Department for Transport,
Energy and Infrastructure

It comprises a series of Information Sheets about fitness to drive and legal responsibilities, driver assessments, ideas for maintaining the ability to drive safely and planning for the time when you, a family member or friend will decide to drive less or stop driving altogether.

Government		
Agency	Services	Contact
Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI) Mail: GPO Box 1533 ADELAIDE SA 5001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification of medical conditions Practical Driving Assessments 	Internet: www.sa.gov.au
Service SA Customer Service Centres Adelaide Christies Beach Elizabeth Marion Mitcham Modbury Port Adelaide Prospect Regency Park Tranmere Berri Gawler Kadina Mt Gambier Murray Bridge Naracoorte Port Augusta Port Lincoln Port Pirie Whyalla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The Driver's Handbook</i> 9th Edition \$10 Hand in licence if no longer needed 	Phone: 13 23 24 TTY – telephone typewriter for deaf and hearing impaired: 13 36 77 All Service SA Customer Service Centres have Hearing Assistance Devices and are accessible for disabled people. Internet: www.sa.gov.au/driverslicences
South Australian Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The Driver's Handbook</i> 9th Edition \$10 Road safety information Concessions information Taxi fare subsidy scheme Seniors Card and ageing Cycling and walking maps 	Internet: www.sa.gov.au/roadsafety www.sa.gov.au/driverslicences www.sa.gov.au/cycling www.sa.gov.au/walkingpedestrians
Australian Government Department for Health and Ageing	Telstra White Pages contains an Age Page listing of many Government services for older Australians	

Health		
Agency	Services	Contact
Alzheimer's Australia SA 27 Conyngham St GLENSIDE SA 5065 See also National Dementia Helpline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online information and resources Support for carers Workshops and information sessions 	Phone: 08 8372 2100 Fax: 08 8338 3390 Email: alzsa@alzheimerssa.asn.au Internet: www.alzheimers.org.au
Arthritis SA 118 Richmond Road MARLESTON SA 5033	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone advisors Exercise classes/ tai chi Program <i>Moving towards wellness – coping with chronic conditions</i> Courses for all ages Library facilities 	Phone: 08 8379 5711 1800 011 041 (free call) Fax: 08 8379 5707 Internet: www.arthritissa.org.au
Australian Red Cross SA 207-217 Wakefield St ADELAIDE SA 5000 Mail: GPO Box 2265 ADELAIDE SA 5001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online resources Emergency heatwave program Wills Days Guest speakers 	Phone: 08 8100 4500 Fax: 08 8100 4501 Email: sainfo@redcross.org.au Internet: www.redcross.org.au
Australian Council on the Ageing (COTA) 16 Hutt St ADELAIDE SA 5000 Mail: GPO Box 1583 ADELAIDE SA 5001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events Online ordering of publications Information 	Phone: 08 8232 0422 1800 182 324 (free call) Fax: 08 8232 0433 Email: seniorsvoice@seniorsvoice.org.au Internet: www.seniorsvoice.org.au
Austrroads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessing fitness to drive 	Internet: www.austrroads.com.au
Carers Australia SA 58 King William Road GOODWOOD SA 5034	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online publications Support for carers Events 	Phone: 08 8291 5600 1800 815 549 (free call) Carer Advisory and Counselling Service: 1800 242 636 (free call) Fax: 08 8271 6388 Internet: www.carers-sa.asn.au

Health continued		
Agency	Services	Contact
Dementia See Alzheimer's Australia SA and/or National Dementia Helpline		
Diabetes SA 159 Sir Donald Bradman Drive HILTON SA 5033	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Living with diabetes ■ Healthy eating tips ■ Recipes ■ Education sessions 	Phone: 08 8234 1977 Fax: 08 8234 2013 Internet: www.diabetessa.com.au
Epilepsy Centre of SA/NT Inc 266 Port Road HINDMARSH SA 5007 Mail: PO Box 12 WOODVILLE SA 5011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Information and first aid ■ Membership of The Epilepsy Centre ■ Online film on first aid for epilepsy 	Office: 1300 850 081 Helpline: 1300 852 853 Fax: 08 8448 5609 Email: enquiries@epilepsycentre.org.au Internet: www.epilepsycentre.org.au
Heart Foundation 155 Hutt St ADELAIDE SA 5000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Information about CPR, warning signs of heart attack ■ Events ■ Healthy living 	Phone: 08 8224 2888 Information: 1300 36 27 87 Email: sa@heartfoundation.org.au Internet: www.heartfoundation.org.au
Independent Living Centre of South Australia Disability SA 11 Blacks Road GILLES PLAINS SA 5086	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Information on a wide range of assistive technologies ■ Product descriptions ■ Publications 	Phone: 08 8266 5260 1300 885 886 (SA/NT only) Fax: 08 8266 5263 Email: ilcsa@dfc.sa.gov.au Internet: www.ilcaustralia.org
National Dementia Helpline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Phone support 	National Dementia Helpline: 1800 100 500 Interpreter Service: Phone: 131 450
Dementia Behaviour Management Advisory Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Phone support 	Phone: 1800 699 799 (free call 24 hours/ 7 days)

Your legal responsibility

As a licensed driver in South Australia and regardless of your age, you are **legally required** to advise the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure in writing as soon as you are diagnosed with an illness, disease or disability, or take medication that could impair your ability to operate any motor vehicle effectively and safely.

Also, health professionals are **legally required** to notify the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure as soon as they consider that you suffer from a physical or mental illness, disability or deficiency, or take medication that would be likely to endanger the public if you drive a motor vehicle.

The health professional does not need your permission as this notification is **compulsory by law**.

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The consequences for failing to notify the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure of a reportable medical condition and continuing to drive are severe.

If involved in a crash:

- you may be charged with related driving offences and with failing to notify the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure of a reportable medical condition
- you may be sued for any damages to people or property caused by the driver in that crash
- your private car insurance coverage may be affected.

Health continued		
Agency	Services	Contact
National Sleep Foundation (USA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ eNewsletter registration ■ Information ■ Online community 	Email: nsf@sleepfoundation.org Internet: www.sleepfoundation.org
Osteoporosis Australia 118 Richmond Road MARLESTON SA 5033	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Information ■ Magazine ■ Translated fact sheets ■ Events 	Phone: 08 8379 5711 1800 242 141 (free call) Fax: 08 8379 5707 Internet: www.osteoporosis.org.au
RLS – Restless Legs Syndrome Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Information ■ Advice 	Internet: www.rls.org.au
Sleep Disorders Australia - South Australian Branch 275 North Tce ADELAIDE SA 5000 Mail: P.O. Box 153 KENT TOWN SA 5071	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fact file ■ Treatments ■ FAQs 	Phone: 08 8232 5319 1800 813 629 (free call) Email: sleepoz.org.au > State Branches and Contacts > South Australia Internet: sleepoz.org.au
Telstra White Pages	Age Page contains listing of Australian Government Department for Health and Ageing	

Travel

Agency	Services	Contact
AdelaideMetro Cnr King William and Currie Streets ADELAIDE SA 5000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tickets ■ Timetables ■ Information about accessible buses and routes for people with disabilities ■ Travel information for Seniors Card holders 	Phone: 1300 311 108 (7 am - 8 pm, 7 days a week) Internet: www.adelaidemetro.com.au www.sa.gov.au/publictransport
Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Crash test results ■ Australian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP) results 	Email: ancap@ancap.com.au Internet: www.ancap.com.au

Travel continued		
Agency	Services	Contact
Australian Traffic Safety Bureau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Safety recommendations ■ Statistical data ■ Media releases 	Email: atsbinfo@atsb.gov.au Internet: www.atsb.gov.au > type 'used car safety ratings' in the search box and select the 'Search all Australian Government websites' option.
Bus SA	South Australian regional bus travel – routes, timetables and concessions	Internet: www.bussa.com.au
Cars Guide	Online buyers and sellers guide	Internet: www.carsguide.com.au
Royal Automobile Association of South Australia (RAA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Travel ■ Insurance ■ Road safety ■ Online road rules test ■ ANCAP and Used Car Safety Ratings brochures 	Phone: 08 8202 4600 TTY – telephone typewriter for deaf and hearing impaired: 08 8202 4750 Internet: www.raa.com.au
South Australia	Travel information – air, coach, train, ferry, public transport	Internet: www.southaustralia.com
Transport Accident Commission (TAC) Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Used Car Safety Ratings ■ Facts for drivers 	Internet: www.howsafeyourcar.com.au

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