

Summary

Objective

If the best way of restoring a client's independence is by providing a vehicle solution, we can contribute to the costs of driving lessons for a client.

Driver training can be used:

- if the best way of restoring the client's independence is helping them to drive their own private vehicle
- if the client has had a driver licence before but is no longer licensed to drive for any accident-related reason
- to provide training to the client to drive a modified vehicle independently and safely
- to build a client's confidence in operating a modified vehicle that we consider suitable for restoring their independence
- to help a client prepare for a driver licence test or renewal so they can legally drive their modified vehicle (although we do not contribute to the actual license test costs as getting a current driver license is a process common to all citizens)
- to provide specialised driver training, such as learning to use hand controls in a modified vehicle.

Owner Name withheld

Expert Name withheld

Procedure

1.0 Relevant legislation

- a** We need to make sure clients are legally permitted to drive before modifying or buying a vehicle and can drive safely. See Accident Compensation Act 2001, Schedule 1, clause 21 (4).

2.0 Identifying whether a client needs driving training

- a** The transport assessor will determine whether the client is likely to need extra instruction or training to safely use the specialist equipment and controls installed in a modified vehicle.

If the assessor is concerned about a client's ability to drive safely they may complete an on-road driving assessment, often with the assistance of a driving instructor.

The assessor typically identifies driver training needs either:

- during the initial assessment
- in the case of a highly-modified vehicle, at the visit to the vehicle modifier at the end of Stage 1 modifications.

3.0 Delivery of the driver training

- a** The assessor will:
 - arrange for a driving instructor
 - ensure the lessons is provided within the agreed time-frame
 - invoice ACC for the driving instructor's services within the Transport for Independence Assessments Service.

The driving instructor invoices the assessor, not ACC.