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Save time and go online for faster fitness to drive assessments

Transport for NSW has introduced improved and simplified online Fitness to Drive forms for GPs, specialists, optometrists and allied health professionals.

A TfNSW spokesperson said determining medical fitness to drive is an important part of the NSW Government's commitment to road safety and health professionals play a key role in making those assessments.

"The number of people who need a Fitness to Drive medical assessment is increasing and will continue to grow, so the Transport for NSW online medical submission process has been improved to make it easier and more efficient," the spokesperson said.

"The online forms, now with one for each of the relevant specialties, will generate a real time response that can be shared with patients on the spot.

"The time and costs involved in handling, distributing and duplicating paper-based patient information will also be reduced, significantly improving efficiency for practices.

"Links to the Austroads Assessing Fitness to Drive Guidelines - the Australian medical driving standards for commercial and private vehicle drivers - are included in the forms, making them easier for practitioners to reference while assessing a patient.

"When health professionals complete the form online, patients will no longer need to take their paper form to a Service NSW Centre.

"Information submitted online will be securely and instantly transmitted to TfNSW and recorded for future patient case reviews and completions.

"Many practices are already using the online forms and on-line submissions of medical assessments increased to 20 per cent during May as practices helped their patients to maintain social distancing and avoid a visit to a Service NSW centre.

"This is yet another way in which the Government is embracing technology to improve people's lives, making it easier for customers to interact with government.

"We're listening to our customers' needs and improving our services at the same time, and by doing this we are moving towards a greater digital footprint which will streamline processes for customers and keep their sensitive information safe."

Online forms can be completed and submitted directly within a practice's existing EMR solution.

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Doctors who don't have a practice software system can still submit forms electronically via the [Healthlink](#) portal with a standard web browser.

Visit [Transport for NSW](#) for more information on accessing the online form.

What's new:

Real time fitness to drive notification from Transport for NSW
Two online forms replaced by 12 specialist focused online forms
Pre-population of previous assessment data to new forms
Online links to National Assessing Fitness to Drive medical standards

The Doctor's experience

Mrs Jones attends the practice for her annual medical review. She has been attending the practice every year since she turned 75 years of age.

The GP selects the NSW Fitness to Drive form within his medical records system and inputs Ms Jones' licence number. The medical form shows TfNSW already is aware Mrs Jones has angina and arthritis and must wear glasses while driving.

As the form is already pre-populated, the GP does not have to select these conditions. This makes the form quick and easy to complete. During the consultation the doctor discusses with Mrs Jones that given that her blood test shows she has diabetes and is about to start medication, he will also record that she has diabetes treated by tablets.

The doctor makes a recommendation that Mrs Jones is fit to continue to hold her driver licence. The GP submits the medical assessment which is transmitted directly to TfNSW. The GP receives a real time response which indicates TfNSW has received the medical assessment and that Mrs Jones' driver licence record has been updated.

The GP can print out a copy of the medical review and the real time response for Mrs Jones to keep. A copy of Mrs Jones' completed medical report is saved within his medical records system for future reference.

Mrs Jones leaves the GP knowing that she is again fine to continue driving and that she does not need to worry about submitting a medical assessment for another twelve months.

The following year, when Mrs Jones attends her appointment for her fitness to drive medical assessment the GP will see on the online form that Mrs Jones records already show she has angina, arthritis and diabetes as these conditions are already pre-populated.

As she has no other medical conditions, the GP can have the form completed and submitted in a matter of minutes, which reduces the time taken for both the GP and the patient in completing the NSW Fitness to Drive online form.