

**NOTIFICATION –**  
**FITNESS TO DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE**

**In accordance with national guidelines, the Association for the Blind of WA is required to advise you, as a person with a vision impairment, of your potential liability if you continue to drive.**

Assessing fitness to drive 2003, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. is published by AUSTRROADS (the Association of Australian and New Zealand Road Transport and Traffic Authorities). It provides guidelines and standards to help Australian health professionals evaluate the health status of drivers against certain medical standards.

The following information is quoted from page 10 of this publication:

National uniform law requires a patient to advise their own Driver Licensing Authority of any permanent or long-term injury or illness that affects his or her safe driving ability. This law can impose penalties for failure to report.

This requirement exists in all states and territories, except Western Australia, at the time of publication.

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As well as the legal obligations described above, a patient may be liable at common law if he or she continues to drive knowing that he or she has a condition that is likely to adversely affect driving. Drivers should be aware that there may be long-term financial and legal consequences where there is failure to report an impairment to the Driver Licensing Authority.

In the case of medical examinations requested by the Driver Licensing Authority, patients also have a duty to declare truthfully their health status to the examining health professional.

For your information, the WA Driver Licensing Authority may be contacted at –

Department for Planning and Infrastructure

Tel: (08) 13 1156

Web: [www.dpi.wa.gov.au](http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au)

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