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### **ASK YOUR DOCTOR FOR A FASTER FITNESS TO DRIVE ASSESSMENT**

The annual trip to the doctor to ensure “Fitness to Drive” is now simpler and more efficient for patients.

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Paul Toole said ensuring medical fitness to drive is an important part of the NSW Government’s commitment to road safety, and the annual assessment with a GP is a key part of that.

“Drivers who are over 75, people who have certain chronic medical conditions, hold an MC class licence or drive a public passenger vehicle all need regular medical assessments to make sure they are fit to drive,” Mr Toole said.

“We know the challenges in the regions, with many people living hours away from their closest doctor, so this is why we’ve introduced improved online “Fitness to Drive” forms for doctors to complete.”

Minister for Transport and Roads Andrew Constance said the simple system means doctors can email or print a copy of the completed medical assessment at any time.

“Safety is always our priority and this online form means drivers have a more efficient way of ensuring their medical fitness to drive,” Mr Constance said.

Minister for Customer Service Victor Dominello said once submitted online, patients would receive instant confirmation from the health professional their report has been securely transmitted to Transport for NSW and their driving record has been updated.

“We want to put the customer at the centre of everything we do, and this decision provides drivers with more choice and convenience,” Mr Dominello said.

“The real-time response from Transport for NSW also means customers will no longer need to visit a Service NSW Centre to hand in a paper form saving time, effort and money. A copy of the completed online medical assessment will be securely stored by the GP, specialist or allied health professional for future reference.”

Customers will still receive a request letter from Transport for NSW in the mail advising when the assessment is due.

“We are encouraging all patients who require a Fitness to Drive assessment to take the letter to your doctor and ask them to fill out the assessment online,” Mr Dominello said.

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