Changes to the Senior Driver Renewal Program

Ontario’s senior driver programs aim to keep seniors driving for as long as they can safely do so.

On January 28, 2014, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) announced starting April 21, 2014, drivers aged 80 and over will no longer have to complete a written knowledge test to renew their driver licence. Please see the attached link to the news release:


Instead, they will participate in a shorter, simpler renewal program that includes:

- a vision test
- a driver record review
- an improved, in-class group education session (GES)
- two short, in-class screening exercises
- if necessary, take a road test

MTO has been reviewing this program to make sure it is using the most up-to-date tools available to promote road safety, and effectively identify senior drivers who may no longer be safely able to drive.

The new process will take about 90 minutes - down from three-and-a-half hours under the current program. As well, the cost for the driver licence renewal remains the same at $32. More information about the in-class screening assignments are posted on MTO’s website (http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/dandv/driver/senior-driver-renewal-program.shtml) and available from Service Ontario or by request.

This new process will remain as a licence renewal program. Existing and valid licences will not be taken away but all requirements need to be met before your licence is renewed. These changes are being introduced to help senior drivers renew their licences faster and with less stress.

Should you have questions about the new program, please visit Ontario.ca/seniordriver or call 1-800-396-4233 or GTA: 416-235-3579.