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.

Once drivers reach 80 years of age, every two years they must:

- 1. Take a vision test
- 2. Undergo a driver record review
- 3. Attend a group education session
- 4. Take a knowledge test
- 5. If necessary, take a road test.

This process takes approximately three-and-a-half hours. The cost for senior drivers to renew their licence is prorated at two-fifths the cost of a five-year renewal and there is no additional cost for the process outlined above.

The Ministry of Transportation (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.

Our review has shown that there is a better, less stressful way to make this determination. Starting April 21, 2014, senior drivers wishing to renew their licences will:

- 1. Take a vision test
- 2. Undergo a driver record review
- 3. Attend a shorter group education session
- 4. Complete two, brief, non-computerized in-class screening assignments
- 5. If necessary, take a road test.

This process will take about 90 minutes. Seniors will no longer need to study for a knowledge test.

Please note that this new process will remain as a renewal program. Existing and valid licences will be not revoked but all requirements need to be met before your licence is renewed.

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