



CHELLE CARE

Working with you. For you.

Want to learn to drive?

We can help you find the right path forward.

Driving can change your life.

Getting your licence can open the door to more independence - easier access to work, education, and the people and things you love.

At ChelleCare, we know that for some people, the standard path to a licence doesn't quite fit. Our Road to Independence Program is designed to work at your pace, with your goals in mind. You don't need a learner's permit to get started — we can help you figure out where to begin.

There are three ways we can support you!

You don't have to do all three. We start where it makes the most sense for you.

1. Drive Ready Screening

"Is now a good time to start thinking about driving?"

A short appointment with the OT — no driving involved. We look at your skills, your goals, and what might need some work first. At the end, you get a clear answer about your next steps.

- About 2–3 hours total
- No permit needed
- Can be funded through NDIS, DVA, private health insurance, or paid privately

2. Drive Ready Assessment

"What do I need to drive safely, and what support will help?"

A full assessment with your OT, delivered across four stages. Still no driving required — you can start even without a permit.

- Stage 1 — Off-road assessment in the clinic: vision, memory, concentration, coordination
- Stage 2 — On-road observation as a passenger (or behind the wheel if you already have a permit)
- Stage 3 — We build a personalised plan for your driving journey
- Stage 4 — A written report with clear recommendations, plus a catch-up to talk it all through

The report can also help you get NDIS funding for driving lessons.

- About 11 - 13 hours total, across 2–3 appointments
- NDIS, DVA, private health insurance, Medicare rebates may apply, or pay privately

3. Road to Independence Program

"Let's build the skills and work towards your licence."

A personalised program of OT sessions, built around your specific goals. Your OT and Driving Instructor work as a team to support you every step of the way.

- Practice skills like concentration, planning, road rules, and staying calm under pressure
- Prepare for your permit theory test and Hazard Perception Test
- Build up at your own pace — the program adjusts to your progress
- Family members and support people can be involved too
- Starts at 10+ hours and reviewed at milestones
- NDIS, DVA, private health insurance, Medicare rebates may apply, or pay privately

Paying for the Program

We work with a range of funding options so the program is as accessible as possible.

Funding	What you need to know
NDIS	If you have an NDIS plan, driving support may be funded under your Capacity Building budget. Our assessment report helps support this at your next plan review. Talk to your Support Coordinator or LAC.
NDIS — Specialised Driver Training	Driving lessons with a specialised DI can be funded through NDIS — but this needs to be listed as a stated support in your plan. Raise it at your next plan review. Our report helps make the case.
DVA	If you hold a DVA card, you may be able to access funding for OT services. Contact DVA to check your entitlements.
Private health insurance	Some health funds cover OT services — check with your insurer to see if you have OT cover and what rebates apply.
Medicare	If your GP has set up a Team Care Arrangement for a chronic condition, you may be eligible for rebates on some sessions. Ask your GP if this applies to you.
Self-funded	You can pay directly for any part of the program. Contact us to discuss pricing and payment options.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need a learner's permit to get started?

No. You can start the screening or the full assessment without a permit. We help you figure out the right next steps first.

Do I need my own car?

Not for the screening or the off-road assessment. For the on-road component, we can work with your family's vehicle, with your Driving Instructor present, or as a passenger in your DI's vehicle.

What if I have a preferred Driving Instructor already?

Great! We can share our findings directly with them. We provide a written handover and recommendations so your lessons are tailored to what you actually need.

What about the WA licensing steps — theory test, Hazard Perception Test, 50 hours?

We help with all of it. Preparing for the theory test and HPT can be built into your sessions. We also help you set up the Learn&Log App to track your 50 hours, and can help coordinate with the Department of Transport if any adjustments or accommodations are needed for your practical driving test.

What if I'm not sure driving is the right goal for me right now?

That's exactly what the Drive Ready Screening is for. It's a low-commitment first step to help you and your family make an informed decision, with no pressure either way.

Still unsure?

If you are still uncertain about the information provided and which option would be best suited, please book a 15 minute free consultation with ChelleCare's OT Driver Assessor by emailing info@chellecare.com.au

Ready to get started? Get in touch.

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