

NOVA SCOTIA FUNDING AND RESOURCE INFORMATION FOR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES

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*This guide is not an exhaustive list of potential information or funding.



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DRIVER EVALUATIONS

Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Centre – Driver Evaluation Service

<https://www.cdha.nshealth.ca/rehabilitation-supportive-care-services/driver-evaluation-program>

(Adapted from source with slight modifications)

About Service

The service is designed for drivers of all ages who have experienced a health change that could affect their ability to drive safely. The service is operated by licensed occupational therapists that are trained in understanding the implications of medical conditions on the individual as they relate to driving.

How to Access

To be seen by the service, a written referral from a doctor is required. Use the Driver Evaluation Referral Form available through the website. The referral can be faxed or mailed directly to the department.

The service's occupational therapists have successfully passed the Driver Rehabilitation Specialist Certification Exam through the Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialist.

How to pay for this service

The driver evaluation service uses a cost recovery model. The fee for the driver evaluation is \$480 which includes an in-clinic and on-road evaluation.

Driver evaluation - What is provided?

- A clinical evaluation involving a medical and driver history, physical and cognitive screen.
- An evaluation to determine what adaptive aids are required (if necessary).
- A performance-based on-road evaluation with the occupational therapist, a driving school vehicle and licensed instructor. This is not a Registry of Motor Vehicles Road Test.
- A review of your results, development of an action plan and support if driver cessation is required.

Location

QEII - Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Centre

First Floor (across from cafeteria)

1341 Summer Street

Halifax, Nova Scotia

B3H 4K4

Hours: Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tel: 902-473-2151

Fax: 902-473-1321



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FUNDING OPTIONS

TEAM Work Cooperative/Nova Scotia Works

- Opportunities fund
- Internal client Nova Scotia Works funding

Application is submitted through Nova Scotia Works case manager.

Private Insurance

Workplace Support Program Standards

Nova Scotia Department of Community Services - Employment Support Services

Vehicle Modifications – limited funding up to a maximum of \$15,000 every 7 years

Lion's Clubs

Each chapter is different, but a local Lions Club may offer financial assistance to people in financial need.



INCOME TAX

Medical Expense eligible for income tax claim

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/about-your-tax-return/tax-return/completing-a-tax-return/deductions-credits-expenses/lines-33099-33199-eligible-medical-expenses-you-claim-on-your-tax-return/details-medical-expenses.html>

1. Van – 20% of the amount paid for a van that has been previously adapted, or is adapted within 6 months after the van was bought (minus the cost of adapting the van), to transport a person who needs to use a wheelchair, to a limit of \$5,000 (for residents of Ontario, the provincial limit is \$7,456).

2. Vehicle device designed only to allow a person with a mobility impairment to drive the vehicle – prescription needed.

Excise gasoline tax refund

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/excise-gasoline-tax-refund.html>

If you have a permanent mobility impairment and cannot safely use public transportation, you can ask for a refund of part of the federal excise tax on the gasoline you buy. A qualified medical practitioner must certify the impairment.

GST/HST Specially Equipped Motor Vehicle Rebate

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/forms/gst518.html>

Use this form to claim a specially equipped motor vehicle rebate if you paid GST/HST on the purchase of a qualifying motor vehicle, a modification service performed on your motor vehicle, the importation of a qualifying motor vehicle, or the bringing in of a qualifying motor vehicle into a participating province from a non-participating province.



MANUFACTURER PROGRAMS

Honda Mobility Program

accessibility@honda.ca

<http://honda.ca/accessibility>

Acura & Honda (1-800-922-8729)

People with physical disabilities may be reimbursed up to \$600 by Honda Canada for the purchase of qualified adaptive equipment in select vans. Please contact a Honda dealership for an application and more information about the program, as well as customer, equipment, and vehicle eligibility. Find a Honda dealer.

Toyota Mobility Program

Toyota(1-888-869-6828)

<https://www.toyota.ca/toyota/en/accessibility#/al/section-tfs-accessibility>

Offers up to \$1,000 in financial assistance to physically-challenged customers who acquire a new or eligible Toyota vehicle. This allowance is intended to fund the cost of installing mobility aids or adaptive driving equipment inside the vehicle. Applications for assistance can be requested from Toyota salespeople when the vehicle is delivered. Official documentation about the disability and proof that the modifications were completed are required or speak to your Savaria dealer.

Volkswagen Mobility Access Program

Offers up to \$1,000 back to customers with disabilities who purchase new adaptive equipment, such as wheelchair lifts and pedal extenders for new and unused models. Clients are required to complete application forms and send them to the company within 120 days of purchasing the vehicle. Please call Volkswagen's Information Centre for more details about the program and whether the specific equipment and vehicle that you are interested in are eligible for financial assistance.

Chrysler(1-800-265-6908)

<https://www.chrysler.ca/en/autoability>

When you purchase or lease an eligible new 2018, 2019 and 2020 Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Ram or Fiat vehicle from a participating dealership or FIAT studio, FCA Canada will give you a cash reimbursement up to \$750 for the purchase of adaptive driving or passenger equipment installed that is sold at retail.

The up to \$750 amount includes tax and will be deducted from the negotiated price after taxes. Leased vehicles must be leased for a minimum of 12 months to be eligible.



Once you've selected a Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Ram or Fiat vehicle that fits your transportation needs, discuss with the dealer if the equipment can be factory installed or contact a reputable and qualified adaptive equipment installer to ensure that it can be adapted to meet your needs.

For a complete list of eligible adaptive equipment currently available please contact the AutoAbility toll-free assistance line at 1-800-265-6908.

Reimbursement

Conversions to Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Ram or Fiat vehicles qualify for a maximum reimbursement of \$750. These reimbursements will not be reduced or affected by any additional outside funding. In order to obtain an AutoAbility reimbursement, you must have a qualifying Medical Doctor's letter or prescription form and the AutoAbility Physician's Form (obtained from dealership). The letter or prescription form must confirm the Doctor's formal practice and contact address. The AutoAbility Physician's Form provides the physician's recommendation for the installation of adaptive equipment due to medical / physical condition. In the event the owner of the vehicle is supplying the main form of vehicle transportation please have the Physician note the relevance and relationship between the individuals.

Consult your dealer for complete eligibility requirements and a copy of the AutoAbility Physician's form.

General Motors(1-800-463-7483 OR TTY 1-800-263-3830)

<http://www.gmmobility.com/>

Receive up to \$1,000 when you add eligible accessibility-related equipment to your new Chevrolet, Buick, Cadillac or GMC vehicle. Receive up to \$1,200 when you have qualifying adaptive equipment installed (or reinstalled) on an eligible purchased or leased new Express or Savana van.

If you take part in the GM Accessibility Adaptive Equipment Program, you can receive 2 years of OnStar Safety & Security coverage and Remote Access Plan with access to an available in-vehicle 4G LTE Wi-Fi Hotspot.

Lexus(1_800_265_3987)

<http://www.lexus.ca/lexus/en/accessibility>

Ford(1-800-565-3675)

<https://www.ford.ca/mobility>

When purchasing or leasing a new Ford of Canada vehicle, you may be eligible to receive up to \$1,000 towards the installation of adaptive driving aids or equipment.



Subaru (1-800-894-4212)

<http://www.subaru.com/owners/subaru-mobility-assist.html>

The Subaru Mobility Assist Program provides reimbursement of up to \$1000 on new Subaru vehicles from authorized Subaru retailers in the United States to help qualifying owners get necessary vehicle modification due to medically recognized physical disabilities.

All Subaru models can be modified to provide added features, including but not limited to:

- Left-hand gear shifter
- Hand and foot controls
- Servo-assisted controls
- Steering devices
- Pedal extensions
- Turn-signal modification

Mazda(1-800-263-4680)

<https://www.mazda.ca/en/shopping-tools/programs/mobility/>

Eligible customers will receive up to \$750 (including GST) towards the purchase and installation of adaptive driving aids or mobility assistance equipment.

Adaptive driving or passenger equipment includes wheelchair or other lift equipment, hand or other driving controls.

Purchase and installation of equipment which costs less than the maximum \$750 will be paid at the actual costs.

Purchase and installation of equipment exceeding \$750 will be paid a maximum of \$750.

