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DORS' Workforce & Technology Center's (WTC) Driving Rehabilitation Specialists (DRS) and Occupational Therapists (OT) evaluate individuals with disabilities to determine their ability to drive and whether they would require adapted equipment in order to drive safely. If adapted equipment is necessary, the DRS helps the consumer navigate through the MVA's Driver Wellness and Safety Division (DWS) to get the appropriate adapted equipment restrictions on their Learner's Permit or Driver's License.

ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT TRAINING

WTC's Driving Rehabilitation Specialists provide adapted equipment training in the WTC adapted car or van.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION

WTC offers driver's education in two formats. Format 1 is designed for DORS consumers with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Format 2 is designed for all DORS consumers not on the Spectrum. Consumers who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, attending this class, will be provided with interpreting services. The WTC Driver's Education class uses the same 30-hour, MVA approved Driver's Education Curriculum, that the commercial driving schools use. This includes the 6-hours Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) training, which occurs after successful completion of the 30-hour class. Students can attend the 30-hour class with or without a Learner's Permit, however a Learner's Permit is needed in order to complete the 6-hours BTW training. The WTC provides two to three additional class sessions compared to commercial driving schools. These additional sessions allow the instructor and students more time to present and understand the material and also to repeat quizzes and tests as necessary.

VEHICLE MODIFICATION SERVICES

WTC provides coordination of vehicle modification services for DORS consumers.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- Individual must be a DORS consumer
- Modifications are needed to achieve an employment goal (or an independent living goal for ILOB participants only)
- Modifications are for vehicles owned (not leased) by the consumer or their family
- Only if funding is available

**Contact your DORS Counselor
or local DORS office for more information
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