Transportation Research Board Committee for Safe Mobility for Older Persons
Definitions for Screening, Assessment, and Evaluation

Road test An examination of driving maneuvers and knowledge of rules of the road performed in a motor vehicle on a public highway or street

Driving test An examination including specified driving maneuvers performed in a motor vehicle

Evaluation Obtaining and interpreting data to document results and inform an individualized mobility plan

Assessment Use of specific measurements, tools, or instruments during the evaluation process

Screening Obtaining and reviewing data to determine the need for evaluation

Self-screening An individual obtains and reviews his or her own data to determine the need for evaluation

Proxy screening An individual obtains and reviews data to determine the need for evaluation for another person

Evaluator screening A professional skilled in a specific screening tool obtains and reviews data to determine the need for evaluation of a specific individual

Driving assessment Use of an on-road test to measure and qualify driving skills and abilities, which may be triggered by a screening outcome that indicates increased risk of driving impairment or crash involvement

Driving evaluation Obtaining and interpreting data and documenting results to inform an individualized mobility plan based on an individual’s driving abilities and/or potential to be an independent driver, or inform a determination of fitness to drive

Clinical driving evaluation Obtaining and interpreting data and documenting results to determine fitness to drive through assessment of sensory/perceptual, cognitive, and/or psychomotor functional abilities using specific tools or instruments

Comprehensive driving evaluation A complete evaluation of an individual’s driving knowledge, skills, and abilities that includes (1) medical and driving history; (2) clinical assessment of sensory/perceptual, cognitive, or psychomotor functional abilities; (3) on-road assessment, as appropriate; (4) an outcome summary; and (5) recommendations for an inclusive mobility plan, including transportation options