

# *driving ambitions*

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## FOREWORD

Presently, in South Africa, Public transport is not accessible for people with mobility impairments. Most wheelchair users in South Africa who do not have their own transport, are not employable and most are unemployed as they do not have access to accessible transport which would allow skills development and job interview and work and career opportunities.

QASA has identified the need to provide a service of developing the capacity of people with limited mobility, mobility impairment that would need to use adaptations on vehicles, to drive.

QASA has committed to providing a functional service of driver training to give the opportunity for members to achieve their driver's license. This achievement will bring them one step closer to being mobile and independent which will allow employment opportunities, social freedom and a life changing accreditation.

## WHAT IS THE DRIVING AMBITIONS PROJECT AND HOW DID IT BEGIN (FEBRUARY 2010)?

Driving Ambitions is an ambitious new project of QASA's, with the aim of producing mobile people with disabilities to give them new and much-needed freedom. It is a project of the QuadPara Association of South Africa (QASA) and arose out of a scenario in the offices of Primedia, to culminate in the adoption and launch of the project by QASA.



In February 2010, Sarah Nkgeng, a young paraplegic, who works for Primedia got her drivers license, after a long and hard route and her email below to the staff of Primedia, was sent on to Wayne Duvenage at AVIS and so the engagement with QASA started. Wayne Duvenage, pulled together a team of the relevant stakeholders and role players and the project DRIVING AMBITIONS was born.

QASA has taken ownership of this project and the stakeholder group presently consists of a specialist Occupational Therapist who leads in this sector with her consultancy Rolling Rehab, Wayne Duvenage and Jessica Branco and their team from AVIS with their contribution of vehicles and management expertise.

The first vehicle deployed to the project, Jessica handed the keys over in October 2010.

## THE VISION

- ***Driving Ambitions plans to be the centre of excellence in driver training for people with mobility impairments***
- ***The programme provides a functional service of driver training to give the opportunity for members to achieve their driver's license.***
- ***The opportunity to be mobile and independent, which in turn allows employment opportunities, social freedom and offers a life changing accreditation***

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT

- Be or become a member of QASA.
- **Have a valid learners licence or driver licence card.** *Applicants with a driving licence, in the form of the latest card, who now, subsequently need the use of a vehicle with a hand control, may apply, without having to redo the learners licence.*
- Complete and submit the Driving Ambitions Application form to QASA.
- Have a valid South African ID book – copy to be submitted with Application Form
- All applicants must be able to transfer in and out of the vehicle without assistance from the trainer. Should the applicant require any assistance, they would be required to bring somebody with them to support such assistance. The driver trainer will not assist in transfers in and out of the vehicle.
- An assessment by our Occupational Therapist to determine suitability for the programme and what adaptations are required to learn to drive using handcontrols. The driver training process is not as easy as is thought and there are some significant competencies which are necessary to drive a vehicle as a person with a disability and a number of combinations of adaptations that need to correctly be specified to maximise the performance and safety for a driver with disabilities.
- That you qualify to train using a handcontrol adapted vehicle - Only candidates who need the facility of vehicle adaptations which the project has fitted in its vehicles, may apply for the project. *Should a candidate need to be assessed to see whether the hand controls can be used safely and effectively*

*by the candidate then this will be done by appointment with a specialist OT, and the fee thereof is reflected in the rates table below.*

- QASA has the right to turn down the application after the OT Assessment, cancel any booked training appointments or abandon training in progress if the candidate, the trainer or QASA property is at risk for any reason. The decision by QASA on the candidates to qualify to participate in the project and the support level offered is final.
- All applicants must be prepared to be photographed whilst participating in the project as a record of activity for QASA and these photos will be used in promoting the project.
- All applicants must be able to transfer in and out of the vehicle without assistance from the trainer. Should the applicant require any assistance, they would be required to bring somebody with them to support such assistance. The driver trainer will not assist in transfers in and out of the vehicle.
- All applicants must sign an indemnity form acknowledging that the driver trainer nor QASA are not liable for any injury, damage, loss and/or trauma suffered in the project. Their participation is at their own risk.
- All driving lessons through DRIVING AMBITIONS will be recorded and a report given to the candidate and QASA on the DRIVER ASSESSMENT FORM
- QASA will pay any fees due to the trainer direct to the trainer and will collect any fees due to QASA direct from the candidate after each lesson, and before the next lesson and before a DRIVING TEST booking.
- QASA expects all candidates to provide feedback to QASA on the lessons, after completion of their programme in the form of a TRAINER ASSESSMENT FORM and this template will be provided.
- QASA will only entertain applications for participation in the DRIVING AMBITIONS project if the services of the project are used/needed for this purpose.
- At the end of the training programme
  - a. photographs of the driver in action will be submitted to QASA
  - b. the candidate will be requested to complete a driver trainer assessment form
  - c. the driver trainer will be requested to complete a candidate assessment form
  - d. the performance and project outcomes will be discussed after each candidate

## **WHAT FORMS/DOCUMENTATION DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR THE PROGRAMME?**

1. A QASA Membership Application Form – **if not a member already**
2. A Driving Ambitions Application form with ALL areas completed.
3. A copy of your ID - all applicants must have a valid South African ID book.
4. A copy of your grant document / payslip from Employer
5. A copy of your Learners License

Your application will be assessed and you will be notified if you qualify for the programme.

## **IF I AM SUCCESSFUL, WHAT IS THE PROCESS THAT FOLLOWS ON FROM THERE?**

- You will be sent a Consent Form that you will need to sign and agree to the terms and conditions.
  - Once this document has been received by our offices (by scanned email copy or fax) then your documents will be forwarded to our Occupational Therapist.
  - Once the candidate has been assessed by the Occupational Therapist and qualifies to be able to drive, the candidate must book a test date for their licence. **You are required to do this prior to your first lesson.**
  - You (the candidate) will then make contact with the driver trainer and you will agree on the first lesson. At this stage, the first lesson could include an assessment with our OT. Based on the outcome of the first lesson and possible assessment, the driver trainer will advise QASA approximately how many lessons are necessary for this candidate.
  - QASA will consider the number of lessons that the candidate can be supported with based on this feedback.
2. Upon completion of the driving lessons, the Driving Trainer will assess if you are ready to take your license and make recommendations accordingly.
  3. The date has to be communicated to your Driver Trainer and the QASA office must be advised so that the QASA Driver can be arranged to make the vehicle available for you on the date of your test and meet you at the Licensing Department for the test.
  4. At the end of the training programme
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**NOTE: Cancellation of lessons:** If you are unable to attend any of the lessons for any reason whatsoever, it is your responsibility to contact the Driver Trainer to cancel the lesson. If you do not cancel your lessons 24 hours in advance, you will be required to pay for the lesson in full from your own funds before another lesson will be arranged.

The Driving Ambitions and QASA Membership application forms are available via:

Download from Web site	Enquiries for the form	Email for the form	QASA Project Co-ordinator
<a href="http://www.qasa.co.za">www.qasa.co.za</a> <a href="http://www.drivingambitions.co.za">www.drivingambitions.co.za</a>	031 7670348 0860ROLLING	<a href="mailto:coordinator@drivingambitions.co.za">coordinator@drivingambitions.co.za</a>	031 7670348 <a href="mailto:projectcoordinator@qasa.co.za">projectcoordinator@qasa.co.za</a>

#### FEE/COST STRUCTURE

Service	Rate:
Assessment of Ability to drive and use of hand control.	R600.00 (covers 1 hour assessment and 1 hour Assessment report)
Assessment of Ability to drive and use of hand control – disabilities with more severe limitations.	R1200.00 (covers 3 hour assessment and Assessment report)
Driver Training 2 hour lesson in QASA training vehicle including fuel	R580.00 per lesson

#### SUPPORT CATAGORIES

Category	Detail	Support
Full QASA support	Candidate Unemployed and registered Disability Grant recipient. Valid Learners License. Member of QASA.	QASA will pay in full for a maximum of 10 lessons. Trainer will advise QASA progress and QASA will decide on further support. QASA will pay for 1x driving test.
Full QASA support	Candidate Unemployed. Valid Learners License Member of QASA.	QASA will pay in full for a maximum of 10 lessons. Trainer will advise QASA progress and QASA will decide on further support.
Partial QASA support	Candidate Employed. Earning R3000.00 per month or below Valid Learners License Member of QASA.	QASA will pay 70% for a maximum of 10 lessons. Trainer will advise QASA progress and QASA will decide on further support.
Partial QASA support	Candidate Employed. Earning R5000.00 per month or below Valid Learners License Member of QASA.	QASA will pay 50% for a maximum of 10 lessons. Trainer will advise QASA progress and QASA will decide on further support.
Partial QASA support	Candidate Employed. Earning R8000.00 per month or below Valid Learners License Member of QASA.	QASA will pay 20% for a maximum of 10 lessons. Trainer will advise QASA progress and QASA will decide on further support.
No QASA support	Candidate Employed. Earning R10 000.00 per month or below Valid Learners License Member of QASA.	Full cost to be paid by candidate for a maximum of 10 lessons. Trainer will advise QASA progress and QASA will decide on further support.

QASA is of the opinion that the training lesson costs are tax deductible.

#### DRIVER TRAINER INFORMATION

Name	Contact Number	Address	Email
Des Harmse	082 343 1280	Randburg Sports Complex Malibongwe Drive (next to KFC) Randburg	<a href="mailto:desharmse@vodamail.co.za">desharmse@vodamail.co.za</a>