

Motorsport Australia - Observed Licence Test (OLT)

GUIDE TO APPLICANTS- NSW 2026

Assessment process:

The OLT is a subjective assessment of readiness (competence and attitude) to hold a race licence.

It is a peer assessment by fellow competitors with extensive racing experience.

OLT assessments in NSW are conducted on the Friday Private Practice prior to state championship race meetings commencing and as such applicants are expected to conduct themselves as if they were competing at a state level race meeting.

It is an individual assessment based solely on the performance on the day.

The decision of the assessor is final and not open to appeal. Each applicant will be debriefed at the end of the assessment. Those who are successful will have their pre-licence authority signed and those who are not will be encouraged to try again at the next available opportunity.

Preparation:

Driver:

Get to the track early and set yourself up prior to signing on in the race office.

Bring your Motorsport Australia pre-licence authority, Online Assessment, and OLT entry documents.

Show your documents at the race office, sign on and pay for the private practice.

Ask where the OLT drivers briefing (normally 7.30am) is being held and ensure you are there on time.

Apparel

Schedule D 1.1 Circuit Race club/state/national level apparel is mandatory for an OLT.

Vehicle:

OLT applicants are expected to perform their assessment in the vehicle they intend to compete with or a vehicle of similar specification. As the OLT is conducted at a state championship practice day both the circuit operator and the OLT assessors have the right to refuse an applicant participating if the vehicle presented is considered unsuitable to be on track with the race cars practicing on that day.

A rear "P" PLATE must be displayed throughout OLT

What's expected:

That you display the ability to competently and safely drive a vehicle at race speed under race conditions.

You understand the rules and regulations of racing competition as conducted by Motorsport Australia, the responsibilities of competing in a racing event and that you will conduct yourself in the manner expected of a licensed competitor.

RememberMotor Racing is dangerous. The primary concern of the OLT assessors is your safety so prepare well, enjoy the day and good luck.