

K53 DRIVER TRAINING

You need to choose a driving school carefully. If they are a member of SAIDI (South African Institute of Driving Instructors), they have to comply with the SAIDI code of conduct, and should therefore have a reasonable standard of practice. Contact SAIDI to find out about reputable driving schools in your area.

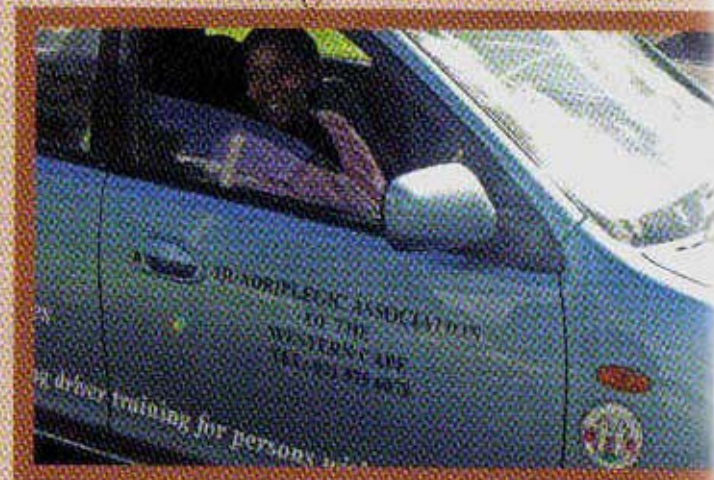
When contacting a driving school, I would suggest that you ask the following questions to establish whether you would like to put yourself in their hands.

- Are they a member of SAIDI?
- Is the vehicle fully comprehensively insured?
- Is the student covered by insurance?
- Do they have a dual braking system on their vehicles?
- Do they use clearly marked vehicles?
- Do they have qualified instructors?

There are few driving schools with an adapted vehicle for training disabled drivers and even so, it seems that the service that you get is often dependant on which instructor you are allocated. There is not a lot of choice but He and She have a disabled advanced driving instructor and Anton and Tanya come highly recommended. (Please see the table on page 9 for details).



Many driving schools are willing to train a disabled driver if they have their own vehicle. If you live in the Cape Town area, the Quadriplegic Association of the Western Cape (021 9756079) has an adapted vehicle which is available for hire for driver training at reasonable rates.



Teaching yourself to drive, getting a family member to teach you or finding a disabled driver who is willing to teach you in their vehicle can take much longer as suggested by Douglas Coetzee – a C5 quad who taught himself to drive. *"I'm afraid I learned the hard way... which is probably why it took me like 2 years to learn how to drive! Not so much a technical thing, much more about confidence I think."*