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## **ADED, The Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists, To Offer the Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist (CDRS) Exam at 200+ Testing Centers in 2015**

**HICKORY, NC, October 15, 2014** – Beginning in 2015, The Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists, or ADED, will offer its Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist (CDRS) examination in a computer-based format at over 200 testing centers across the United States. The computer-based CDRS test will occur during a specific testing window while the paper/pencil version of the exam will continue to be held on-site at the organization's annual conference. ADED is a non-profit organization made up of members dedicated to promoting safe, independent community mobility for persons with disabilities and the aging.

ADED will be conducting the 2015 CDRS paper/pencil exam on Tuesday, August 4 at the ADED Annual Conference, being held in Louisville, Kentucky, at the Hyatt Regency Kentucky Convention Center. For those examinees unable to travel to Louisville, the computer-based exam will be offered at testing centers throughout the month of August. The 200+ computer-based testing centers are located in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

By making the CDRS exam available at testing centers throughout the United States, ADED hopes to continue to grow the number of driver rehabilitation specialists who possess the CDRS designation, the accepted benchmark for quality in driver rehabilitation services. There are currently 361 active CDRS in the United States and Canada.

A CDRS is an advanced driver rehabilitation specialist who has received certification from ADED upon fulfillment of specialized experience and education requirements and successful completion of the CDRS exam. The CDRS exam is designed to test a well-defined body of knowledge – representative of professional practice – in the field of driver rehabilitation. ADED is the only organization in the U.S. to offer the multi-disciplinary CDRS certification and has been conducting the CDRS exam since 1996.

“In recent years, we’ve seen a rise in the demand for CDRS professionals and the skilled services they offer,” said Executive Director Elizabeth Green, OTR/L, CDRS. “As a result, the ADED Board of Directors set a strategic goal of achieving 500 active CDRS by the end of 2016. To reach this goal and ensure that the growing need for services is met, our board has been considering opportunities to increase the number of candidates sitting for the CDRS examination. The expansion into the testing centers is one of the first measures we are undertaking to grow the ranks.

“On a continent as large as North America, those who are in need of a CDRS may not have access to these highly specialized driver rehabilitation professionals because their numbers are relatively small,”

said Green. “By offering qualified candidates expanded access to the exam at over 200 locations, we hope to see a marked increase in the number of those possessing the CDRS designation, as well as a resultant growth in the number of people taking advantage of their services.”

To find out more about the CDRS designation, examination details, and testing locations, contact ADED at (866) 672-9466, visit [www.aded.net](http://www.aded.net), or e-mail [info@aded.net](mailto:info@aded.net).

**ABOUT ADED:** The Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists, or ADED, is a non-profit organization made up of members dedicated to promoting safe, independent community mobility for persons with disabilities and the aging. The group provides education, research, and support to professionals working in the fields of driver education, driver training, and transportation equipment modifications for those with disabilities. ADED is the only organization in North America to offer the Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist (CDRS) designation. The first CDRS exam was conducted in 1996. In 2013, ADED members numbered 900 worldwide. There are currently 361 active CDRS professionals. ADED is registered as a 501 (c) (3) corporation. For more information, visit [www.aded.net](http://www.aded.net).

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