

Resumé – Curriculum Vitae

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- a. 1979 – Qualified as an advanced driver with the IAM (Institute for Advanced Drivers).
- b. 1979 - Qualified as a driving instructor.
- c. 1979 to 1988 – First driving school, “Econodrive”, in Springs, Brakpan and Nigel.
- d. 1981 - “Woman Driver of the Year” for the Institute for Advanced Motorists and General Tyres.
- e. 1988 until 1992 - Second driving school – “East London Driving Academy” - in East London.
- f. 1989 - Refresher advanced course with the IAM.
- g. 1989 – Qualified as an instructor for the Institute for Advanced Motorists in the Eastern Cape.
- h. 1992 – Opened “Learn to Drive” Driving School in Pretoria,
- i. 1999 to 2009 - Regional Chairperson for SAIDI Pretoria/Tshwane. (The Southern African Institute of Driving Instructors).
- j. 2002 – 2013 – Present driving instructor training workshops on request.
- k. 2008 – DVD to assist all learner drivers to pass their K53 driving licences, even if they can’t afford lessons.
- l. 2008 to 22 February 2011 - Chairperson SAIDI Gauteng.
- m. 2009.05.14 – Elected as National President of SAIDI (The Southern African Institute of Driving Instructors).
- n. 2009 – 2013 Voting member of the child safety restraint committee at the SABS.
- o. 2012 – Promoting the implementation of ISO standards for dual controls for driving school vehicles at the SABS (South African Bureau of Standards).
- p. 2012 –Working towards introducing standards for adaptations for drivers with disabilities at the SABS.
- q. 2009 – 2012 Met monthly with the Gauteng Provincial Government – Roads and Transport - to work towards regulating the driving school industry.
- r. 2010 - Presented taxi driver training to 24 taxi drivers in Soshanguve in May/June in preparation for the influx of foreign visitors to South Africa for the World Soccer Cup. Credit to Elias Moabi – Union Leader SOLLDTA Taxi Union!



- s. 2009 - First International Road Traffic Safety Convention – Honoured to be the only driving instructor in South Africa to do a presentation on behalf of driving instructors. Proposed a training centre for all driving instructors in South Africa.
- t. 2010 - 2013 – (31/2 years) Worked with QASA as their Pretoria Driving Instructor (The QuadPara Association) in their “Driving Ambitions,” programme. Taught quadriplegics and paraplegics to drive in an adapted vehicle, which is a new service in South Africa. I have extensive video footage of their progress. Many clients passed their licences and are now driving independently.
- u. 2010 - 2013 – Driving assessor for Rolling Rehab and other occupational therapists’ clients. Regularly assess and evaluate people, in conjunction with occupational therapists, who have suffered traumatic brain injuries, and various health issues. Caroline Rule OT is my mentor in this new field in South Africa, together with Justine Kolling and we serve a group of occupational therapists’ patients.
- v. 2011 – 2012 Involved in learners’ and driving licence training for people with special needs, at Pathways Studio in Pretoria.
- w. 2012 – Changed the name of my own driving school to “The Professional Driving Academy of South Africa” to better suit the various categories of drivers I am busy training, assessing and evaluating.
- x. 2013 – We introduced a new, first time learner driver programme for social workers at the *Red Cross for social workers* going out into the poorer communities to help people where they need it most.
- y. As National President of SAIDI, I represent SAIDI on the *National Driving School Forum*, together with representatives from the other three major Associations. Secretary on this committee since 2010.
- z. On 22nd March 2013, the first Summit meeting for driving schools was held at the CSIR in Pretoria, where I was spokesperson for SAIDI.
- aa. Responsible for drafting the new Constitution and the Terms of Reference for this Association (SAIDI) to promote the standard of driving instructors across the country.
- bb. The training programmes I have prepared for the anyone in the Transport Industry and especially driving instructors, took eight years to write. They are based on the actual law, scanned directly from the National Road Traffic Act 93 of 1996, and the K53 manuals, prepared in Power Point format for mass training, and suitable for translation into any other language to reach every person in the country.
- cc. Taught Red Cross social workers for their learner’s licences in Germiston from December 2012
- dd. On 20th January 2013 appeared on 3Talk with Noeleen, Howard Dembovsky (JPISA) Justice Project South Africa; Caroline Rule OT from Rolling Rehab; Acting CEO Collins Letsoalo RTMC (Road Traffic Management Corporation); and the Deputy Minister of Transport Ms Sindisiwe Lydia Chikunga (I am not sure if she is still the Deputy Minister since the change in July 2013) in a discussion about the road fatality rate on South African roads, particularly over Christmas.
- ee. On 9th March 2013, very excited to be part of the EXPO for people with disabilities. A marvellous day was had by all, as one of a small group of driving instructors who gave one disabled person after another the opportunity to be loaded into the Driving Ambitions vehicle in a cordoned-off area, to learn to drive the adapted vehicle. There can surely be few more rewarding experiences

than taking a person who has survived a horrific crash after waking up to discover they are suddenly a paraplegic or quadriplegic, forced by circumstances to learn to use a wheelchair for the first time. To get them behind the wheel of a car, which is adapted for them to be able to drive themselves around again, was amazing! There were grown men in tears of joy, hardly able to believe that they can re-do their licences and re-gain their independence again. Credit to Caroline Rule (OT) of Rolling Rehab for the dream she made come true for so many yesterday, and all the many companies who supported her to achieve this long-needed fully-comprehensive service. It was awesome!

- ff. The same function was held again on 31st May 2014. Stunning! THE SAIDI gazebo was a landmark at this prestigious event.



- gg. 8th October 2013 – Gauteng Forum for Driving Schools was formed by MEC Ismail Vadi. I represented SAIDI there.
- hh. Each day, from 8:00 to 18:00 six days a week, generally continue to train learner drivers for their learner's licences, driving licences and defensive driver training.
- ii. Specialize in assisting people who have developed a fear of driving due to having been involved in terrible crashes. Have video footage of how they started and their progress.
- jj. Qualified as an Assessor on 21 July 2014.
- kk. Qualified as Moderator 24 July 2017.
- ll. On behalf of the National Driving School Forum, gave evidence to the Gauteng Legislature on 10th December 2014, of all the many meetings we have attended, starting in 1975, when SAIDI was started by the previous Government as the Training Institute for Driving Instructors, until the other three Associations for Driving Schools were started during the last few years. Copies of over 534 documents were given to them as proof of the numerous meetings we have attended to regulate the driving school industry.
- mm. On 29th January 2015 the four National Driving School Associations met with the Gauteng Legislature where I was asked to give a summary of those years for the benefit of the Committee, which also consists of representatives from all political parties. The Department of Education and health were also there with members of the Gauteng Provincial Government. They have gone away to "do their homework" and to get more scientific evidence, as we are required to provide, and have done so.
- nn. One of my special needs clients, who is both autistic and suffering from cerebral palsy, who was unable to read when I met him, not only learnt to read (enough to read the whole learner's licence manual unassisted by staying up all night doing the test and passing with 100% correct as homework), but also learnt to write in both English and Afrikaans, passing his learner's licence on his first attempt and has subsequently passed his driving licence in an automatic vehicle.

- oo. Between 2001 and to date have presented training workshops to equip driving instructors to train people to drive to an advanced/defensive standard.
- pp. In July 2016 my privilege to train a man from Namibia, who is a paraplegic, to become a driving instructor for people with disabilities to drive. He is happily working now in his own business and equipping people with disabilities to become safe defensive drivers.
- qq. In 2016, focus has been on evaluating the driving on people who have suffered traumatic brain injuries, to enable them to return to work after rehabilitation and for their insurance purposes to try to avoid re-tests, if possible, training them on defensive driving standards, and improving their driving all round.
- rr. Heavily involved in defensive training for various Companies' fleet drivers to reduce their crashes and insurance claims, while working with the National Department of Transport and the Minister of Transport, as we try to introduce high standards for driving instructors in South Africa.
- ss. On 22nd March 2017 underwent further training with a group of occupational therapists for training people with disabilities to drive, which was a certified workshop.
- tt. In 2017 member of the National Driving School Task Team, representing both the Southern African Institute of Driving Instructors, as well as the National Driving School Forum, together with the RTMC and QCTO to set a curriculum in place for the driving school industry. This will take about four years to be finalized.
- uu. In 2017 served as a member of the National Legislative Framework Committee to ensure that laws governing driving schools were passed. Ongoing. Committee work resumes
- vv. 27th December Radio interview SAFM.
- ww. Currently working with a group of Occupational Therapists to evaluate the driving of people who have suffered traumatic brain injuries.
- xx. Submitting articles to journalists such as Karishma Dipa | Social Media Manager & Content Producer: The Saturday Star