

Directive 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of
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ANNEX I

PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE EUROPEAN UNION MODEL DRIVING LICENCE

1. The physical characteristics of the card of the European Union...
2. Physical security of driving licences
3. The licence shall have two sides.
4. Special provisions

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SPECIMEN MODEL LICENCE

BELGIAN LICENCE (for information)

ANNEX II

- I. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR DRIVING TESTS

- A. THEORY TEST
 - 1. Form
 - 2. Content of the theory test concerning all vehicle categories
 - 2.1. Questions must be asked on each of the points listed...
 - 3. Specific provisions concerning categories A1, A2 and A
 - 3.1. Compulsory check of general knowledge on:
 - 4. Specific provisions concerning categories C, CE, C1, C1E, D, DE,...
 - 4.1. Compulsory check of general knowledge on:
 - 4.1a. Member States may exempt applicants to a licence for a...
 - 4.2. Compulsory check of general knowledge on the following additional provisions...
- B. TEST OF SKILLS AND BEHAVIOUR
 - 5. The vehicle and its equipment
 - 5.1. Vehicle transmission
 - 5.1.1. The driving of a vehicle with manual transmission shall be...
 - 5.1.2. Vehicles that do not meet the criteria laid down in...
 - 5.1.3. Specific provisions concerning vehicles of category BE, C, CE, C1,...
 - 5.2. The vehicles used in tests of skills and behaviour shall...
 - Category A1:
 - Category A2:
 - Category A:
 - Category B:
 - Category BE:
 - Category B1:
 - Category C:
 - Category CE:
 - Category C1:
 - Category C1E:
 - Category D:
 - Category DE:
 - Category D1:
 - Category D1E:
 - 6. Skills and behaviour to be tested concerning categories A1, A2...
 - 6.1. Preparation and technical check of the vehicle with a bearing...
 - 6.2. Special manoeuvres to be tested with a bearing on road...
 - 6.2.1. Putting the motorcycle on and off its stand and moving...
 - 6.2.2. Parking the motorcycle on its stand;
 - 6.2.3. At least two manoeuvres to be executed at slow speed,...
 - 6.2.4. At least two manoeuvres to be executed at higher speed,...
 - 6.2.5. Braking: at least two braking exercises shall be executed, including...
 - 6.3. Behaviour in traffic
 - 7. Skills and behaviour to be tested concerning categories B, B1...
 - 7.1. Preparation and technical check of the vehicle with a bearing...
 - 7.2. Categories B and B1: special manoeuvres to be tested with...
 - 7.3. Category BE: special manoeuvres to be tested with a bearing...
 - 7.3.1. Coupling and uncoupling, or uncoupling and re-coupling a trailer from...

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- 7.3.2. Reversing along a curve, the line of which shall be...
 - 7.3.3. Parking safely for loading/unloading.
 - 7.4. Behaviour in traffic
 - 8. Skills and behaviour to be tested concerning categories C, CE,...
 - 8.1. Preparation and technical check of the vehicle with a bearing...
 - 8.2. Special manoeuvres to be tested with a bearing on road...
 - 8.2.1. Coupling and uncoupling, or uncoupling and re-coupling a trailer from...
 - 8.2.2. Reversing along a curve, the line of which shall be...
 - 8.2.3. Parking safely for loading/unloading at a loading ramp/platform or similar...
 - 8.2.4. Parking to let passengers on or off the bus safely...
 - 8.3. Behaviour in traffic
 - 8.4. Safe and energy-efficient driving
 - 8.4.1. Driving in such a way as to ensure safety and...
 - 9. Marking of the test of skills and behaviour
 - 9.1. For each of the abovementioned driving situations, the assessment must...
 - 9.2. During their assessment, driving examiners shall pay special attention to...
 - 9.3. The driving examiner will furthermore assess whether the applicant is:...
 - 10. Length of the test
 - 11. Location of the test
- II. KNOWLEDGE, SKILL AND BEHAVIOUR FOR DRIVING A POWER-DRIVEN VEHICLE

ANNEX III

MINIMUM STANDARDS OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL FITNESS FOR DRIVING A POWER-DRIVEN VEHICLE

DEFINITIONS

- 1. For the purpose of this Annex, drivers are classified in...
- 2. Similarly, applicants for a first driving licence or for the...

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

- 3. Group 1:
- 4. Group 2:
- 5. The standards set by Member States for the issue or...

EYESIGHT

- 6. All applicants for a driving licence shall undergo an appropriate...
 - Group 1:
 - 6.1. Applicants for a driving licence or for the renewal of...
 - 6.2. Applicants for a driving licence, or for the renewal of...
 - 6.3. After any recently developed diplopia or after the loss of...
 - Group 2:
 - 6.4. Applicants for a driving licence or for the renewal of...

HEARING

7. Driving licences may be issued to or renewed for applicants...

PERSONS WITH A LOCOMOTOR DISABILITY

8. Driving licences shall not be issued to or renewed for...
- Group 1:
- 8.1. Driving licences subject to certain restrictions, if necessary, may be...
- 8.2. Driving licences may be issued to or renewed for any...
- Group 2:
- 8.3. The competent medical authority shall give due consideration to the...

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES

9. Cardiovascular conditions or diseases can lead to a sudden impairment...
- 9.1. For the following cardiovascular conditions, driving licences may be issued...
- 9.2. For the following cardiovascular conditions, driving licences shall not be...
- 9.3. Other cardiomyopathies
- 9.4. Member States may restrict the issue or renewal of driving...

DIABETES MELLITUS

10. In the following paragraphs, a severe hypoglycaemia means that the...
- Group 1:
- 10.1. Driving licences may be issued to, or renewed for, applicants...
- 10.2. An applicant or driver with diabetes treated with medication which...
- Group 2:
- 10.3. Consideration may be given to the issuing/renewal of group 2...
- 10.4. A severe hypoglycaemic event during waking hours, even unrelated to...

NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES AND OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNOEA SYNDROME

NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES

- 11.1. Driving licences shall not be issued to, or renewed for,...

OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNOEA SYNDROME

- 11.2. In the following paragraphs, a moderate obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome...
- 11.3. Applicants or drivers in whom a moderate or severe obstructive...
- 11.4. Driving licences may be issued to applicants or drivers with...
- 11.5. Applicants or drivers with moderate or severe obstructive sleep apnoea...

EPILEPSY

12. Epileptic seizures or other sudden disturbances of the state of...
- Group 1:
- 12.1. Drivers assessed under group 1 with epilepsy should be under...
- 12.2. Provoked epileptic seizure: the applicant who has had a provoked...
- 12.3. First or single unprovoked seizure: the applicant who has had...
- 12.4. Other loss of consciousness: the loss of consciousness should be...
- 12.5. Epilepsy: drivers or applicants can be declared fit to drive...
- 12.6. Seizures exclusively in sleep: the applicant or driver who has...
- 12.7. Seizures without influence on consciousness or the ability to act:...
- 12.8. Seizures because of a physician-directed change or reduction of anti-epileptic...
- 12.9. After curative epilepsy surgery: see 'Epilepsy'.
- Group 2:

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- 12.10. The applicant should be without anti-epileptic medication for the required...
- 12.11. Provoked epileptic seizure: the applicant who has had a provoked...
- 12.12. First or single unprovoked seizure: the applicant who has had...
- 12.13. Other loss of consciousness: the loss of consciousness should be...
- 12.14. Epilepsy: 10 years freedom from further seizures shall have been...

MENTAL DISORDERS

- Group 1:
 - 13.1. Driving licences shall not be issued to, or renewed for,...
- Group 2:
 - 13.2. The competent medical authority shall give due consideration to the...

ALCOHOL

- 14. Alcohol consumption constitutes a major danger to road safety. In...
 - Group 1:
 - 14.1. Driving licences shall not be issued to, or renewed for,...
 - Group 2:
 - 14.2. The competent medical authority shall give due consideration to the...

DRUGS AND MEDICINAL PRODUCTS

- 15. Abuse:
 - Group 1:
 - 15.1. Driving licences shall not be issued to, or renewed for,...
 - Group 2:
 - 15.2. The competent medical authority shall give due consideration to the...

RENAL DISORDERS

- Group 1:
 - 16.1. Driving licences may be issued or renewed for applicants and...
- Group 2:
 - 16.2. Save in exceptional cases duly justified by authorised medical opinion,...

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- Group 1:
 - 17.1. Subject to authorised medical opinion and, if necessary, regular medical...
- Group 2:
 - 17.2. The competent medical authority shall give due consideration to the...
- 18. As a general rule, where applicants or drivers suffer from...

ANNEX IV

MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR PERSONS WHO CONDUCT PRACTICAL DRIVING TESTS

- 1. Competences required by a driving examiner
 - 1.1. A person authorised to conduct practical assessments in a motor...
 - 1.2. The competences of an examiner must be relevant to assessing...
 - 1.3. Knowledge and understanding of driving and assessment:
 - 1.4. Assessment skills:

- 1.5. Personal driving skills:
 - 1.6. Quality of service:
 - 1.7. Knowledge about vehicle technique and physics:
 - 1.8. Driving in a fuel efficient and environmentally friendly way.
2. General conditions
 - 2.1. A category B driving examiner:
 - 2.2. A driving examiner for the other categories:
 - 2.3. Equivalences
 - 2.3.1. Member States may authorise an examiner to conduct driving tests...
 - 2.3.2. Member States may authorise an examiner to conduct driving tests...
 - 2.3.3. Member States may authorise an examiner to conduct driving tests...
3. Initial qualification
 - 3.1. Initial training
 - 3.1.1. Before a person may be authorised to conduct driving tests,...
 - 3.1.2. Member States must determine whether the content of any particular...
 - 3.2. Examinations
 - 3.2.1. Before a person may be authorised to conduct driving tests,...
 - 3.2.2. Member States shall operate an examination process that assesses, in...
 - 3.2.3. Member States must determine whether the content of any particular...
4. Quality assurance and periodic training
 - 4.1. Quality assurance
 - 4.1.1. Member States shall have in place quality assurance arrangements to...
 - 4.1.2. Quality assurance arrangements should involve the supervision of examiners at...
 - 4.1.3. Member States must provide that each examiner is subject to...
 - 4.1.4. Member States may provide that where an examiner is authorised...
 - 4.1.5. The work of driving examination must be monitored and supervised...
 - 4.2. Periodic training
 - 4.2.1. Member States shall provide that, in order to remain authorised,...
 - 4.2.2. Member States shall take the appropriate measures for ensuring that...
 - 4.2.3. The nature of periodic training may take the form of...
 - 4.2.4. Member States may provide that where an examiner is authorised...
 - 4.2.5. Where an examiner has not conducted tests for a category...
5. Acquired rights
 - 5.1. Member States may allow persons authorised to conduct driving tests...
 - 5.2. Such examiners are nonetheless subject to the regular supervision and...

ANNEX V

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR DRIVER TRAINING AND TESTING FOR COMBINATIONS AS DEFINED IN THE SECOND SUBPARAGRAPH OF ARTICLE 4(4)(B)

1. Member States shall take the necessary measures to:
 - 2.1. Duration of driver training
 3. Content of driver training

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4. Duration and contents of the test of skills and behaviour...
The length of the test and the distance travelled must...

ANNEX VI

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR DRIVER TRAINING AND TESTING FOR MOTORCYCLES WITHIN CATEGORY A (PROGRESSIVE ACCESS)

1. Member States shall take the necessary measures to:
2. Duration of driver training
3. Content of driver training
4. Duration and contents of the test of skills and behaviour...
The length of the test and the distance travelled must...

ANNEX VII

Part A

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Part B

~~DEADLINES FOR TRANSPOSITION INTO NATIONAL LAW AND FOR APPLICATION~~

ANNEX VIII

CORRELATION TABLE

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- (1) [OJ C 112, 30.4.2004, p. 34.](#)
- (2) Opinion of the European Parliament of 23 February 2005 ([OJ C 304 E, 1.12.2005, p. 202](#)), Council Common Position of 18 September 2006 ([OJ C 295 E, 5.12.2006, p. 1](#)) and Position of the European Parliament of 14 December 2006 (not yet published in the Official Journal). Council Decision of 19 December 2006.
- (3) [OJ L 237, 24.8.1991, p. 1.](#) Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1882/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([OJ L 284, 31.10.2003, p. 1](#)).
- (4) [OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.](#) Decision as amended by Decision 2006/512/EC ([OJ L 200, 22.7.2006, p. 11](#)).