

Council Directive of 29 July 1991 on driving licences (91/439/EEC) (repealed)

Article 1	(1) Member States shall introduce a national driving licence based...
Article 2	(1) The emblem on page 1 of the Community model...
Article 3	(1) The driving licence provided for in Article 1 shall...
Article 4	(1) Driving licences shall state the conditions on which the...
Article 5	(1) This issue of driving licences shall be subject to...
Article 6	(1) The minimum age conditions for the issue of driving...
Article 7	(1) Driving licences shall, moreover, be issued only to those...
Article 7a	(1) A subdivision of the harmonized Community codes set out...
Article 7b	(1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee on...
Article 8	(1) Where the holder of a valid national driving licence...
Article 9	For the purpose of this Directive, 'normal' residence means the...
Article 10	With the agreement of the Commission, Member States shall establish...
Article 11	Five years after this Directive has been put into effect,...
Article 12	(1) After consulting the Commission, Member States shall, before 1...
Article 13	Directive 80/1263/EEC is hereby repealed as of 1 July 1996....
Article 14	This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

ANNEX I

PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY MODEL DRIVING LICENCE

1. The colour of the Community model driving licence shall be...
2. The licence shall consist of six pages:
3. The entries on pages other than page 1 shall be...
4. Where the holder of a driving licence issued by a...
By way of derogation from point 2 of this Annex,...

ANNEX Ia

PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY MODEL DRIVING LICENCE

1. The physical characteristics of the card of the Community model...
2. The licence shall have two sides.
3. Special provisions

COMMUNITY MODEL DRIVING LICENCE

SPECIMEN COMMON BY MODEL DRIVING LICENCE

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...
 - 2.1.1. Road traffic regulations:
 - 2.1.2. The driver:
 - 2.1.3. The road:
 - 2.1.4. Other road users:
 - 2.1.5. General rules and regulations and other matters:
 - 2.1.6. Precautions necessary when alighting from the vehicle;
 - 2.1.7. Mechanical aspects with a bearing on road safety; applicants must...
 - 2.1.8. Vehicle safety equipment and, in particular, the use of seat-belts,...
 - 2.1.9. Rules regarding vehicle use in relation to the environment (appropriate...
 3. Specific provisions concerning categories A and A1
 - 3.1. Compulsory check of general knowledge on:
 - 3.1.1. Use of protective outfit such as gloves, boots, clothes and...
 - 3.1.2. Visibility of motorcycle riders for other road users;
 - 3.1.3. Risk factors related to various road conditions as laid down...
 - 3.1.4. Mechanical aspects with a bearing on road safety as laid...
 4. Specific provisions concerning categories C, C+E, C1, C1+E, D, D+E,...
- 4.1. Compulsory check of general knowledge on:
 - 4.1.1. Rules on driving hours and rest periods as defined by...
 - 4.1.2. Rules concerning the type of transport concerned: goods or passengers;...
 - 4.1.3. Vehicle and transport documents required for the national and international...
 - 4.1.4. How to behave in the event of an accident; knowledge...
 - 4.1.5. The precautions to be taken during the removal and replacement...
 - 4.1.6. Rules on vehicle weights and dimensions; rules on speed limiters;...
 - 4.1.7. Obstruction of the field of view caused by the characteristics...
 - 4.1.8. Reading a road map, route planning, including the use of...
 - 4.1.9. Safety factors relating to vehicle loading: controlling the load (stowing...

- 4.1.10. The driver's responsibility in respect to the carriage of passengers;...
- 4.2. Compulsory check of general knowledge on the following additional provisions...
 - 4.2.1. The principles of the construction and functioning of: internal combustion...
 - 4.2.2. Lubrication and antifreeze protection;
 - 4.2.3. The principles of the construction, the fitting, correct use and...
 - 4.2.4. The principles of the types, operation, main parts, connection, use...
 - 4.2.5. The principles of the types, operation, main parts, connection, use...
 - 4.2.6. Methods of locating causes of breakdowns;
 - 4.2.7. Preventive maintenance of vehicles and necessary running repairs;
 - 4.2.8. The driver's responsibility in respect of the receipt, carriage and...
- B. TEST OF SKILLS AND BEHAVIOUR
 - 5. The vehicle and its equipment
 - 5.1. The driving of a vehicle with manual transmission shall be...
 - 5.2. The vehicles used in tests of skills and behaviour shall...
 - 6. Skills and behaviour to be tested concerning categories A and...
 - 6.1. Preparation and technical check of the vehicle with a bearing...
 - 6.1.1. Adjust the protective outfit, such as gloves, boots, clothes and...
 - 6.1.2. Perform a random check on the condition of the tyres,...
 - 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
 - 6.3.1. Riding away: after parking, after a stop in traffic; exiting...
 - 6.3.2. Riding on straight roads; passing oncoming vehicles, including in confined...
 - 6.3.3. Riding round bends;
 - 6.3.4. Crossroads: approaching and crossing of intersections and junctions;
 - 6.3.5. Changing direction: left and right turns; changing lanes;
 - 6.3.6. Approach/exit of motorways or similar (if available): joining from the...
 - 6.3.7. Overtaking/passing: overtaking other traffic (if possible); riding alongside obstacles, e.g....

- 6.3.8. Special road features (if available): roundabouts; railway level crossings; tram/bus...
- 6.3.9. Taking the necessary precautions when getting off the vehicle.
- 7. Skills and behaviour to be tested concerning categories B, B1...
 - 7.1. Preparation and technical check of the vehicle with a bearing...
 - 7.1.1. Adjusting the seat as necessary to obtain a correct seated...
 - 7.1.2. Adjusting rear-view mirrors, seat belts and head restraints if available;...
 - 7.1.3. Checking that the doors are closed;
 - 7.1.4. Performing a random check on the condition of the tyres,...
 - 7.1.5. Checking the safety factors relating to vehicle loading: body, sheets,...
 - 7.1.6. Checking the coupling mechanism and the brake and electrical connections...
 - 7.2. Categories B and B1: special manoeuvres to be tested with...
 - 7.2.1. Reversing in a straight line or reversing right or left...
 - 7.2.2. Turning the vehicle to face the opposite way, using forward...
 - 7.2.3. Parking the vehicle and leaving a parking space (parallel, oblique...
 - 7.2.4. Braking accurately to a stop; however, performing an emergency stop...
 - 7.3. Category B+E: special manoeuvres to be tested with a bearing...
 - 7.3.1. Coupling and uncoupling, or uncoupling and re-coupling a trailer from...
 - 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
 - 7.4.1. Driving away: after parking, after a stop in traffic; exiting...
 - 7.4.2. Driving on straight roads; passing oncoming vehicles, including in confined...
 - 7.4.3. Driving round bends;
 - 7.4.4. Crossroads: approaching and crossing of intersections and junctions;
 - 7.4.5. Changing direction: left and right turns; changing lanes;
 - 7.4.6. Approach/exit of motorways or similar (if available): joining from the...
 - 7.4.7. Overtaking/passing: overtaking other traffic (if possible); driving alongside obstacles, e.g....
 - 7.4.8. Special road features (if available): roundabouts; railway level crossings; tram/bus...
 - 7.4.9. Taking the necessary precautions when alighting from the vehicle.
- 8. Skills and behaviour to be tested concerning categories C, C+E, ...
 - 8.1. Preparation and technical check of the vehicle with a bearing...
 - 8.1.1. Adjusting the seat as necessary to obtain a correct seated...

- 8.1.2. Adjusting rear-view mirrors, seat belts and head restraints if available;...
- 8.1.3. Random checks on the condition of the tyres, steering, brakes,...
- 8.1.4. Checking the power-assisted braking and steering systems; checking the condition...
- 8.1.5. Checking the air pressure, air tanks and the suspension;
- 8.1.6. Checking the safety factors relating to vehicle loading: body, sheets,...
- 8.1.7. Checking the coupling mechanism and the brake and electrical connections...
- 8.1.8. Being capable of taking special vehicle safety measures; controlling the...
- 8.1.9. Reading a road map, route planning, including the use of...
- 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
 - 8.3.1. Driving away: after parking, after a stop in traffic; exiting...
 - 8.3.2. Driving on straight roads; passing oncoming vehicles, including in confined...
 - 8.3.3. Driving round bends;
 - 8.3.4. Crossroads: approaching and crossing of intersections and junctions;
 - 8.3.5. Changing direction: left and right turns; changing lanes;
 - 8.3.6. Approach/exit of motorways or similar (if available): joining from the...
 - 8.3.7. Overtaking/passing: overtaking other traffic (if possible); driving alongside obstacles, e.g....
 - 8.3.8. Special road features (if available): roundabouts; railway level crossings; tram/bus...
 - 8.3.9. Taking the necessary precautions when alighting from the vehicle.
- 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:....
 - 9.3.1. Controlling the vehicle; taking into account: proper use of safety...
 - 9.3.2. Driving economically and environmentally friendly, taking into account the revolutions...

- 9.3.3. Observation: all-round observation; proper use of mirrors; far, middle, near...
 - 9.3.4. Priority/giving way: priority at crossroads, intersections and junctions; giving way...
 - 9.3.5. Correct position on the road: proper position on the road,...
 - 9.3.6. Keeping distance: keeping adequate distance to the front and the...
 - 9.3.7. Speed: not exceeding the maximum allowed speed; adapting speed to...
 - 9.3.8. Traffic lights, road signs and other indications: acting correctly at...
 - 9.3.9. Signalling: give signals where necessary, correctly and properly timed; indicating...
 - 9.3.10. Braking and stopping: decelerating in time, braking or stopping according...
 - 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...
 - 1.1. Group 1:
 - 1.2. Group 2:
 - 1.3. National legislation may provide for the provisions set out 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...

SIGHT

- 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...
 - Group 2:
 - 6.3. 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. Any disease capable of exposing an applicant for a first...

Group 1:

- 9.1. Driving licences will not to be issued to, or renewed...
- 9.2. Driving licences may be issued to, or renewed for, applicants...
- 9.3. The question whether to issue or renew a licence for...
- 9.4. Generally speaking, a driving licence shall not be issued to...

Group 2:

- 9.5. The competent medical authority shall give due consideration to the...

DIABETES MELLITUS

- 10. Driving licences may be issued to, or renewed for, applicants...

Group 2:

- 10.1. Only in very exceptional cases may driving licences be issued...

NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES

- 11. Driving licences shall not be issued to, or renewed for,...
- 12. Epileptic seizures or other sudden disturbances of the state of...

Group 1:

- 12.1. A licence may be issued or renewed subject to an...

Group 2:

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

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:

Regular use:

Group 1:

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

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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 authorized medical opinion,...

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Group 1:

17.1. Subject to authorized 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...

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- (3) OJ No C 159, 26.6.1989, p. 21.
- (4) OJ No L 375, 31.12.1980, p. 1.