

Directive 2007/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council  
of 23 October 2007 on the certification of train drivers operating  
locomotives and trains on the railway system in the Community

CHAPTER IV

**PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING THE LICENCE AND THE CERTIFICATE**

*Article 14*

**Obtaining a licence**

- 1 The competent authority shall publish the procedure to be followed for obtaining a licence.
- 2 All licence applications shall be lodged with the competent authority by the candidate driver or any entity on his behalf.
- 3 Applications submitted to the competent authority may be for the grant of a new licence, the updating of licence particulars, a renewal or a duplicate.
- 4 The competent authority shall issue the licence as soon as possible and no later than one month after receiving all the necessary documents.
- 5 A licence shall be valid for 10 years, subject to Article 16(1).
- 6 A licence shall be issued in a single original. Any duplication of a licence, other than by the competent authority where a duplicate is requested, shall be prohibited.