

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 III

**CONDITIONS FOR OBTAINING THE LICENCE AND THE CERTIFICATE**

*Article 9*

**Minimum requirements**

- 1 To obtain a licence, applicants shall satisfy the minimum requirements set out in Articles 10 and 11. To obtain a certificate and for it to remain valid, applicants shall hold a licence and satisfy the minimum requirements set out in Articles 12 and 13.
- 2 A Member State may apply more stringent requirements with regard to the issuing of licences on its own territory. Nevertheless, it shall recognise licences issued by other Member States, in accordance with Article 7.

Section I

**Licence**

*Article 10*

**Minimum age**

Member States shall prescribe the minimum age of licence applicants, which shall be at least 20 years. However, a Member State may issue licences to applicants from the age of 18 years, the validity of such a licence then being limited to the territory of the issuing Member State.

*Article 11*

**Basic requirements**

- 1 Applicants shall have successfully completed at least nine years' education (primary and secondary) and have successfully concluded basic training equivalent to level 3 referred to in Council Decision 85/368/EEC of 16 July 1985 on the comparability of vocational training qualifications between the Member States of the European Community<sup>(1)</sup>.
- 2 Applicants shall provide confirmation of their physical fitness by passing a medical examination conducted by, or under the supervision of — to be decided by the Member State — a medical doctor accredited or recognised in accordance with Article 20. The examination shall cover at least the criteria indicated in sections 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 2.1 of Annex II.
- 3 Applicants shall demonstrate their occupational psychological fitness by passing an examination conducted by, or under the supervision of — to be decided by the Member State —

a psychologist or a medical doctor accredited or recognised in accordance with Article 20. The examination shall cover at least the criteria indicated in section 2.2 of Annex II.

4 Applicants shall have demonstrated their general professional competence by passing an examination covering at least the general subjects listed in Annex IV.

## Section II

### **Certificate**

#### *Article 12*

#### **Linguistic knowledge**

The linguistic knowledge criterion referred to in Annex VI shall be met for the infrastructure for which the certificate is being applied.

#### *Article 13*

#### **Professional qualifications**

1 Applicants shall have passed an examination testing their professional knowledge and competence relating to the rolling stock for which the certificate is sought. This examination shall cover at least the general subjects listed in Annex V.

2 Applicants shall have passed an examination testing their professional knowledge and competence relating to the infrastructures for which the certificate is sought. This examination shall cover at least the general subjects listed in Annex VI. Where appropriate, the examination shall also cover linguistic knowledge, in accordance with section 8 of Annex VI.

3 Applicants shall be trained by the railway undertaking or the infrastructure manager in relation to its safety management system provided for by Directive 2004/49/EC.

(1) OJ L 199, 31.7.1985, p. 56.