

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**

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.

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(1) [OJ L 199, 31.7.1985, p. 56.](#)