

Directive 2003/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2003 on the initial qualification and periodic training of drivers of certain road vehicles for the carriage of goods or passengers, amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3820/85 and Council Directive 91/439/EEC and repealing Council Directive 76/914/EEC

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ANNEX I

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Section 1:

List of subjects

1. Advanced training in rational driving based on safety regulations
 - All licences
 - 1.1. Objective: to know the characteristics of the transmission system in...
 - 1.2. Objective: to know the technical characteristics and operation of the...
 - 1.3. Objective: ability to optimise fuel consumption:
 - 1.3a. Objective: ability to anticipate, assess and adapt to risks in...
 - Licences C, C+E, C1, C1+E
 - 1.4. Objective: ability to load the vehicle with due regard for...
 - Licences D, D+E, D1, D1+E
 - 1.5. Objective: ability to ensure passenger comfort and safety:
 - 1.6. Objective: ability to load the vehicle with due regard for...
2. Application of regulations
 - All licences

- 2.1. Objective: to know the social environment of road transport and...
Licences C, C+E, C1, C1+E
- 2.2. Objective: to know the regulations governing the carriage of goods:...
Licences D, D+E, D1, D1+E
- 2.3. Objective: to know the regulations governing the carriage of passengers:...
- 3. Health, road and environmental safety, service, logistics
All licences
 - 3.1. Objective: to make drivers aware of the risks of the...
 - 3.2. Objective: ability to prevent criminality and trafficking in illegal immigrants:...
 - 3.3. Objective: ability to prevent physical risks:
 - 3.4. Objective: awareness of the importance of physical and mental ability:...
 - 3.5. Objective: ability to assess emergency situations:
 - 3.6. Objective: ability to adopt behaviour to help enhance the image...
Licences C, C+E, C1, C1+E
 - 3.7. Objective: to know the economic environment of road haulage and...
Licences D, D+E, D1, D1+E
 - 3.8. Objective: to know the economic environment of the carriage of...

Section 2:

Compulsory initial qualification provided for in Article 3(1)(a)

- 2.1. Option combining both course attendance and a test
- 2.2. Option involving a test

Section 3:

Accelerated initial qualification provided for in Article 3(2)

Section 4:

Compulsory periodic training provided for in point (b) of Article 3(1)

Section 5:

Approval of the initial qualification and periodic training

- 5.1. The training centres taking part in the initial qualification and...
- 5.2. The competent authority must give approval in writing subject to...

ANNEX II

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION MODEL FOR A DRIVER QUALIFICATION CARD

- 1. The physical characteristics of the card must comply with ISO...

2. The card has two sides:
3. Security, including data protection
4. Particular arrangements
5. Transitional provisions

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ANNEX III

CORRESPONDENCE TABLE FOR THE REFERENCES TO CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF DRIVING LICENCES

Reference in this Directive	Reference in Directive 2006/126/EC
C +...	

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- (1) [OJ C 154 E, 29.5.2001, p. 258](#) and [OJ C 20 E, 28.1.2003, p. 263](#).
- (2) [OJ C 260, 17.9.2001, p. 90](#).
- (3) Opinion of the European Parliament of 17 January 2002 ([OJ C 271 E, 7.11.2002, p. 381](#)), Council Common Position of 5 December 2002 ([OJ C 32 E, 11.2.2003, p. 9](#)) and Decision of the European Parliament of 8 April 2003 (not yet published in the Official Journal). Decision of the Council of 13 June 2003.
- (4) Council Regulation (EEC) No 3820/85 of 20 December 1985 on the harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport ([OJ L 370, 31.12.1985, p. 1](#)).
- (5) Council Directive 76/914/EEC of 16 December 1976 on the minimum level of training for some road transport drivers ([OJ L 357, 29.12.1976, p. 36](#)).
- (6) Council Directive 91/439/EEC of 29 July 1991 on driving licences ([OJ L 237, 24.8.1991, p. 1](#)); Directive as last amended by Commission Directive 2000/56/EC ([OJ L 237, 21.9.2000, p. 45](#)).
- (7) [OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23](#).