

Directive 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on driving licences (Recast) (Text with EEA relevance)

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ANNEX I

[^{F1}PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE EUROPEAN UNION MODEL DRIVING LICENCE]

Textual Amendments

F1 Substituted by [Commission Directive 2011/94/EU of 28 November 2011 amending Directive 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on driving licences.](#)

1. The physical characteristics of the card of the [^{F1}European Union model driving licence] shall be in accordance with ISO 7810 and ISO 7816-1.

The card shall be made of polycarbonate.

Methods for testing the characteristics of driving licences for the purpose of confirming their compliance with the international standards shall be in accordance with ISO 10373.

2. Physical security of driving licences

The threats to the physical security of driving licences are:

- production of false cards: creating a new object which bears great resemblance to the document, either by making it from scratch or by copying an original document,
- material alteration: changing a property of an original document, e.g. modifying some of the data printed on the document;

The overall security lies in the system in its entirety, consisting of the application process, the transmission of data, the card body material, the printing technique, a minimum set of different security features and the personalisation process.

- (a) The material used for driving licences shall be made secure against forgery by using the following techniques (mandatory security features):

- card bodies shall be UV dull,
- a security background pattern designed to be resistant to counterfeit by scanning, printing or copying, using rainbow printing with multicolour security inks and positive and negative guilloche printing. The pattern shall not be composed of the primary colours (CMYK), shall contain complex pattern designs in a minimum of two special colours and shall include micro lettering,
- optical variable elements providing adequate protection against copying and tampering of the photograph,
- laser engraving,
- in the area of the photograph the security design background and photograph should overlap on at least its border (weakening pattern).

- (b) In addition, the material used for driving licences shall be made secure against forgery by using at least three of the following techniques (additional security features):

- colour-shifting inks*,
- thermochromic ink*,
- custom holograms*,
- variable laser images*,
- ultraviolet fluorescent ink, visible and transparent,

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- iridescent printing,
- digital watermark in the background,
- infrared or phosphorescent pigments,
- tactile characters, symbols or patterns*.

(c) Member States are free to introduce additional security features. As a basis, the techniques indicated with an asterisk are to be preferred as they enable the law enforcement officers to check the validity of the card without any special means.

3. The licence shall have two sides.

Page 1 shall contain:

- (a) the words 'Driving Licence' printed in large type in the language or languages of the Member State issuing the licence;
- (b) the name of the Member State issuing the licence (optional);
- (c) ^[F1]the distinguishing sign of the Member State issuing the licence, printed in negative in a blue rectangle and encircled by 12 yellow stars; the distinguishing signs shall be as follows:

B	:	Belgium
BG	:	Bulgaria
CZ	:	Czech Republic
DK	:	Denmark
D	:	Germany
EST	:	Estonia
GR	:	Greece
E	:	Spain
F	:	France
^[F2] HR	:	Croatia]
IRL	:	Ireland
I	:	Italy
CY	:	Cyprus
LV	:	Latvia
LT	:	Lithuania
L	:	Luxembourg
H	:	Hungary
M	:	Malta
NL	:	The Netherlands
A	:	Austria
PL	:	Poland
P	:	Portugal
RO	:	Romania
SLO	:	Slovenia
SK	:	Slovakia
FIN	:	Finland
S	:	Sweden
UK	:	The United Kingdom;]

(d) information specific to the licence issued, numbered as follows:

1. surname of the holder;

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2. other name(s) of the holder;
 3. date and place of birth;
 4.
 - (a) date of issue of the licence;
 - (b) date of expiry of the licence or a dash if the licence is valid indefinitely under the provision of Article 7(2)(c);
 - (c) the name of the issuing authority (may be printed on page 2);
 - (d) a different number from the one under heading 5, for administrative purposes (optional);
 5. number of the licence;
 6. photograph of the holder;
 7. signature of the holder;
 8. permanent place of residence, or postal address (optional);
 9. category of vehicle(s) the holder is entitled to drive (national categories shall be printed in a different type from harmonised categories);
- (e) [^{F1}the words ‘European Union model’ in the language(s) of the Member State issuing the licence and the words ‘Driving Licence’ in the other languages of the European Union, printed in pink to form the background of the licence:
- Свидетелство за управление на МПС
 Permiso de Conducción
 Řidičský průkaz
 Kørekort
 Führerschein
 Juhiluba
 Άδεια Οδήγησης
 Driving Licence
 Permis de conduire
 Ceadúas Tiomána
 [^{F2}Vozačka dozvola]
 Patente di guida
 Vadītāja apliecība
 Vairuotojo pažymėjimas
 Vezetői engedély
 Licenzja tas-Sewqan
 Rijbewijs
 Prawo Jazdy
 Carta de Condução
 Permis de conducere
 Vodičský preukaz
 Vozniško dovoljenje
 Ajokortti
 Kørkort;]

- (f) Colour references:
- blue: Pantone Reflex Blue,
 - yellow: Pantone Yellow.

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by [Council Directive 2013/22/EU of 13 May 2013 adapting certain directives in the field of transport policy, by reason of the accession of the Republic of Croatia.](#)

Page 2 shall contain:

- (a) 9. category of vehicle(s) the holder is entitled to drive (national categories shall be printed in a different type from harmonised categories);
10. [^{F1}date of first issue of each category (this date must be repeated on the new licence in the event of subsequent replacement or exchange); each field of the date shall be written with two digits and in the following sequence: day.month.year (DD.MM.YY);
11. date of expiry of each category; each field of the date shall be written with two digits and in the following sequence: day.month.year (DD.MM.YY);]
12. additional information/restriction(s), in code form, facing the (sub)category affected.

The codes shall be as follows:

— codes : [^{F1}harmonised European Union
01 codes]
to
99

DRIVER (Medical reasons)

01. Sight correction and/or protection
Glasses
Contact lense(s)
Protective glass
Opaque lense
Eye cover
Glasses or contact lenses
02. Hearing aid/communication aid
Hearing aid for one ear
Hearing aid for two ears
03. Prosthesis/orthosis for the limbs
Upper limb prosthesis/orthosis
Lower limb prosthesis/orthosis
05. Limited use (subcode use obligatory, driving subject to restrictions for medical reasons)
Limited to day time journeys (for example: one hour after sunrise and one hour before sunset)

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Limited to journeys within a radius of ... km from holder's place of residence or only inside city/region

Driving without passengers

Limited to journeys with a speed not greater than ... km/h

Driving authorised solely when accompanied by a holder of a driving licence

Without trailer

No driving on motorways

No alcohol

VEHICLE ADAPTATIONS

10. Modified transmission
 - Manual transmission
 - Automatic transmission
 - Electronically operated transmission
 - Adjusted gear-shift lever
 - Without secondary gearbox

15. Modified clutch
 - Adjusted gear-shift lever
 - Manual clutch
 - Automatic clutch
 - Partitioning in front of/fold away/detached clutch pedal

20. Modified braking systems
 - Adjusted brake pedal
 - Enlarged brake pedal
 - Brake pedal suitable for use by left foot
 - Brake pedal by sole
 - Tilted brake pedal
 - Manual (adapted) service brake
 - Maximum use of reinforced service brake
 - Maximum use of emergency brake integrated in the service brake
 - Adjusted parking brake
 - Electrically operated parking brake
 - (Adjusted) foot operated parking brake
 - Partitioning in front of/fold away/detached brake pedal
 - Brake operated by knee
 - Electrically operated service brake

25. Modified accelerator systems
 - Adjusted accelerator pedal
 - Accelerator pedal by sole
 - Tilted accelerator pedal
 - Manual accelerator
 - Accelerator at knee
 - Servo accelerator (electronic, pneumatic, etc.)
 - Accelerator pedal on the left of brake pedal

- Accelerator pedal on the left
- Partitioning in front of/fold away/detached accelerator pedal
- 30. Modified combined braking and accelerator systems
 - Parallel pedals
 - Pedals at (or almost at) the same level
 - Accelerator and brake with sliding
 - Accelerator and brake with sliding and orthesis
 - Fold away/detached accelerator and brake pedals
 - Raised floor
 - Partitioning on the side of the brake pedal
 - Partitioning for prosthesis on the side of the brake pedal
 - Partitioning in front of the accelerator and brake pedals
 - Heel/leg support
 - Electrically operated accelerator and brake
- 35. Modified control layouts
 - (Lights switches, windscreen wiper/washer, horn, direction indicators, etc.)
 - Control devices operable without negative influence on the steering and handling
 - Control devices operable without releasing the steering wheel and accessories (knob, fork, etc.)
 - Control devices operable without releasing the steering wheel and accessories (knob, fork, etc.) with the left hand
 - Control devices operable without releasing the steering wheel and accessories (knob, fork, etc.) with the right hand
 - Control devices operable without releasing the steering wheel and accessories (knob, fork, etc.) and the combined accelerator and braking mechanismss
- 40. Modified steering
 - Standard assisted steering
 - Reinforced assisted steering
 - Steering with backup system
 - Lengthened steering column
 - Adjusted steering wheel (Larger and/or thicker steering wheel section, reduced diameter steering wheel, etc.)
 - Tilted steering wheel
 - Vertical steering wheel
 - Horizontal steering wheel
 - Foot operated driving
 - Alternative adjusted steering (joy-stick, etc.)
 - Knob on the steering wheel
 - Hand orthesis on the steering wheel
 - With orthesis tenodese
- 42. Modified rearview mirror(s)
 - External (left or) right-side rear-view mirror

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- External rear-view mirror set on the wing
- Additional inside rear-view mirror permitting view of traffic
- Panoramic inside rear-view mirror
- Blind spot rear-view mirror
- Electrically operated outside rear-view mirror(s)
- 43. Modified driver seat
 - Driver seat at a good viewing height and in normal distance from the steering wheel and the pedal
 - Driver seat adjusted to body shape
 - Driver seat with lateral support for good sitting stability
 - Driver seat with armrest
 - Lengthening of sliding driver's seat
 - Seat-belt adjustment
 - Harness-type seat-belt
- 44. Modifications to motorcycles (subcode use obligatory)
 - Single operated brake
 - (Adjusted) hand operated brake (front wheel)
 - (Adjusted) foot operated brake (back wheel)
 - (Adjusted) accelerator handle
 - (Adjusted) manual transmission and manual clutch
 - (Adjusted) rear-view mirror(s)
 - (Adjusted) commands (direction indicators, braking light, ...)
 - Seat height allowing the driver, in sitting position, to have two feet on the road at the same time
- 45. Motorcycle with side-car only
- [^{F3}46. Tricycles only]

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Textual Amendments

- F3** Inserted by [Commission Directive 2012/36/EU of 19 November 2012 amending Directive 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on driving licences \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#).

- 50. Restricted to a specific vehicle/chassis number (vehicle identification number, VIN)
- 51. Restricted to a specific vehicle/registration plate (vehicle registration number, VRN)
- ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
- 70. Exchange of licence No ... issued by ... (EU/UN distinguishing sign in the case of a third country; e.g. 70.0123456789.NL)
- 71. Duplicate of licence No ... (EU/UN distinguishing sign in the case of a third country; e.g. 71.987654321.HR)
- ^{F4}72.

Textual Amendments

F4 Deleted by Commission Directive 2012/36/EU of 19 November 2012 amending Directive 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on driving licences (Text with EEA relevance).

[F573. Restricted to category B vehicles of the motor quadricycle type (B1)]

Textual Amendments

F5 Substituted by Commission Directive 2012/36/EU of 19 November 2012 amending Directive 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on driving licences (Text with EEA relevance).

F474.

F475.

F476.

F477.

78. Restricted to vehicles with automatic transmission

[F579. (...) Restricted to vehicles which comply with the specifications indicated in brackets, for the application of Article 13 of this Directive

79.01.Restricted

to two-wheel vehicles with or without side-car

79.02.Restricted

to category AM vehicles of the three-wheel or light quadricycle type

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79.03.Restricted

to
tricycles

79.04.Restricted

to
tricycles
combined
with

a
trailer
having
a
maximum
authorised
mass

not
exceeding

750

kg

79.05.Category

A1

motorcycle

with

a
power/
weight
ratio

above

0,1

kW/

kg

79.06.Category

BE

vehicle

where

the

maximum
authorised

mass

of

the

trailer

exceeds

3

500

kg]

[^{F3}80. Restricted to holders of a driving licence for a category A vehicle of the motor tricycle type not having reached the age of 24 years

81. Restricted to holders of a driving licence for a category A vehicle of the two-wheel motorcycle type not having reached the age of 21 years]

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- F5** Substituted by Commission Directive 2012/36/EU of 19 November 2012 amending Directive 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on driving licences (Text with EEA relevance).
- F6** Substituted by Council Directive 2013/22/EU of 13 May 2013 adapting certain directives in the field of transport policy, by reason of the accession of the Republic of Croatia.

4. Special provisions

- (a) Where the holder of a driving licence issued by a Member State in accordance with this Annex has his normal place of residence in another Member State, that Member State may enter in the licence such information as is essential for administering it, provided that it also enters this type of information in the licences which it issues and provided that there remains enough space for the purpose.
- (b) After consulting the Commission, Member States may add colours or markings, such as bar codes and national symbols, without prejudice to the other provisions of this Annex.

In the context of mutual recognition of licences, the bar code may not contain information other than what can already be read on the driving licence or which is essential to the process of issuing the licence.
- (c) [^{F7}Information contained in the front and reverse side of the card shall be legible with the eye, using a minimum character height of 5 points for items 9 to 12 on the reverse side.]


Textual Amendments

- F7** Inserted by Commission Directive 2011/94/EU of 28 November 2011 amending Directive 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on driving licences.
















[^{F1}EUROPEAN UNION MODEL DRIVING LICENCE

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	1.	
	2.	
	3.	
	4a.	4c.
	4b.	(4d.)
	5.	
	7.	
	(8.)	
9.		

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13.	9.	10.	11.	12.
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	A1 			
	A2 			
	A 			
	B1 			
	B 			
	C1 			
	C 			
	D1 			
	D 			
	BE 			
	C1E 			
	CE 			
	D1E 			
DE 				
12.				

1. Name 2. First name 3. Date and place of birth 4a. Date of issue 4b. Date of expiry 4c. Issued by 5. Licence number 10. Valid from 11. Valid to 12. Codes

^{F8}SPECIMEN MODEL LICENCE
 BELGIAN LICENCE (for information)

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(1) [^{F3}OJ L 370, 31.12.1985, p. 8.]

Textual Amendments

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