

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;]

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

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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. [^{F3}additional information/restriction(s), in code form, facing the category affected.

The codes shall be as follows:

—codes	:	harmonised European Union codes
01 to		DRIVER (medical reasons)
99		
	01.	Sight correction and/or protection
		01.01. Glasses
		01.02. Contact lens(es)
		01.05. Eye cover
		01.06. Glasses or contact lenses
		01.07. Specific optical aid
	02.	Hearing aid/communication aid
	03.	Prosthesis/orthosis for the limbs
		03.01. Upper limb prosthesis/orthosis
		03.02. Lower limb prosthesis/orthosis

VEHICLE ADAPTATIONS

10. Modified transmission

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- 10.02. Automatic selection of gear ratio
- 10.04. Adapted transmission control device
- 15. Modified clutch
 - 15.01. Adapted clutch pedal
 - 15.02. Hand operated clutch
 - 15.03. Automatic clutch
 - 15.04. Measure to prevent obstruction or actuation of clutch pedal
- 20. Modified braking systems
 - 20.01. Adapted brake pedal
 - 20.03. Brake pedal suitable for use by left foot
 - 20.04. Sliding brake pedal
 - 20.05. Tilted brake pedal
 - 20.06. Hand operated brake
 - 20.07. Brake operation with maximum force of ... N⁽¹⁾ (for example: '20.07(300N)')
 - 20.09. Adapted parking brake
 - 20.12. Measure to prevent obstruction or actuation of brake pedal

- 20.13. Knee operated brake
- 20.14. Brake system operation supported by external force
- 25. Modified accelerator system
 - 25.01. Adapted accelerator pedal
 - 25.03. Tilted accelerator pedal
 - 25.04. Hand operated accelerator
 - 25.05. Knee operated accelerator
 - 25.06. Accelerator operation supported by external force
 - 25.08. Accelerator pedal on the left
 - 25.09. Measure to prevent obstruction or actuation of accelerator pedal
- 31. Pedal adaptations and pedal safeguards
 - 31.01. Extra set of parallel pedals
 - 31.02. Pedals at (or almost at) the same level
 - 31.03. Measure to prevent obstruction or actuation of accelerator and brake pedals when pedals not operated by foot
 - 31.04. Raised floor

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- 32. Combined service brake and accelerator systems
 - 32.01. Accelerator and service brake as combined system operated by one hand
 - 32.02. Accelerator and service brake as combined system operated by external force
- 33. Combined service brake, accelerator and steering systems
 - 33.01. Accelerator, service brake and steering as combined system operation by external force with one hand
 - 33.02. Accelerator, service brake and steering as combined system operation by external force with two hands
- 35. Modified control layouts (lights switches, windscreen wiper/washer, horn, direction indicators, etc.)
 - 35.02. Control devices operable without releasing the steering device
 - 35.03. Control devices operable

- without releasing the steering device with the left hand
 - 35.04. Control devices operable without releasing the steering device with the right hand
 - 35.05. Control devices operable without releasing the steering device and the accelerator and braking mechanisms
- 40. Modified steering
 - 40.01. Steering with maximum operation force of ... N⁽²⁾ (for example '40.01(140N)')
 - 40.05. Adapted steering wheel (larger/thicker steering wheel section, reduced diameter, etc.)
 - 40.06. Adapted position of steering wheel
 - 40.09. Foot operated steering
 - 40.11. Assistive device at steering wheel

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- 40.14. One hand/arm operated alternative adapted steering system
- 40.15. Two hand/arm operated alternative adapted steering system
- 42. Modified rear/side view devices
 - 42.01. Adapted device for rear view
 - 42.03. Additional inside device permitting side view
 - 42.05. Blind spot viewing device
- 43. Driver seating position
 - 43.01. Driver seat height for normal view and in normal distance from the steering wheel and the pedals
 - 43.02. Driver seat adapted to body shape
 - 43.03. Driver seat with lateral support for good stability
 - 43.04. Driver seat with armrest
 - 43.06. Seat belt adaptation
 - 43.07. Seat belt type with support for good stability
- 44. Modifications to motorcycles (sub-code use obligatory)

- 44.01. Single operated brake
- 44.02. Adapted front wheel brake
- 44.03. Adapted rear wheel brake
- 44.04. Adapted accelerator
- 44.08. Seat height allowing the driver, in sitting position, to have two feet on the surface at the same time and balance the motorcycle during stopping and standing.
- 44.09. Maximum operation force of front wheel brake ... N⁽³⁾ (for example '44.09(140N)')
- 44.10. Maximum operation force of rear wheel brake ... N⁽⁴⁾ (for example '44.10(240N)')
- 44.11. Adapted foot-rest
- 44.12. Adapted hand grip
- 45. Motorcycle with side-car only
- 46. Tricycles only
- 47. Restricted to vehicles of more than two wheels not requiring balance by the driver for starting, stopping and standing
- 50. Restricted to a specific vehicle/chassis number (vehicle identification number, VIN)

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Letters used in combination with codes 01 to 44 for further specification:

a	left
b	right
c	hand
d	foot
e	middle
f	arm
g	thumb

LIMITED USE CODES

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| 61. | Limited to day time journeys (for example: one hour after sunrise and one hour before sunset) |
| 62. | Limited to journeys within a radius of ... km from holder's place of residence or only inside city/region |
| 63. | Driving without passengers |
| 64. | Limited to journeys with a speed not greater than ... km/h |
| 65. | Driving authorised solely when accompanied by a holder of a driving licence of at least the equivalent category |
| 66. | Without trailer |
| 67. | No driving on motorways |
| 68. | No alcohol |
| 69. | Restricted to driving vehicles equipped with an alcohol interlock in accordance with EN 50436. Indication of an expiry date is optional (for example '69' or '69(01.01.2016)') |

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 70. | Exchange of licence No ... issued by ... (EU/UN distinguishing sign in the case of a third country; for example '70.0123456789.NL') |
| 71. | Duplicate of licence No ... (EU/UN distinguishing sign in the case of a third country; for example '71.987654321.HR') |
| 73. | Restricted to category B vehicles of the motor quadricycle type (B1) |
| 78. | Restricted to vehicles with automatic transmission |

79. (...) 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
 - 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
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

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- motorcycle type not having reached the age of 21 years
95. Driver holding CPC meeting the obligation of professional aptitude provided for by Directive 2003/59/EC until ... (for example '95(01.01.12)')
96. Category B vehicles combined with a trailer with a maximum authorised mass exceeding 750 kg where the maximum authorised mass of such combination exceeds 3 500 kg but does not exceed 4 250 kg
97. Not authorised to drive a category C1 vehicle which falls within the scope of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3821/85⁽⁵⁾

—codes : national codes valid only for driving in the territory of the Member State which issued the licence.

100
and
above

Where a code applies to all categories for which the licence is issued, it may be printed under headings 9, 10 and 11;]

13. in implementation of section 4(a) of this Annex, a space reserved for the possible entry by the host Member State of information essential for administering the licence;
14. a space reserved for the possible entry by the Member State which issues the licence of information essential for administering the licence or related to road safety (optional). If the information relates to one of the headings defined in this Annex, it should be preceded by the number of the heading in question.

With the specific written agreement of the holder, information which is not related to the administration of the driving licence or road safety may also be added in this space; such addition shall not alter in any way the use of the model as a driving licence;

- (b) [^{F1}an explanation of the following numbered items which appear on pages 1 and 2 of the licence: 1, 2, 3, 4(a), 4(b), 4(c), 5, 10, 11 and 12;

[^{F4}If a Member State wishes to make the entries in a national language other than one of the following languages: Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish or Swedish, it will draw up a bilingual version of the licence using one of the aforementioned languages, without prejudice to the other provisions of this Annex;]]

- (c) a space shall be reserved on the [^{F1}European Union model driving licence] to allow for the possible introduction of a microchip or similar computer device.

Textual Amendments

- F3** Substituted by [Commission Directive \(EU\) 2015/653 of 24 April 2015 amending Directive 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on driving licences \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#).
- F4** 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) [^{F5}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.]
















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	DRIVING LICENCE	(MEMBER STATE)
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	4b.	(4d.)
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	A 			
	B1 			
	B 			
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	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

^{F6}SPECIMEN MODEL LICENCE
 BELGIAN LICENCE (for information)

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- (1) [^{F3}This force indicates the driver's capability for operating the system.]
- (2) [^{F3}This force indicates the driver's capability for operating the system.]
- (3) [^{F3}This force indicates the driver's capability for operating the system.]
- (4) [^{F3}This force indicates the driver's capability for operating the system.]
- (5) [^{F3}Council Regulation (EEC) No 3821/85 of 20 December 1985 on recording equipment in road transport (OJ L 370, 31.12.1985, p. 8).]

Textual Amendments

- F3** Substituted by [Commission Directive \(EU\) 2015/653 of 24 April 2015 amending Directive 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on driving licences \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#).