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European Parliament updates EU driving licence rules to improve road safety

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**Standardization of Education and Examination
of Future Drivers**

**Standardization of Education and Examination
of Driving Instructors**

Minimum Standards for Driving Schools

The revision of the EU Driving Licence **Directive** is underway

On **1st March 2023**, the EU Commission published the Proposal for a Driving Licence Directive

The proposal was followed by a series of **consultations** open to all road safety stakeholders and the possibility of presenting **amendments to the text**

The European Parliament voted on the final text on **28th February**

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Ensuring safer roads for all users

Novice drivers need to be better prepared for **real-world driving situations**. Novice drivers will have to be more aware of the risks: **training on hazard perception** is recommended. Special attention must be given to **vulnerable road users** such as pedestrians, cyclists and users of electric scooters

Tests on driving in **bad weather conditions**, safe use of the phone while driving, blind spots, **ADAS** should also be part of the driving licence test

Validity of driving licence and Health checks

The driving licence should **be valid for at least 15 years** for motorcycles and cars, and **five years** for trucks and buses

To avoid discrimination and to ensure the **right to freedom of movement**, the **reducing the validity** of driving licence for elderly people is not supported

Drivers assessing their own fitness to drive when a driving licence is being issued and renewed. EU countries decide if the self-assessment should be replaced by a medical examination with a minimum set of checks on drivers' eyesight

Minimum two-year probationary period for novice drivers

Novice and accompanied drivers

Inexperienced drivers would have to undergo a **probationary driving period of at least two years**

Novice drivers will be subject to specific restrictions, such as **stricter alcohol limits** and **stricter penalties** for unsafe driving

To **mitigate the shortage of professional drivers**, it is agreed to allow **18-year-olds** to obtain a licence **to drive a truck or a bus with up to 16 passengers**

17-year-olds should be able to get a car and a truck driving licence, if **accompanied** by an experienced driver

Driving licence to be uploaded on smartphones

Mobile driving licence

MEPs have voted in favor of introducing a **European digital driving licence**

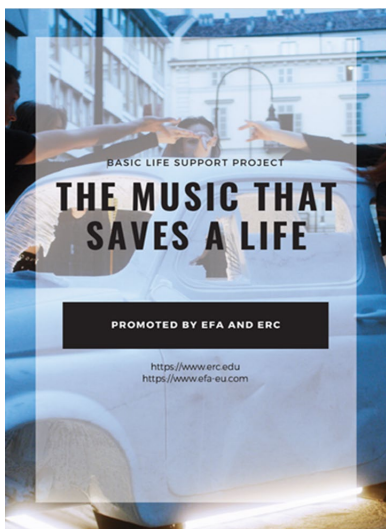
It will be available on a smartphone and it will have the same validity of the physical driver's licence

Draft compromise amendments.

on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on driving licences

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Rapporteur: Karima Delli



**BLS Project:
Learn To Drive, Learn CPR**

16a. Instructors

~~1. Member States shall establish, without prejudice to the options already existing in their national systems for the rest of the driving learning period, a minimum amount of hours of driving instruction, both theoretical and practical, by a professional instructor prior to the respective tests.~~

~~This professional driving instruction shall incorporate the basics of first aid on the road, including CPR, as well as adequate notions of eco-driving and safe interaction with vulnerable users.~~

Member States may alternatively establish the option of omitting the first aid instruction part, provided a certified first aid practical training, which shall include CPR, has been completed.

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~~(18b) Driving instructors should be required to fulfil strict minimum education and competency requirements and in particular to demonstrate appropriate communication skills. They should be required to complete initial training, including hazard perception training, and to attend periodic training to update their knowledge and skills. Training by a qualified instructor who can certify, among others, notions of first aid, including CPR, and eco-driving remains a logical approach in terms of road safety, as well as energy saving and emissions avoidance. Such instruction is crucial in order to ensure that candidates pay due attention to, and interact safely with vulnerable road~~

Relevant news for training

ANNEX II

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR DRIVING TESTS AND KNOWLEDGE, SKILL AND BEHAVIOUR FOR DRIVING A POWER-DRIVEN VEHICLE

- (c) The Union code marked on a driving licence of category A1, A2, A, B1, B and BE issued on the basis of a test of skills and behaviour taken on a vehicle with automatic transmission shall be removed if the holder passes a dedicated test of skills and behaviour or completes a dedicated training.

Member States shall take the necessary measures to:

- (i) approve and supervise the dedicated training; or,
- (ii) organise the dedicated test of skills and behaviour.

Vehicles used for the training or the test covered by this point shall be with manual transmission and shall fall within the category of the driving licence for which the participants have applied for.

The length of the test of skills and behaviour and the distance travelled shall be sufficient to assess the skills and behaviour laid down in point 6 or 7 of this Annex with particular attention paid to the operation of the vehicle transmission.

The training shall contain all aspects covered in point 6 or 7 of this Annex with particular attention paid to the operation of the vehicle transmission. Each participant shall perform the practical components of the training and demonstrate his or her skills and behaviour on public roads. The duration of the training shall be at least 7 hours.

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ANNEX V

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR DRIVER TRAINING AND TESTING FOR COMBINATIONS AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 6(1), POINT (C), SECOND INDENT, SECOND SUBPARAGRAPH

1. Member States shall take the necessary measures to:
 - (a) approve and supervise the training provided for in Article 10(1), point (d); or,
 - (b) organise the test of skills and behaviour provided for in Article 10(1), point (d).
2. The duration of driver training shall be at least 7 hours.
3. Content of driver training

The driver training shall cover the knowledge, skills and behaviour as described in points 2 and 7 of Annex II. Particular attention shall be paid to vehicle movement dynamics, safety criteria, tractor vehicle and trailer (coupling mechanism), correct loading and safety fittings.

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Next steps

The draft rules on EU driving licence were adopted by **339 votes in favour**, 240 against and 37 abstentions

The document will be followed up by the new Parliament after the **European elections on 6th-9th June**

After the summer break, **negotiations with the EU Council** should begin again in order to be able to present the final text.

Thank you for your attention !



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