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PREFACE



More and more fellow European citizens travel abroad each year or move to another Member State. This freedom of movement is one of the founding principles and one of the best achievements of the European Union. The European Commission plays an essential role in making this freedom a reality.

The good management of driving licences is central to guaranteeing the freedom of movement. Mutual recognition of driving licences between the Member States of the European Union, without any formalities, has been in full force since 1 July 1996. From that date all administrative obstacles have been eliminated for licence holders who go to or establish themselves in another Member State.

At present, the European Union has 110 models of driving licences in circulation. It is important both for citizens and for the authorities responsible for checks to have a tool available. This is the objective of this manual: it enables licence holders to be aware of their rights and national authorities to know the validity and extent of the rights associated with each model of licence.

In future, the most practical solution for citizens, and the most legally secure, will be the establishment of a single model driving licence for all the European Union. This is the objective set by the Commission in its proposal for a directive, currently before the Council and Parliament, which I hope will be rapidly adopted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'J Barrot'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'J' and a horizontal line underlining the name.

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and Commissioner with responsibility for transport*

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INTRODUCTION



On 29 July 1991, the Council of Transport Ministers adopted Directive 91/439/EEC on driving licences ('the directive') ⁽¹⁾. The directive entered into force on 1 July 1996 and constitutes a major step to harmonising and facilitating the complex field of driver licensing. At the same time, free movement of licence holders is guaranteed by the progressive abolition of administrative obstacles.

Article 1(2) of the directive lays down the principle of **mutual recognition of driving licences** issued in Member States, a key provision of the directive. Thus the previous obligation of exchanging a driving licence within one year after change of normal residence to another Member State was removed. The principle of mutual recognition applies without any formality ⁽²⁾ and excludes mandatory registration of licences whose holders change normal residence. In addition, Annexes I and Ia of the directive harmonise the driving licence models, prescribing either a paper or a plastic card driving licence.

The principle of mutual recognition guarantees full recognition of all driving licences valid and in circulation in the countries of the European Economic Area (EEA). This includes those issued before entry into force of the directive which therefore may not be in compliance with the models described in the above annexes. Today there are more than 100 different driving licence models valid and in circulation throughout the EEA. This large number of licence models, which differ in size, layout, colour and, most importantly, in entitlements (acquired rights), vehicle category definitions and restrictions, entails significant problems with regard to their recognition both for authorities and citizens.

Article 10 of Directive 91/439/EEC creates a general obligation on Member States to establish equivalences between the categories of licences issued before implementation of the directive and those defined in Article 3. According to Article 10 the Commission has to agree with the equivalences established. After a consultation process between the Member States and the Commission, Commission Decision 2000/275/EC ⁽³⁾ established tables of legally binding equivalences for all licence models valid and in circulation in the Member States. This decision will be subject to further revision and adaptation.

However, the publication of a mere list of tables of equivalences lacks clarity despite its legally binding character. The Commission therefore decided, in 2000, to publish a first edition of a book on driving licence models in order to establish a clear overall view of all licence models valid and in circulation, including their colour facsimiles. In view of EU enlargement on 1 May 2004, which added some 30 models for the new Member States, and the required update of information for EU-15, the Commission has now decided to publish the second edition of the book in hand. It is primarily addressed to administrative authorities in Member States but also to other interested parties (citizens, car rental agencies, etc.). The two primary purposes of the book continue to be safeguarding the principle of mutual recognition of all licences issued by Member States, and thus the free movement of licence holders and explaining the various models for control and enforcement authorities.

Structure of the book

- 🕒 **Cover:** it consists of two folding pages: the left folding page contains a template describing the symbols used in the tables of equivalences on the left hand pages facing the models; on the right, the page explains the numbering on the licence models, which are to be found on the right hand pages in the 'licence models' section.
- 📄 **Contact addresses:** after this introduction, two lists of addresses are included: one contains addresses in Member States for individual reference in case of remaining uncertainties. The second list enumerates national authorities to whom exchanged licences shall be returned.
- 📖 **Explanations** ('📖'): following the above lists, an explanation section contains cross-references further describing individual licence models wherever a model requires detailed explanation beyond what may be indicated with the symbols used in the 'licence models' section. The text also contains descriptions of security features wherever this information was made available.
- 📄 **Licence models:** this section contains explanations of the models including tables of equivalences on the left page and a facsimile of the corresponding model on the right. The models have been designated in accordance with the country abbreviation and are newly numbered for each country (e.g. D1 after DK4).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 237, 24.8.1991, p. 1, as amended by: Directive 96/47/EC (OJ L 235, 17.9.1996, p. 1) and Directive 97/26/EC (OJ L 150, 7.6.1997, p. 41).

⁽²⁾ ECJ Case C-246/00 *Commission/Netherlands*, points 60–61 with further references.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 91, 12.4.2000, p. 1.

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EXPLANATIONS TO THE LICENCE MODELS

BELGIË — BELGIQUE (B)

-  1. **Models B1, B2, B3.** All three models may appear in one of the three Belgian national languages: French, Dutch and German. Colour and printing differences may appear for models B1 and B2.
-  2. **Model B1.** An arrow indicates the validation of categories A, B, C and D on the licence as follows: '↑'. This arrow indicates that the holder has the right to drive vehicles included in all the categories **above and beside** the arrow. If for example the arrow were indicated beside category C, the holder has the right to drive vehicles of categories A, B, B+E, C and C+E.
Apart from category F (see  3. hereafter), a model B1 containing two or more arrows is likely to be a forger.
-  3. **Model B1.** The right to drive vehicles of category F was indicated as follows: to be entitled to drive a vehicle of category AF and/or BF, the validation of category A and/or B, as well as of category F were required, as well as the indication of the number of the registration plate on the licence.
-  4. **Model B1.** A list of the additional information and/or restrictions, which may be recorded on the licence, does not exist for this model.
Driving disqualifications (for example withdrawal of the right to drive due to an accident) **are indicated** on the document.
'+P.T.M.S.' indicates that the holder has to pass a practical, theory, medical and psychological examination of reintegration in the right to drive, or one of these examinations.
-  5. **Model B2.** The description of additional information and restrictions is non-exhaustive. Variations of the text may appear. Recordings are either in Dutch, French or German.
Until 30 September 1998, **driving disqualifications are also indicated on the document;**
The French indication 'valable jusqu'à...' and 'Validité prorogée jusqu'au...'; as well as the Dutch indication 'Geldig tot...' and 'Geldigheidsduur verlengd ot...' indicate the **end of validity** of the licence.

B: Description and security features

Model B1.

Description: Format of the unfolded document: 105 x 222 mm. Pink background. Black impression except page 4: 'Restreint' or 'Beperkt' or 'Beschränkt' and the categories of the right-hand column: red.

Security features: Dry stamp of the issuing commune; number of the document on page 3.

Model B2.

Description: Format of the unfolded document: 105 x 222 mm. Pink background. Black impression.



Security features: Dry stamp of the issuing commune, number of the document on page 2.

Model B3.

Description: Format (unfolded document): 105 mm x 222 mm; pink background; black impression.

Security features: Watermark; dry stamp of the issuing commune; document number on pages 2 and 4.

ČESKÁ REPUBLIKA (CZ)

-  1. **Model CZ 1.** E* — Combination of vehicles where the towing vehicle is in the category or categories for which the driver is licensed (B, and/or C and/or D), but are not themselves in that category or those categories. M** and T** are national categories (M light motorcycles to 50 cm³, T agricultural and forestry tractor and agricultural machines).
-  2. **Models CZ 2, CZ 3, CZ 4 and CZ 5.** E* — Combination of vehicles where the towing vehicle is in category or categories for which the driver is licensed (B, and/or C and/or D), but are not themselves in that category or those categories. A/50** and T** are national categories (A/50 light motorcycles to 50 cm³, T agricultural and forestry tractor and agricultural machines).

3. **Models CZ 6 and CZ 7.** AM* and T* are national categories (AM moped, T agricultural and forestry tractor and agricultural machines).
4. **Models CZ 1–CZ 7.** Categories M (CZ 1), A/50 (CZ 2–CZ 5), A with restriction note 'A omezeno do 50 ccm' in column 'Zvláštní záznamy' (CZ 2, CZ 5), category A1 and note 'Sk. A1 do 50 ccm' in column 13 (CZ 6) are national categories and entitle a holder to ride **light motorcycles up to 50 cm³** (on model CZ 7 this entitlement figures as category A1 with national code 150 in column 12).

CZ: Description and security features

Model CZ1.

Description: Three-part licence; paper pages affixed to flexible plastic folding cover. Pink, cover colour may differ slightly. The photograph (35 mm x 45 mm) is tagged to the frame space on page 1 with an official stamp including the name of the issuing authority and the state coat of arms.

Security features: The paper has a net security pattern.

Model CZ2.

Description: Heavy banknote quality paper (pink). The photograph (35 mm x 45mm) is tagged to the frame space on the front with an official stamp including the name of the issuing authority and the state coat of arms.

Security features: The paper is overprinted with a security pattern.

Model CZ3.

Description: Banknote quality paper (pink) enclosed in plastic laminate. The photograph (35 mm x 45 mm) is tagged to the frame space on the front with an official stamp including the name of the issuing authority and the state coat of arms.

Model CZ4.

Description: Banknote quality paper (pink) enclosed in plastic laminate. The document may have a faint coat. The photograph (35 mm x 45 mm) is tagged to the frame space on the front with an official stamp including the name of the issuing authority and the state coat of arms.

Model CZ5.

Description: Banknote quality paper (pink and blue) enclosed in security stamped plastic cover. The photograph (35 mm x 45 mm) is tagged to the frame space on the front with an official stamp including the name of the issuing authority and the state coat of arms.

Security features: Circular holographic image (with the letters 'CZ' in the centre) on the cover overlaps the photograph at lower left.

Model CZ6.

Description: Multicoloured banknote paper (pink, blue, green), enclosed in plastic cover. The photograph (35 mm x 45 mm) is tagged to the frame space on the front side with an official stamp including the name of the issuing authority and the state coat of arms.

Security features: Circular holographic image (with the letters 'CZ' in the centre) on the cover overlaps the photograph at lower left.

Model CZ7.

Description: Pink-blue plastic card model. Material: Polycarbonate plastic card, size ID1 — 54 mm x 86 mm (credit-card style) with the words 'ŘIDIČSKÝ PRŮKAZ' and the country name 'ČESKÁ REPUBLIKA' at the top. The words 'MODEL EVROPSKÝCH SPOLEČENSTVÍ' and 'DRIVING LICENCE' in EU languages appear at the right side of the card. The distinguishing sign of the Member State issuing the licence ('CZ'), printed in negative in a blue rectangle and encircled by 12 yellow stars appears at the left upper corner of the card. Laser engraved personal data including photo and signature of the holder. Positive high relief embossing with guilloshes and letters 'CZ' on both sides of the card. Logo with letters 'CZ' at the right upper corner of the front side in optically variable ink changing between gold and green colour. Changeable image at the bottom right corner of the front side displays a photo of the holder and licence number (the same as in field 5).

DANMARK (DK)

1. **Model DK1.** This model is not valid for driving in Denmark. Nevertheless, this licence can be renewed by exchanging it for a new driving licence issued by DK or another Member State until 30 April 2038 at the latest.
2. **Models DK1, DK2.** In this context **category A1** means motorcycle without a sidecar and does not correspond with subcategory A1 as defined in Directive 91/439/EEC. **Category A2** means motorcycles with a sidecar. The entitlement to drive A1 and A vehicles with the Danish category A1 is restricted to motorcycles without a sidecar. However, holders of Danish categories A1 and A2 are entitled to obtain **full category A1 and A** in other Member States.

3. **Models DK1, DK2, DK3.** This restriction only applies to category A.
4. **Model DK4.** The date of first issue of driving licence categories that were issued before 1 May 1986 cannot be traced back. In such cases, the symbol '<' or '≤' may appear in column 10 on the licence, accompanied by a certain year, indicating that the category was issued before or in that year.

DK: Description and security features

Models DK2, DK3.

Security features: Watermarks in the paper (design: *police glove with an eye*). The watermarks are situated in two vertical and unbroken lines across the paper. Relief printing in the plastic laminate on the page containing personal data of the licence holder. The relief printing is designed as a wave shaped pattern.

Model DK4.

Security features: The design of the background printing of the driving licence. In particular, the graduation of the fine lines of the pattern and the delimitation of the colours of these lines.

DEUTSCHLAND (D)

1. **Models D1–D5.** For all German models issued before 1 January 1999, **further entitlements** of a very specific and limited kind, which are not displayed in the tables, may emerge. For example: remarks 9 and 10 also apply to model D4, if models D2 or D3 have been exchanged for a model D4. Since the date of issue of each particular category is not recorded on model D4 and thus is not visible on the document, this circumstance has not been foreseen for model D4. In the rare circumstance that such a case does occur, German issuing authorities will have to be contacted in case of doubt about the scope of a particular entitlement.
2. **Model D1.** This model has been issued for over 40 years. Therefore a variety of differences with respect to colour and form of the model may appear in practice. Models issued in Saarland may have a different size and are bilingual.
In singular cases, the date of issue may also have been after 1 April 1986.
3. **Models D1, D5.** German legislation provides that the entitlement of a holder of a 'Klasse 2' entitlement ceased to be valid on 31 December 2000 in case the holder had his 50th birthday before 31 December 1999. In case the licence holder exchanged his licence for a new model before or on 31 December 2000 the period of validity and the periodicity of medical examination for the new model applies.
If a holder turns 50 after 31 December 1999, he has to exchange his licence for a new model on his 50th birthday and thereafter a period of validity of five years applies.
In case such a licence holder establishes his normal residence in another Member State without being in compliance with the above rules, his 'Klasse 2' entitlement should not be recognised (unless he has changed his normal residence before the above rules apply to him).
This also applies to
Model D2:
- if issued before 31 March 1957 for 'Klasse 2';
 - if issued after 1 April 1957: for 'Klasse 5';
- Model D3:** for 'Klasse 5' and
Model D4: for 'Klasse C', 'CE', 'D' and 'DE'.
4. **Model D1, D5.** In case a 'Klasse 1' licence was obtained before 1 December 1954 (before 1 October 1960 in Saarland), the holder is entitled to drive **category B 79 (≤ 700 cm³)** in addition, without having to exchange the licence. In case of **exchange** of such a licence, the holder is granted a **full category B** licence.
The above applies to model D5 insofar as a D1 was issued to the same holder before the relevant dates and exchanged for model D5 thereafter.
5. **Model D1, D5.** In case a 'Klasse 2' or a 'Klasse 3' licence was obtained before 1 December 1954 (before 1 October 1960 in the Saarland), the holder is entitled to drive **categories A1 and A 79 (≤ 250 cm³)** in addition. **In both cases**, the holder is granted an **unrestricted category A** entitlement in case he **exchanges** the licence.
If a 'Klasse 2' or a 'Klasse 3' licence was obtained after the above dates but before 1 April 1980, it entitles a holder to drive **category A1** in addition.
The above applies to model D5 insofar as a D1 was issued to the same holder before the relevant dates and exchanged for model D5 thereafter.

6. **Models D1, D5.** The holder of a 'Klasse 3' licence is also entitled to drive the following vehicle: **CE 79 (C1E > 12 t, L ≤ 3) (= not more than three axles in total).**
On a new licence issued in exchange, this entitlement shall figure only on explicit demand of the holder.
This also applies to
Model D2:
- if issued before 31 March 1957 for 'Klasse 3';
 - if issued after 1 April 1957: for 'Klasse 4';
- Model D3:** for 'Klasse 4' and
Model D4: for 'Klasse B' and 'BE'.
7. **Models D1, D3-D5.** The holder of a driving licence of
'Klasse 3' (D1),
'Klasse 3' issued until 31 March 1957 (D2a),
'Klasse 4' issued after 1 April 1957 (D2b),
'Klasse 4' (D3),
'Klasse B' (D4) and
'Klasse 3' (D5)
is entitled to drive **buses without passengers** with a maximum weight of less than 7.5 t in international traffic.
The holder of a driving licence of
'Klasse 2' (D1),
'Klasse 2' issued before 31 March 1957 (D2a),
'Klasse 5' issued after 1 April 1957 (D2b),
'Klasse 5' (D3),
'Klasse C' (D4) and
'Klasse 2' (D5)
is entitled to drive **buses without passengers** in international traffic. After exchange of the models in Germany, the right to drive an empty bus is limited to German territory with application of a national code.
8. **Model D1, D5.** In case a 'Klasse 4' entitlement was granted before 1 December 1954 (before 1 October 1960 in Saarland) it is not a national category only but entitles a holder to drive the following categories: **A1, A 79 (≤ 250 cm³) and B 79 (≤ 700 cm³).** In both cases, the holder is granted an **unrestricted category A and B** entitlement in case he **exchanges** the licence.
In case a 'Klasse 4' licence was issued after the above dates, but before 1 April 1980, it entitles a holder to drive category **A1**.
The above applies to model D5 only if a D1 was issued to the same holder before the relevant dates and exchanged for model D5 thereafter.
9. **Model D2, D3.** A holder of a 'Klasse 2', '3', '4' (D2a) or '2', '4', '5' (D2b, D3) licence, which was issued before 1 December 1954, is entitled to drive **unrestricted** category **A** only **after exchange** of the licence. **Without exchanging** the licence, the model entitles a holder to drive **A 79 (≤ 250 cm³)** only.
10. **Model D2, D3. Without exchange of the document, the following applies:**
In case a 'Klasse 1' or 'Klasse 4' licence was issued before 1 December 1954, the holder is only entitled to drive **B 79 (≤ 700 cm³).** In case a 'Klasse 1' or 'Klasse 4' was issued after that date and before 1 April 1957, or a 'Klasse 2' licence was issued after 1 April 1957, the holder is entitled to drive **B 79 (≤ 250 cm³)** only.
Only in case of exchange of the document for a new licence is the holder granted a **full B**.
11. **Model D3.** In case a holder of 'Klasse 2', '3', '4' or '5' has obtained his licence before 1 April 1980, he is entitled to drive category **A1** in addition. In this case 'Klasse 3' is not only a national category.

D: Description and security features

Model D1.

Description: 105 mm x 148 mm; smooth canvas paper or paper-like materials (dark grey colour). The photo and the signature of the holder may figure on page 3 instead of page 2. The models may differ considerably with respect to form and colour. Licences issued in the Saarland are bilingual (German/French) and may appear in two different formats (A6 or A7).

Model D2.

Description: Format: A6, folded: A7; material: coated linen.

Model D3.

Description: Width: 98 mm; height: 68 mm; cover: coated linen.

Security features: Interior pages: green paper, security printing, pages numbered (1–10), licence number on page 1.

Model D4.

Description: Width: 148 mm; height: 105 mm.




Security features: Pink colour as security printing, enclosed metal thread on page 1.

Model D5.

Description: Width: 210 mm; height: 106 mm; if the space on pages 5 and 6 was not sufficient, additional information has been recorded on additional paper (width: 140 mm, format: A7 if folded), of which mention is made on the licence.

Security features: Synthetic, paper-like material, security printings in various colours on all pages.

 **EESTI (EST)**

-  1. **Model EST1.** Since 1 February 1999, the words 'Eesti Riiklik Autoregistrakeskus' (the issuing authority) are indicated (as a hologram) on the front of the licence under item 5 and on the reverse side and the date of issue is indicated for each category on the reverse side. On 1 October 1999, the numerical information printed on the licence changed.
-  2. **Models EST1, EST2.** The word 'ESMANE' on the front (EST1) and on the back (EST2) indicates that the licence holder is a novice driver; the **validity** of such licence is **limited to two years**.
-  3. **Model EST1.** National categories R and T have been issued since 1 February 2001.

EST: Description and security features

Model EST1.

Description: Format 105 mm x 74 mm.


Security features: Pink colour, microprint (consisting of the words 'Eesti Vabariik and Juhiluba'), UV-colour, embossed pattern (on the front page).

Model EST2.


Description: All physical characteristics draw from ISO 7810, ISO 7816-1 and ISO 10373 standards; 100 % polycarbonate; format 85.60 x 53.98 x 0.76 mm.

Security features: Laser engraving for personifying data transferred onto the driving licence (including photo and signature), digital photograph (black & white) and digital signature security background, microlettering positive and negative, rainbow printing pink-violet-pink combined with a control colour, LFI-latent filtered image, shadow image with microlettering (map of Estonia), visible and invisible multicolour fluorescent printing, optical variable ink (OVI) — gold to green (on the back page).



 **ΕΛΛΑΔΑ (GR)**

-  1. **Model GR1.** The cited restriction is an example, the actual wording may differ.

 **ESPAÑA (E)**

-  1. **Model E1.** In case the holder of a category C2 licence also holds a category D licence, he is entitled to drive **category DE in addition**.
The last licence of model E1 is due to expire on 25 June 2007.

 **FRANCE (F)**

-  1. **Model F1.** In case nothing is indicated on the reverse side of the licence, it is not valid for driving vehicles of categories 1°, 2°, 3°. Therefore the category which is equivalent to a category B entitlement and which is not contained within one of the three described categories cannot be named. A line is indicated: '—'.
-  2. **Models F2, F3 and F4.** In general, driving licences of **category F** are issued for life. However, if the licence holder suffers from an evolutionary disease, the following period of validity applies:
for five years, if the holder is younger than 60;
for two years, if he is 60 to 76 years of age;
for one year, if he is older than 76.

3. **Model F2.** In case the testing vehicle, on which the licence holder passed his practical test for category **D** or **DE**, was ≤ 3.5 t, the holder is only entitled to drive the following categories with a D or DE entitlement: **A1, B1, B, BE, D 79 ($\leq 3\ 500$ kg)**
4. **Model F3.** In case the testing vehicle, on which the licence holder passed his practical test for category **D** was ≤ 3.5 t (in the time between 20 January 1975 and 31 May 1979), the holder is only entitled to drive the following categories with such a D entitlement: **A1, B1, B, BE, D 79 ($\leq 3\ 500$ kg)**
If the testing vehicle was ≤ 7 t (in the time between 1 June 1979 and 1 March 1980), he is entitled to drive: **A, B1, B, BE, D 79 ($\leq 3\ 500$ kg)**
5. **Model F4.** In case the testing vehicle, on which the licence holder passed his practical test for category **D** was ≤ 7 t, the holder was only entitled to drive: **A1, B1, B, BE, D 79 ($\leq 3\ 500$ kg)**
6. **Model F5.** In case the testing vehicle, on which the licence holder passed his practical test for category **D** was ≤ 3.5 t, the holder was only entitled to drive: **A1, B1, B, BE, D 79 ($\leq 3\ 500$ kg)**

IRELAND — EIRE (IRL)

1. **Model IRL1.** This general restriction indicates that the vehicle of the licence holder must be adapted in some way in order to suit the disability of the holder. This restriction may thus indicate adaptations as they are indicated in codes 10–43.
2. **Model IRL1.** The model was issued in bilingual format, with the English text preceding the Irish (Gaelic) text.
3. **Model IRL1.** The **period of validity** of this model is **one, three or 10 years**. The period of validity is indicated in a greyish box at the bottom of page 4.
4. **Model IRL2.** The model was issued in bilingual format. Contrary to 2. above, the Irish (Gaelic) text precedes the English text.
5. **Model IRL2.** A driving licence may be granted for three years or 10 years, where the person is less than 60 years of age on the commencement day, or three years, where the person is 60 years of age or more on the commencement day, or, where the person is 60 years of age or more but less than 67 years of age, up to the day prior to the date the person reaches 70 years of age.
A one-year licence may be granted on medical grounds.
A licence may be renewed up to three months prior to expiry of the current licence so the above validity periods may be extended by up to three months.
The detail placed in a vertical position between pages 2 and 3 which state 'CEADUNAS DEICH MBLIANA/10 YEAR LICENCE', or 'CEADUNAS TRÍ BLIAINA/THREE YEAR LICENCE', or 'CEADUNAS AON BLIAIN/ONE YEAR LICENCE' does not appear on some licences issued in the following period, 21 June 2001 to 12 July 2002, and does not appear on any licence issued after 12 July 2002.

IRL: Description and security features

Model IRL1.

Description: Width: 222 mm, height: 106 mm; pink paper with plastic overlay.

Security features: Watermark emblem of the Custom House, Dublin; green lines in plastic overlay running vertically through photograph; metal strip running through middle of licence.

Model IRL2.

Description: Width: 222 mm; height: 106 mm; pink paper with plastic overlay.

Security features: Watermark emblem of the Custom House, Dublin; green lines in plastic overlay running vertically down both sides of the photograph and through the 'date from' column on page 3; metal strip running through the left-hand side of page 3.

ITALIA (I)

1. **Model I1.** The right to drive motorcycles (category A) with a B or BE licence was granted until 1 January 1986.

- 2. **Models I1–I6.** For being entitled to drive categories D/DE for professional use, the holder must be in possession of a certificate of professional competence ('Certificato di abilitazione professionale').
- 3. **Models I4, I5.** Licence holders, who are under 21 years of age, must hold the certificate of professional competence at any rate in order to be entitled to drive category C and CE vehicles.

📖 CYPRUS (CY)

Explanation: not applicable.

📖 LATVIJA (LV)

- 1. **Model LV1.** The plastic card model was introduced on 28 September 1993. These driving licences are issued for a maximum of 10 years irrespective of the categories.
- 2. **Model LV2.** The plastic card model was introduced on 1 May 2004. These driving licences are issued for a maximum period of 10 years irrespective of the categories. National category M entitles a holder to drive mopeds (recorded on the licence since 1 July 2004). The entitlement to drive agricultural tractors is indicated on a separate document.

LV: Description and security features

Model LV1

Security features: Front: plastic coat contains the advantage seal of greenish colouring in the form of a coat of arms, seen at a definite angle and letters 'LV' of yellow colour, seen only in the light of the ultraviolet lamp. Back: plastic coat contains the net of letters 'LV' of yellow colour, seen only in the light of the ultraviolet lamp.

Model LV2

Security features: Front: transparent Kinegram[®] overlapping the photo and signature, ghost image, letters 'LV' visible only in the light of the ultraviolet lamp, Guilloche security print, microtext 'VADITAJA APLIECIBA', text 'LATVIJAS REPUBLIKA' in optical variable ink, altered front, digital watermark in the photo. Back: letters 'LV' in optical variable ink, net of letters 'LV' in Exian Secure[™] ink.

📖 LIETUVA (LT)

- 1. **Model LT1.** No expiry date is recorded on this model. The last licence of model LT1 is due to expire on 31 December 2005.
- 2. **Models LT1, LT2, LT3.** Depending on category, age and health the driver has to undergo medical examinations periodically (every five years or more frequently).

LT: Description and security features

Model LT3.

Security features: Driving licence data (photo, categories and personal data) is laser engraved into the polycarbonate layer.

📖 LUXEMBOURG (L)

- 1. **Model L1.** In case a licence category B1/B2 has been issued before 1 July 1977, the holder is entitled to drive **category A in addition.**
- 2. **Models L1, L2.** Category **E2** comprises the entitlement to drive trailers and semi-trailers with a maximum authorised mass of **more than 1 750 kg.**
- 3. **Models L1, L2, L3.** Additional administrative or legal restrictions/information may be recorded on the licence.
- 4. **Model L3.** This model has been completed either by typewriter or by means of a computerised system.

1. **Models HU1, HU2.** These models could be renewed until 31 December 2002. Because of the maximum 10-year validity period, the expiry date of the last specimen of these models is 31 December 2012.
2. **Models HU1, HU2.** Subcategory F5 entitles a holder to drive articulated buses.
3. **Models HUI, HU2.** National medical restrictions and obligations for vehicle transformation. The corresponding Community code can only be indicated by verifying the applicable national decision (separate document).
4. **Models HU1, HU2.** These restrictions do not correspond to any Community codes and apply only on the territory of Hungary.
5. **Model HU2.** From 1 January 1982 to 6 August 1990, this model was issued with the words 'Magyar Népköztársaság' (People's Republic of Hungary) and from 7 August 1990 to 31 December 2000 it was issued with the words 'Magyar Köztársaság' (The Republic of Hungary).
6. **Model HU3.** Subcategories as defined by Directive 91/439/EEC do not appear separately but rather are indicated in combination with the main categories on the reverse side of the document (point 12) in application of harmonised Community codes.
7. **Models HU3, HU4.** These models are recognised as national identity documents. As identity documents these models have 10 years of validity up to the age of 70 and unlimited validity if the holder is older than 70.

HU: Description and security features

Model HU1.

Description: Size: 220 mm x 102 mm; pink canvas model with black text; two-sided document folded into three parts.

Security features: No particular security features. Black document number printed according to the folding three times on the one side at the bottom; photo affixed by traditional manner.

Model HU2.

Description: Size: 105 mm x 71 mm; pink paper model with bourdon text; two separate two-sided pages.

Security features: No optical brighteners; fibres fluorescent under UV light; black document number printed at the upper part on the one side of both separate pages; photo affixed by traditional manner using glue and use of wet stamp to secure the photograph.

Model HU3.

Description: Size: 85.4 mm x 54 mm (ID 1 format); two-sided plastic card model; colour of the front from left to right: 1/3 blue and 2/3 pink; colour of the reverse side from left to right: 2/3 pink and 1/3 blue.








Security features: Centrally issued category 'A' secure document produced with laser-engraving. The distinguishing sign of Hungary (H) is printed in negative at the upper-left corner of the front in a blue rectangle encircled by an ellipse. The model contains a stylised national coloured (red-white-green) map of Hungary on the front and a national coloured flag shaped decorative pattern on the reverse side. The model has fluorescent graphical elements under UV light and a demetallised diffractive square-shaped foil is placed at the bottom-right part of the photograph field. The distinguishing sign of Hungary (H) is also located on the reverse side under the document number. It is printed in negative and encircled by an ellipse produced with optically variable ink (OVI). The model contains further security features such as microlettering.

Model HU4.

Description: Community model driving licence. Size: 85.4 mm x 54 mm (ID I format); two-sided pink plastic card model.

Security features: Centrally issued category 'A' secure document produced with laser engraving. The distinguishing sign of Hungary (H) is printed in negative at the upper-left corner of the front in a blue rectangle encircled by 12 yellow stars. The words 'European Communities model' in Hungarian (i.e. 'Európai Közösségi Modell') and the words 'Vezetői engedély' (i.e. driving licence) in the other languages of the Community are printed in pink to form the background of the front. The model contains fluorescent graphical elements under UV light and a demetallised diffractive square-shaped foil is placed at the bottom-right part of the photograph field. The distinguishing sign of Hungary (H) is also located under the photograph on the front page. It is printed in negative and encircled by an ellipse produced with optically variable ink (OVI). The model contains further security features such as microlettering.

MALTA (M)

-  1. **Model M1.** The entitlement of licence categories is indicated by:
 - a printed licence category letter next to the category description (under the heading *Timbru/Stamp*) — from 1991 to mid-1997 **or**
 - a printed licence category date next to the category description (under the heading *Timbru/Stamp*) — from mid-1997 until the end of 2000.
-  2. **Model M1.** This category entitles a holder to drive taxi/chauffeur-driven vehicles limited to eight passenger seats excluding the driver. This category was issued until 31 December 2000. From this date onwards, B1 has referred to tricycles and quadricycles as defined in Directive 91/439/EEC (see model M2).
-  3. **Model M1.** D1 licence category (introduced in 1998) refers to 18-seater minibuses, excluding the driver. This was converted to national category 'f' in 2001.
-  4. **Model M1.** Licence restrictions, if any, are to be found in one of the two large boxes on the licence, either in written text, typed or printed.
-  5. **Model M2.** Together with the photo-card licence, a paper counterpart licence (size A4) is also issued and this must be carried together with the driving licence photo card.
-  6. **Model M2.** Probationary driving licences, introduced in January 2004, are issued to first-time licensees for three years and are subject to a penalty points system — following an accumulation of 12 points within the three-year period, the licence will be revoked for a minimum of three months; otherwise the licence will be renewed normally.
-  7. **Model M2.** Category F entitles a holder to drive vehicles used for the carriage of persons having more than 16 seats including the driver seat but not more than 19 seats, including the driver seat and may be obtained only by those drivers who hold subcategory D1.

M: Description and security features

Model M1.

Description: Licence is printed in two languages, Maltese and English. Pink paper licence, size 221 mm x 100 mm when opened, first issued in July 1991, replaced the old red booklet licence model.

Security features: The paper licence is serial-numbered on two sides and covered with small Malta police emblems. A larger police emblem is embossed partly on the photograph and partly on the licence and a large Maltese emblem (coat of arms), sensitive to ultra violet, can be seen in the central large box (over one of the serial numbers).


Model M2.

Description: Pink plastic photo card (Fortas type) model, size 85.4 mm x 54 mm (ID Format), issued in 2001, in conformity with 91/439/EEC.

Counterpart: On the front part, this document contains the serial number, personal details, licence number, scanned signature of licensee, licence category entitlement and validity (from/to), information codes, record of penalty points and licence validity dates of licensees over 70. The bottom part serves as the receipt of the licence. On the back part, the counterpart licence contains the address of the issuing licensing authority, description of the licence categories in Maltese and English and description of the main EU and national information codes.

Security features: Consists of very durable and flexible 'Fortas' plastic card; sensitive to Ultraviolet light, showing five Maltese emblems (coat of arms) on the front and back of the photo-card licence, contains 'Ghost' image of licensee; microlettering around the blue square containing the letter M (Malta) and yellow stars; Maltese emblem embossed on the back of the licence. The counterpart (paper) licence is a serial-numbered blue and pink document with watermark.

NEDERLAND (NL)






-  1. **Model NL2.** There are three different variations of this model, but no substantial change has been made since introduction of the first variation on 1 June 1996. The changes rather concern the layout, the physical characteristics and the addition of the languages of the new Member States.

NL: Description and security features

Model NL2.

Security features: Since 1 October 1997, the following security features figure on the photographs of the new model: the letters NL are perforated into the upper right corner of the holder's photograph. The right side of the photograph has a serrated edge and the postal code of the issuing authority is perforated into the lower part of the photograph.

ÖSTERREICH (A)

-  1. **Models A1, A2.** Additional information and restrictions, which might have been recorded on the licence, cannot be indicated: this information is not available.
-  2. **Model A3.** The layout of this model may vary and does not necessarily correspond to the model shown in this book. However, during the period of issue of this model no changes occurred with respect to the contents of the entitlements.
-  3. **Model A3.** Categories BE, CE and DE did not exist in terms of Directive 91/439/EEC before introduction of model A4. Category E was a category on its own with an unlimited period of validity.
-  4. **Model A3.** Category E has been issued as a separate entitlement, only being valid in combination with another category, as follows: E + B: **BE**; E + C: **CE**; E + D: **DE**. The validity of the entitlement to drive E corresponds to the validity of the underlying entitlements, e.g.: five years for D applies as well to E + D.
-  5. **Model A3.** The indications given in Section D for this model only represent an exemplary sample of a vast variety of different indications, which might be recorded on the licence. However, the list contains an overall view of the most frequent and most common indications.

A: Description and security features


Model A4.

Security features: Rosette; included copy protection; watermark 'Österreich'; page 2 is encapsulated in a cling film after completion of the recordings.

POLSKA (PL)

Explanation: not applicable.

PORTUGAL (P)

-  1. **Model P5.** The plastic card model has been gradually introduced as of 1 July 1999. From 1 July to 31 December 1999, both models P4 and P5 were issued.




P: Description and security features

Model P5.

Security features: Frontside: two-colour guilloche background printing with integrated microlettering (rainbow printing light red-red fluorescent and red-blue fluorescent); text with microlettering and flag (blue), stars and a 'P' (yellow fluorescent); non-visible ultraviolet print (red fluorescent); optically variable ink.

Backside: Two-colour guilloche background printing with integrated microlettering (rainbow printing light red-red fluorescent and red-blue fluorescent), non-visible ultraviolet print (red fluorescent).

SLOVENIJA (SI)

-  1. **Model SI1.** The model may be issued in the following languages: Slovenian; Slovenian and Italian (bilingual); Slovenian and Hungarian (bilingual).
-  2. **Model SI1.** Driving permits for all categories are valid until the holder is 80 years of age. From then on, the validity of the driving permit is extended only if a medical certificate on physical and mental fitness to drive a motor vehicle is submitted.
The validity may at any time be limited to a shorter period for medical reasons. Periodic medical examinations are required for professional drivers every one to three years. Professional drivers over 50 years of age are required to have medical examinations every year.
-  3. **Model SI1.** The following restrictions may apply to category A (endorsed under the notes section):
'A — LE DO 50 KM/H'/'21 800 A LE DO 50 KM/H'/'A 79 (< 50 KM/H)': **restriction** to drive **A1 79** (< 50 km/h) motorcycles only.
'A — DO 125 CCM'/'20 500 A <= 125 CCM'/'A <= 125 CCM IN <= 11 KW'/'20 800 A <= 125 CCM IN <= 11 KW'/'72. (A1)' **restriction** to drive **A1** motorcycles **only**;

'A < = 25 KW ALI < = 0.16 KW / KG' / '20 900 A < = 25 KW ALI < = 0.16 KW / KG' / 'A 209. (< = 25 KW ALI < = 0.16 KW / KG)' entitles a holder to drive category A motorcycles with the power output not exceeding 25 kW and a power to weight ratio not exceeding 0.16 kW/kg;
'A — DO 350 CCM' / '20 700 A < = 350 CCM': entitles a holder to drive category A motorcycles at the age of 20 years (or over).

4. **Model SI1.** If the following is endorsed under the Notes section:
'E — LE Z VOZILI B KATEGORIJE' / '20 600 E LE Z VOZILI B KATEGORIJE' / 'E 206. LE Z VOZILI B KAT', the holder is additionally entitled to drive **BE** vehicles.
5. **Model SI1.** Holders of an E licence are entitled to drive DE vehicles in addition in case they have previously obtained category D.

SLOVENSKO (SK)

1. **Model SK1.** Until 1 January 2004, the text 'skúšobná lehota' (probation period) was recorded in the table Osobitné záznamy (additional records) on the back page of the document. The probation period of two years was counted from the date of issuing. Therefore, such documents had a limited validity of two years recorded in point 7. After exchange of such a licence, no period of validity was recorded in the exchanged licence. All categories are valid for life.
2. **Model SK1.** This restriction depends on the physical handicap of the holder and can relate to more than one Community code — it can cover one or more of the following Community codes: 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 42, 43 and 44.

SK: Description and security features

Model SK1

Description: Width: 105 mm; height: 74 mm; pink paper in a thermoplastic foil.

Security features: A special UV fluorescent printing applied for the number of driving licence and a guilloche offset printing in the background on both pages of the document.

Model SK2

Description: Pink plastic card model.

Security features:

- a round transparent diffractive optically variable device situated on the front page between the transparent foil and the polycarbonate layer partially covering the facial image scan of the document holder,
- elements with traffic issues, graphics in the form of traffic signs and vehicle pictograms situated on the front page on the polycarbonate surface,
- relief element 'SLOVENSKÁ REPUBLIKA' situated through the upper left part of the holders facial image and on the rest of the card,
- security thread (on backside) with an optically variable character and repeating text SLOVENSKÁ REPUBLIKA applied,
- two visible pastel colours applied on both sides with double rainbow printing making up the final pink colour impression of the document,
- an approximately 15 mm wide blue colour stripe applied to the edge, appearing red under short-wave and blue under long-wave UV radiation; blue EU flag in the upper left corner, text: 'VODIČSKÝ PREUKAZ SLOVENSKÁ REPUBLIKA' on the front page and vehicle symbols on the back,
- further security elements: anti-copying devices, machine-detectable copying security elements and micro-texts and guilloches to be in harmony with the graphics of the driving licence.

SUOMI-FINLAND (SF/FIN)

1. **Model FIN1.** The model may appear in two different layouts (description of categories in two columns or in one), but there are no substantial differences.
2. **Model FIN1, FIN2.** A licence of categories CE, D and DE may be renewed under specific circumstances after the holder's 70th birthday, in this case an **exceptional permit** is issued to the holder (rare in practice). These permits are the prerequisite for the issue of a driving licence after the age of 70. A licence, which is issued on the basis of an exceptional permit, is valid for a maximum period of five years.

- 3. **Model FIN3.** The probation validity of two years applies to categories BE and C as well, in case they are issued during the two-year probation period of a category B licence.
- 4. **Model FIN3.** Licence categories CE, D1, D1E and DE may be renewed after the holder's 70th birthday. For this purpose, an exceptional permit has to be issued (see remark 2.).
- 5. **Model FIN3.** This code, printed at the bottom of the front page of the plastic card licence, indicates the restriction of a category A entitlement in accordance with Article 6(1)(b) second indent of Directive 91/439/EEC. At the end, the date of expiry of the restriction is indicated.
- 6. **Model FIN3.** This code/digit combination indicates that the relevant licence was issued in exchange for another licence. The combination consists of a code number, the nationality code of the issuing state of the exchanged licence and finally the number of the exchanged licence (see Article 8(6) of Directive 91/439/EEC).
- 7. **Model FIN4.** The limited period of validity of two years that applies to B, applies to licence categories **BE, C1, C1E, C** and **CE** as well, in this case they are issued during the two-year probation period of a category B licence. In these cases the expiry date is always the same as for the category B entitlement which has been initially granted. The above entitlements may thus be granted for a period, which is **less than two years**. Bus licences cannot be issued during this period.
A **renewal** of categories **C1E, CE, D1, D1E, D** and **DE** after the age of 70 is possible only if an **exceptional permit** is issued. A licence issued on the basis of an exceptional permit is valid for a maximum period of five years.
- 8. **Model FIN4.** National category M is issued since 1 January 2000.
- 9. **Model FIN5 — Åland.** The competent authorities could only produce a copy of this model but no physical specimen.
- 10. **Model FIN7 — Åland.** National category M has been issued since 1 June 2004.

FIN: Description and security features

Model FIN1.

Security features: Coloration of the licence; heraldic figure.

Models FIN2, 3.

Security features: Bar code; microprinting; and embossed printing.

Model FIN4.

Security features: Bar code; microprinting; embossed figure and embossed printing.

SVERIGE (S)

- 1. **Model S1.** The difference between the model which was issued before 1 January 1993 and the one which was issued after that date only concerns the layout of the licence (the stamp of the issuing authority and the colour of the licence changed).
- 2. **Model S1.** Licence holders who obtained a category **B** licence before 1 July 1996 are entitled to drive private cars with a maximum authorised mass exceeding 3.5 tons, as long as the vehicle is registered as a private car and not as a light lorry. This right remains until the driving licence expires. Upon issue of a new driving licence after withdrawal, the holder is only entitled to drive B vehicles according to Directive 91/439/EEC. **Ordinary exchange** every 10 years **does not affect the validity of the licence**, which means that the above entitlement can be maintained after such an exchange.
- 3. **Model S1.** Licence holders who obtained their category **A** entitlement with the restriction to light motorcycles before 1 July 1996 are entitled to drive motor vehicles with a cubic capacity not exceeding 125 cm³, without a power (kW) limitation. This right remains until the driving licence expires. Upon issue of a new driving licence after withdrawal, the holder is only entitled to drive A1 vehicles according to Directive 91/439/EEC. **Ordinary exchange** every 10 years **does not affect the validity of the licence**.
- 4. **Model S1.** This restriction obliges the holder to hold an additional document on which driving conditions, e.g. caused by disabilities, are recorded.

- 5. **Model S2.** There are four different variations of this model, but no substantial change has been made since introduction of the first variation on 1 July 1996. The changes rather concern the layout and the physical characteristics.
- 6. **Model S2.** The national category 'Taxi' was abolished as of 1 October 1998.

📖 UNITED KINGDOM (UK)

- 1. **Models UK1, 2, 3, 6.** Holders of group A of models UK1, UK2 and UK6 and of category B of model UK3 are entitled to drive **D1 and D1E** vehicles not for hire and reward (not for professional use, no paying passengers whether directly or indirectly) and C1E vehicles provided the combined weight of the trailer and the towing vehicle does not exceed 8.25 tonnes.
Holders of category B licences of those models have the same entitlements as holders of category A, restricted to vehicles with automatic transmission only.
- 2. **Models UK1, 2.** Miscellaneous medical restrictions may be recorded on the licence, the EC equivalent for those being 'codes 01–45'.
- 3. **Models UK2, 3, 4.** Only a part of these models is the actual driving licence. The remainder of the paper is a counterpart, on which traffic convictions are recorded and which contains definitions of categories, etc.
- 4. **Model UK5.** This model consists of a Community model plastic card licence and a separate counterpart on which convictions for traffic infringements are recorded.
- 5. **Model UK4, 5.** The period of issue of models 4 and 5 is overlapping.
- 6. **Models UK6, 7. — Northern Ireland.** These licence models issued in Northern Ireland consist of a paper driving licence with additional space for endorsements **plus** a photographic plastic counterpart. On both the licence and the counterpart the details of the holder are recorded.
The model issued from January 1985 to January 1986 is no longer valid.
- 7. **Model UK8. — Northern Ireland.** This model consists of a Community model plastic card licence and a separate counterpart on which traffic infringements are recorded.
- 8. **Model UK9. — Gibraltar.** All categories of all licence models that have been issued before 1990 were valid for three years only. Thus all models which have been issued before model UK9 are no longer valid.
- 9. **Model UK9. — Gibraltar.** The equivalent entitlement 'B1 79' refers to tricycles only; the equivalent entitlement 'B1' refers to quadricycles only.

UK: Description and security features

Model UK1.

Security features: A watermark styled 'DVLA' is repeated in rows throughout the length of the licence (most clearly visible when held up to light); the actual licence paper has 'driving licence' in small capitals imprinted on it throughout in variable size.

Model UK2.

Security features: A watermark styled 'DVLA' is repeated in rows throughout the length of the licence (most clearly visible when held up to light); the 'licence' part of the document is characterised by a wavy pattern of alternating light and dark pink waves; in the box at the top left hand corner of the document containing the GB and the translations of 'Driving Licence' in the language of the various Member States, the translations are within a spirographic pattern; at the lower right of the box referred to above is a box with the four corners defined, within which are the words 'driver and vehicle licensing centre' in small capitals from continuous lines throughout; the 'This is your Driver Number' and 'Issue No' boxes above this just-mentioned box have a similar pattern.

Model UK3.

Security features: A watermark styled 'DVLA' is repeated in rows throughout the length of the licence (best seen when held up to light); on the lower part of the counterpart portion, the letters 'DVLA' in capitals, separated by a space equivalent to one character between each set of 'DVLA', forming wavy lines in the middle half.

After March 1994, the lower part of the counterpart portion, throughout the area to the right and left of the central part with the wavy lines made up of the letters 'DVLA' has embossed impressions of a saloon car, on the left side facing right and on the right side facing left.

Model UK4.

Security features: Roundel motif overlaps both the photographic and the ghosted images; the text 'DVLA' is repeated at regular frequency across the bottom part of the card with a colour shift as the viewing angle is changed.

Model UK5. — Northern Ireland.

Description: Coloured watermark paper, folded and kept in a plastic cover. Hard plastic identification card with vinyl photo fits in pocket in cover.



Security features: The actual licence paper has 'Driving Licence' in small capitals imprinted on it throughout in variable size and in a wavy pattern; a watermark styled 'DOENI' is repeated throughout the length of the licence (most clearly visible when held up to light).

Model UK6. — Northern Ireland.

Description: Coloured watermark paper, folded and kept in plastic cover. Hard plastic identification card with photographic image fits in pocket in cover.

Security features: The actual licence paper has 'Driver Licensing Central Office' in small capitals imprinted on it throughout in variable size. A watermark styled 'DOENI' is repeated in rows throughout the length of the licence (most clearly visible when held up to light). A new style plastic identification card with a clear plastic laminated overlay was introduced in November 1994.

ISLAND (ÍS)

-  1. **Models ÍS1, ÍS2.** All driving licences for categories A and B issued for 10 years before 1 March 1988 (having the relevant expiry date recorded on the licence), which were valid at that date, **are automatically valid until the holder's 70th birthday.**
-  2. **Model ÍS1-ÍS4.** The entitlement to drive category C of those licences refers only to professional driving of category B and/or E.

ÍS: Description and security features

Models ÍS1.

Description: Paper stock licence, **green**, encapsulated in plastic.

Security features: Stamp of the issuing authority overlapping the photo, hand-written official's signature or stamp with the official's name printed.

Models ÍS2, ÍS3.

Description: Paper stock licence, **pink**, encapsulated in plastic.


Security features: Stamp of the issuing authority overlapping the photo, handwritten official's signature or stamp with the official's name printed.

Model ÍS4.

Description: Paper stock licence, pink, encapsulated in plastic.

Security features: Stamp of the issuing authority overlapping the photo, handwritten official's signature or stamp with the official's name printed. Coat of arms repeated vertically down centre on the front page of the licence.

LIECHTENSTEIN (FL)

-  1. **Model FL2.** Holders of a category D2 licence may drive D1 vehicles for non-professional use **only**. Holders of a category D2E licence may drive D1E vehicles for non-professional use **only**.

Description and security features


Models FL1, FL2.

Security features: Special security paper with watermark and shining particles under UV-rays. Photo embossed with a stamping die.

Model FL3.

Description: Plastic card model in accordance with Annex Ia to Directive 91/439/EEC.

NORGE (N)

-  1. **Models N1-N4.** All Norwegian driving licences have preprinted text in 'bokmål' or in 'nynorsk'. The two forms of language have equal status. The words 'førerkort' and 'Norge' show that the text is in 'bokmål'; 'førarkort' and 'Noreg' indicate the form of 'nynorsk'.

2. **Model N1.** If the licence was valid on 2 April 1982, this model is **valid until the holder's 100th birthday**, irrespective of the date of expiry recorded on the licence document. This only applies if the initial validity of the document was 10 years.
3. **Models N1–N4.** In case the holder of such a licence is older than 70 years, he has to carry a medical certificate with him. The certificate has to be renewed after one, two, three, four or five years.
4. **Model N1.** If any restrictive entry had been recorded on this driving licence model, the licence was exempt from the regulation on lifelong validity for models valid on 2 April 1982. In case of doubts because of entries on the document, the accompanying translation for the document or Norwegian issuing authorities should be consulted.
5. **Model N2.** The stamp with the restricting text is on the reverse side of the licence.
6. **Model N2.** Driving licences of category B+E, which were first issued before 1 April 1979 and were subsequently exchanged for model N2, entitle the holder to drive category A1 **in addition**.
7. **Models N2, N3.** The entitlement to drive C1 (and C1E) vehicles becomes void if the holder does not exchange the licence for model N4 prior to 1 January 2002.
8. **Model N3.** If the following entitlement is stamped on the reverse side of the driving licence: 'Gjelder også bil med tillatt totalvekt ikke over 7 500 kg og høyst 8 passasjerplasser' (Valid for motor car with maximum authorised weight less than 7 500 kilograms and maximum eight passenger seats), the holder is **additionally** entitled to drive **C1** vehicles. To keep this entitlement, he has to exchange his licence for model N4 prior to 1 January 2002.
9. **Model N3.** Driving licences of category BE, which were first issued before 1 April 1979, were subsequently exchanged for model N3 and which bear the following stamp: 'Gjelder også for: — lett motorsykkel — bil som har tillatt totalvekt mindre enn 7 500 kg og høyst 8 passasjerplasser' entitle the holder to drive category **A1 in addition**.
Driving licences of category BE, which were obtained between 1 April 1979 and 30 September 1992, which were subsequently exchanged for model N3 and which bear the following stamp: 'Gjelder også bil med tillatt totalvekt ikke over 7500 kg og høyst 8 passasjerplasser' entitle the holder to drive category A1 **in addition**.
This entitlement may only be maintained if the holder exchanges his licence for model N4 before 1 January 2002.
10. **Model N3.** The categories C1, C1E, D1 and D1E were introduced on 1 January 1997. D1 and D1E replaced D2 and D2E as of this date.

N: Description and security features

Model N1.

Description: Dark green cover, model folded in format A 7, six pages. The word 'Førerkort' or 'Førarkort' is printed on the front cover.

Security features: No special security features.

Model N2.

Description: Bright pink paper model encased in clear plastic, two pages.

Security features: Coloured watermark photographic paper, encased in clear plastic extending beyond all edges. Stamp overlapping photo, signature of official and seal embossed in laminate.

Model N3.

Description: Bright pink and grey paper model encased in clear plastic, two pages.

Security features: Coloured watermark photographic paper, encased in clear plastic extending beyond all edges. Hologram seal overlapping stamp, both overlapping photo, signature of official and seal embossed in laminate.

Model N4.

Security features:

- * Guilloche (security pattern which is also visible through the picture)
- * Micro text
- * UV-printing (visible only in ultraviolet light)
- * Laser hologram containing the distinguishing sign for Norway and the holder's social security number (in correspondence with position 4 d on the front page)
- * Bar code where the last 11 digits contain the licence number (in correspondence with position 5 on the front page)

