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A. Initial training

Country	Country		er training king the	1. Driving-school training												
		drivi drivi	ing	Classe	es in driving s begini		en by	of	ortion test cants		Minimum n	umber of class	ses			
				for drivir	ng theory	for driving	g practice	appii	cants	for driv	ing theory	for driving practice				
	Category	А	В	А	В	А	В	А	В	А	В	А	В			
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			
Bulgaria		С	С	С	С	С	С	100%	100%	R	R	R	R			
Czech Republic		С	С	С	С	С	С	99%	99%	R	R	R	R			
Denmark		С	С	С	С	С	С	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Finland		С	С	C <u>24</u> /	C <u>24</u> /	C <u>24</u> /	C <u>24</u> /	99%	80- 85%	R	R	R	R			
France		С	С	0	0	0	0	98%	95%	NR	NR	R <u>27</u> /	R <u>27</u> /			
Germany		С	С	С	С	С	С	-	-	R	R	R	R			
Italy		С	С	С	С	0	0	100%	100%	R	R	NR	Ν			
Latvia		0	С	-	С	-	С	8%	100%	-	R	-	R			
Lithuania		С	С	0	C <u>1</u> /	0	C <u>1</u> /	6%	95%	R	R	R	R			
Luxembourg		0	0	0	0	0	0	100%	100%	R	R	R	R			
Netherlands		O <u>19</u> /	O <u>19</u> /	-	-	-	-	99%	99%	NR	NR	NR	Ν			
Norway		С	С	С	С	С	С	100%	100%	R	R	R	R			
Portugal		С	С	С	С	С	С	100%	100%	R	R	R	R			
Romania		С	С	С	С	С	С	-	-	R	R	R	R			
Russian Federati	on	C <u>34</u> /	C <u>34</u> /	С	С	С	С	70%	80%	R	R	R	R			
Spain		С	С	С	С	С	С			NR	NR	NR	NR			
Switzerland		0	0	O <u>36</u> /	0	O <u>37/</u>	F <u>19</u> /	95%	95%	R	R	R	NR			
Ukraine		C <u>34</u> /	C <u>34</u> /	С	С	С	С	75%	78%	R	R	R	R			
United Kingdom		C <u>2</u> /	0	0	-	0	-	100%	98%	NR	NR	NR	NR			

TRANS/WP.1/71 page 2 Legend: C = Compulsory; O = Optional; R = Required; NR = Not Required

Country						1	. Driving-scho	ool training (c	:ont'd)					
		Training is a set pro (Yes				Programme	is devised by:			progra compul	up of this mme is sory for schools	Programme includes instruction on traffic conditions, risk-taking and general		
				Competent authorities (administration) (Yes/No)		Driving schools (Yes/No)			stitutions s/No)		s/No)	driving behaviour (Yes/No)		
	Category	А	В	А	В	А	В	А	В	А	В	А	В	
	1	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
Bulgaria		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Czech Reput	olic	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Denmark		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Finland		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
France		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Germany		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Italy		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Latvia		No	Yes	-	Yes	-	No	-	No	-	No	-	Yes	
Lithuania		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Luxembourg		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Netherlands		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No	No	-	-	
Norway		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Portugal		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Romania		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Russian Fede	eration	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	
Spain		Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	
Switzerland		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ukraine		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	
United Kingdo	om	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	

# A. Initial training (cont'd)

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Countr									2. During t	training								
Countr	y		driver pro late is sub			Admini		rmalities which mplied with:	ch have to	Practical measures relating to the status of learner-driver:								
						the cor	ation to	Otl (as sp	Other (as specified)		A distinctive sign on the vehicle (Yes/No)		Compulsory initial training in driving schools		Pedagogical follow-up by driving schools		oulsory ce of an	
		Compulsory (Yes/No)		Optional (Yes/No)		authority (Yes/No)				(163/110)		(Yes/No)		(Yes/No)		instructor in the vehicle (Yes/No)		
	Categor y	А	В	А	В	А	В	А	В	А	В	А	В	А	В	A	В	
	1	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	
Bulgaria		Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Medical test	Medical test	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Czech Re	public	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Medical test	Medical test	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Denmark		Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	
Finland	Finland		No	Yes	Yes	No	No	<u>25</u> /	<u>25</u> /	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	
France	France		No	Yes	Yes		Yes		<u>28</u> /		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Germany		Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	-	-	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Italy		Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Medical test	Medical test	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	
Latvia		-	No	-	No	Yes	Yes	<u>16</u> /	<u>16</u> /	-	Yes	-	Yes	-	No	-	Yes	
Lithuania		Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Luxembou	urg	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	
Netherlan	ds	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	-	-	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Norway		Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	-	-	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Portugal		Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Romania		Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Russian F	ederation	No	No	No	No	No	No	-	-	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	
Spain		No	No	-	-	No	-	-	-	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Switzerlan	ld	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<u>38</u> /	<u>38</u> /	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	
Ukraine		No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Medical test	Medical test	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	
United Kir	ngdom	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	

Country	,								2. Dur	ing train	ing (co	ont'd)								3. Before taking the driving test			ne
		Requ	irements	s which t mee		ructor r	must	Restricti drivin certain r at certai	g on oads or	Restrictions include:							Minimum age for training or for learner-		All these conditions apply to learner-drivers regardless of		Applicants are required t pass:		
		Holder of special diploma (Yes/No)		Above a minimum age (Yes/No)		Other (as specified)		(Yes/No)		Dual-control vehicle (Yes/No)		Existence of a learner- driver follow- up document (Yes/No)		Other (as specified)		driver		the a new lie holo	the age of new licence- holders (Yes/No)		a general medical examination (Yes/No)		e-test /No)
	Categor y	А	В	A	В	A	В	A	В	А	В	A	В	A	В	A	В	A	В	А	В	A	В
	1	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63
Bulgaria		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	Yes <u>7</u> /	Yes <u>7</u> /	No	Yes	No	Yes	-	-	<u>14</u> /	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Czech Rep	oublic	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<u>3</u> /	<u>3</u> /	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	17	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Denmark		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	-	-	18	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Finland		No	No	No	No	<u>4</u> /	<u>4</u> /	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	-	-	15 <u>5</u> / 17.5	17.5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
France			No		Yes		<u>29</u> /		No		No		Yes		-	17.5	16		Yes	No	No	No	No
Germany		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Italy		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	-	-	16	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Latvia		-	Yes	-	Yes	-	<u>4</u> /	-	Yes	-	Yes	-	Yes	-	-	14	16	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lithuania		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	<u>5</u> /	Yes <u>6</u> /	Yes <u>6</u> /	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	16	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Luxembou	rg	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	16	17.5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Netherland	ls	Yes	Yes	No	No	-	-	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	-	-	18	18	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Norway		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	15/17	17	Yes	Yes	No	No	-	-
Portugal		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	<u>7</u> /	<u>7</u> /	18	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Romania		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	18	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Russian F	ederation	No	No	No	No	<u>22</u> /	<u>22</u> /	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	<u>35</u> /	<u>35</u> /	14	16	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spain		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Switzerland	d	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<u>39</u> /	<u>39</u> /	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	-		18	18	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Ukraine		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<u>22</u> /	<u>22</u> /	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	<u>35</u> /	<u>35</u> /	16	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
United Kin	gdom	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	-	-	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	-	-	17	17	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes

#### A. Initial training (cont'd)

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Country		Spe	cial cor	ditions	applicab	ole to ne	ew licenc	e holde	ers		Comp	oulsory Iriving li	probati icence l	onary li has bee	cence or n obtain	nce the led	Special conditions linked to the probationary licence					
	S	pecific spe	ed limi	t:		Restrictions on vehicle characteristics			(a	Other (as specified)		for all new drivers regardless		for some new drivers (Yes/No)		length of the probationary period		ction of ement e days,	sand	ious ctions s/No)	Othe spec	er (as ified)
	km/h		for the period of (years)		the kind of restriction		for the period of (years)		opconica)		of age (Yes/No)		(100,110)		(years)		at night) (Yes/No)		()			
Category	Α	В	А	В	Α	В	А	В	А	В	А	В	А	В	А	В	А	В	А	В	А	В
1	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85
Bulgaria	<u>15</u> /	<u>15</u> /	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	No	No	No	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Czech Republic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No	No	No	No	-	-	No	No	No	No	-	-
Denmark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No	No	No	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finland	80	80	1	2							No	Yes	No	No		0.2-6		No		Yes <u>26</u> /		<u>27</u> /
France	<u>30</u> /	<u>30</u> /	2	2	<u>31/</u>	-	<u>31</u> /	-	-	-	No	No	No	No						<u>20</u> /		
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	No	No	2	2	No	No	Yes	Yes	-	-
Italy	-	100	-	3	3	-	3	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	No	No	-	-	No	No	No	No		
Latvia	70	70	2	2	<u>8</u> /	-	<u>8</u> /	-	-	-	No	No	No	No	-	-	No	No	No	No	-	-
Lithuania	70	70	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	No	No	No	No	-	-	No	No	No	No	-	-
Luxembourg	75 <u>9</u> / 90 <u>9</u> /	75 <u>9</u> / 90 <u>9</u> /	<u>40</u> /	<u>40</u> /	<u>8</u> /	-	<u>8</u> /	-	-	-	Yes <u>41</u> /	Yes	-	-	2	2	No	No	No	No	-	-
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>20</u> /	-	No	No	No	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No	Yes	No	No	-	2	No	No	No	No	<u>13</u> /	<u>13</u> /
Portugal	<u>10</u> /	<u>10</u> /	<u>10</u> /	<u>10</u> /	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	No	No	2	2	No	No	No	No	<u>11</u> /	<u>11</u> /
Romania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No	No	No	No	-	-	No	No	No	No	-	-
Russian Federation	Yes	Yes	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	No	No	No	No	-	-	No	No	No	No	-	-
Spain	80	80	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	No	No	No	No	-	-	No	No	No	No	-	-
Switzerland	-	-	-	-	<u>36</u> /	-	<u>36</u> /	-	-	-	No	No	No	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukraine	Yes	Yes	<u>2</u> /	<u>2</u> /	-	-	-	-	-	-	No	No	No	No	-	-	No	No	No	No	-	-
United Kingdom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No	No	No	No	-	-	No	No	No	No	-	-

## B. Follow-up measures

Country	Country						Licence-point	s system			
Country			oints system is lemented ˈes/No)		This syste	em is based o	n:	or point	penalty points is initially cated	Consequences for the validity of the driving licence once the maximum	Possibility of deducting penalty points or regaining points
				penalt	cation of y points s/No)	the loss of p allo (Yes	ooints initially cated s/No)			number of penalty points is reached or all the points are lost	
	Category	А	В	А	В	А	В	А	В	A and B	A and B
	1	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95
Bulgaria		No	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Czech Repul	blic	No	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Denmark		No	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Finland		No	No								
France		Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	12	12	<u>32</u> /	<u>33</u> /
Germany		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	18	18	<u>17</u> /	<u>18</u> /
Italy		No	No								
Latvia		No	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lithuania		No	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luxembourg		No	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands		No <u>21</u> /	No <u>21</u> /	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway		No	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portugal		No	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Romania		No	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Russian Fed	eration	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	15	15	<u>23</u> /	Systematically following a period without offences
Spain		No	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switzerland		No	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukraine		No	No	No	No	No	No	-	-	-	-
United Kingd	lom	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	12 <u>12</u> /	12 <u>12</u> /	Discretionary order to repeat test	Systematically, following a period without offences

## B. Follow-up measures (cont'd)

#### Footnotes

- 1/ Candidates for category B driving licence who graduated from a university with the automobile specialization can get their theoretical and practical training on their own. In this case a candidate must be accompanied during the practical training by a holder of category B driving licence for 3 years.
- <u>2</u>/ Compulsory basic training.
- <u>3/</u> Driving practice.
- 4/ Holder of categories B and C driving licence for 3 years.
- 5/ The instructor must be a holder of the master degree diploma.
- <u>6</u>/ Streets and roads where beginners can get their driving practice shall be agreed upon with the State Road Police.
- <u>7</u>/ Training on motorway is prohibited.
- 8/ For driving motor cycles over 25 KW and over 0.16 KW/kg the candidate must be a holder of category A licence for at least 2 years and be at least 21 years of age.
- 9/ 75 km/h on roads outside built-up areasand 90 km/h on motorways.
- <u>10</u>/ Speed limit for handicapped persons fixed individually.
- 11/ New examination in the case of the retirement of driving licence as a result of infraction of traffic code.
- $\underline{12}$  No more than 12 penalty points can be gained in a 3-year period.
- <u>13</u>/ Skid and dark driving (additional training within 2 years).
- 14/ Mopeds: 16 years Motor cycles up to 350 cc.: 18 years Motor cycles over 350 cc.: 21 years.
- 15/ 50 km/h on urban roads; 70 km/h on interurban roads; 100 km/h on motorways.
- <u>16</u>/ Contract for training.
- 17/ Withdrawal of the licence and mandatory repetition of whole test or part (theoretical or practical).
- <u>18</u>/ 4 points by taking refresher courses.
- <u>19</u>/ Driver training is not compulsory. However 99 per cent of candidates take lessons in driving schools.
- 20/ 2 years' experience on light motor cycles.
- <u>21</u>/ Law introducing a point system is under preparation.
- 22/ The instructor must be in possession of a document entitling him to provide driving instruction or have more than three years' driving experience, as well as a driving licence for the appropriate category of

vehicle.

- <u>23</u>/ Licence suspended for a specific period and the right to drive regained automatically.
- <u>24</u>/ Learner driver procedure is also possible.
- <u>25/</u> Permit from an administrative authority.
- <u>26</u>/ The licence can be withdrawn for up to 6 months if the distinctive sign of a new driver is not used or the specific speed limit for a new driver is exceeded.
- <u>27/</u> If training is taken in a driving school.
- <u>28</u>/ Declaration to the insurance company.
- 29/ Holder of category B driving licence for 3 years, not condemned for serious infraction of the road code.
- <u>30</u>/ Since 5 May 1994:

110 km/h - on motorways; 100 km/h - on 2 x 2 lane roads; 80 km/h - on other roads.

- 31/ Since 1 July 1996: To drive motor cycles over 0.16 KW/kg the candidate must be a holder of a category A licence for 2 years.
- <u>32</u>/ Invalidation of the licence and mandatory repetition of the test. A person whose licence has been invalidated can repeat the test 6 months after the date of invalidation:

The whole test, if he has held a driving licence for less than 3 years,

The theoretical part only, if he has held a driving licence for more than 3 years.

- 33/ By taking refresher courses (4/5 points regained) or systematically, following a period of 3 years without offences. The total number of points regained cannot exceed 11.
- <u>34</u>/ Candidates may prepare independently to obtain categories A and B driving licences in line with the respective programmes.
- <u>35</u>/ A motor vehicle used for driving instruction must be identified with the distinctive signs "Learner vehicle" and have a rear-view mirror for the instructor. However, if the vehicle belongs to a training organization, it must be fitted with an additional clutch pedal and brake pedal.
- <u>36</u>/ Only for candidates for a category A1 driving licence. A candidate for a category A driving licence must have driven a motor cycle of A1 category regularly for at least two years.
- <u>37</u>/ A basic practical training of eight hours' duration by a specialized instructor, for candidates for a category A1 driving licence.
- 38/ When presenting himself for an examination, the candidate must present a certificate confirming that he has followed a first-aid course for assistance to injured persons.
- <u>39</u>/ To be admitted for training as an instructor, the candidate should be over 22 years old, must have held a Swiss driving licence for at least two years and must have driven a motor vehicle during that period

without infringing road safety regulations.

- <u>40</u>/ Until passing a complementary training course given by an accredited training centre.
- $\underline{41}$  Not for subcategory A1.

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