

Revision of the Directive on driving licences

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Directive on driving licences

- 1. First Directive (1980)
 - Community model, vehicles' categories, issuance (driving test and medical fitness) and exchange of licences
- 2. Second Directive (1991)
 - Consolidation of the areas covered by the first Directive
 - Mutual recognition and minimum age
- 3. Third Directive (2006)
 - Consolidation of the areas covered by the previous Directives
 - Administrative validity, periodic medical checks for bus and lorry drivers, standards on examiners and MS network (RESPER)



Revision of the Directive

European Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy (9 December 2020)

- Flagship 10 (Enhancing transport safety and security)
- Flagship 6 (Making connected and automated multimodal mobility a reality)

Action 72 under Revision of the Driving Licence Directive to address technological innovation¹⁶, including digital driving licences in 2022

Initiative on Have-Your-Say portal



Timeline of the revision

April-May 2021

Consultation on Inception Impact Assessment (4 weeks)

July 2021

Publication of the ex-post evaluation of the 3rd Directive

Q3-Q4 2021

Stakeholders' consultation

Q4 2021 or Q1 2022

Public consultation (12 weeks)

Q1-Q2 2022

Stakeholders' Adoption of consultation the legislative proposal

Nov. 2022



Problems to address with the revision of the Directive

Medical fitness

Skills, knowledge

> Dangerous behaviour

1. Excessive number of road crashes with fatalities and serious injuries

3. Lack of recognition of digital or virtual driving licences

2. Remaining barriers when obtaining, renewing or exchanging a driving licence

4. Possible sub-optimal use of new technologies and mobility concepts for environmental performance



General and specific objectivesof the revision of the Directive

A.
Improve road
safety



1. Ensure Medical fitness

2. Reduce dangerous behaviour

B.
Contribute to
sustainable
mobility



3.
Strengthen skills

C. Facilitate free movement



4. Remove barriers

5. Enable digital licences



Physical and mental fitness



Define a proportionate approach for drivers of all type of vehicles

Questions:

- Is there a need to change the screening method (age-based)?
- Is there a need to strengthen or clarify standards on physical and mental fitness?
- Which balance between Union and national actions?



Thank you!

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