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Czech Republic	--	X	Yes N°16 EHK European standards	Yes	X	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X	--	X Driving instructors	Yes 1 year except for permanent illness	No	No
Denmark	X	--	Yes ECE R 16	Yes	X	--	--	X	X In certain cases	--	--	X	X	X	--	Yes 1 year if for psychiatric reasons	Yes	Yes
Estonia	X	--	Yes Directive 77/541	Yes	X	--	--	X In town	--	--	--	X	--	X	X - Driving on glacial roads - Driving distances < 100m - Passengers on front seat of taxis	Yes 2 to 4 months	No	Yes

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Finland	X	--	Yes Directives 77/541 and 2000/3	Yes	X	--	--	X	X	--	--	X	--	X	X	Driving instructors, Border guards, Prison officials, More people than seatbelts	Yes	Yes	Yes <u>1/</u>
France	X	--	Yes European directives	Yes	X	--	X	X	X	X	X	X	--	--	--		Yes Duration fixed by medical commission	Yes	Yes
Georgia	Not specified		No	No	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		No	No	Not covered
Germany	EC directive		Yes Directive 77/541	Yes	X	--	X	X	--	--	--	X	--	--	X	Driving at walking pace	Yes 1 year principally	No	Yes Forbidden in non-urban buses

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Hungary	X	--	Yes National legislation (6/1990)	Yes	X	--	--	X	--	--	--	--	X	--	X Driving instructors	--	--	Yes If 2 children < 10 years are seated on the same seat
Ireland	X National	--	Yes	Yes	X	--	X	--	X	--	--	--	X	--	X Driving instructors, Driving examiners	Yes No duration if the medical condition is permanent	Yes	Yes The requirement may be adapted when 3 or more children under 15 years old are being carried in the rear of a car.
Israel	X	--	Yes ECE R 44	Yes	X By personal application	X By personal application	X idem	X in town with passengers	--	--	--	--	X	--	--	Yes Not specified	No	Yes As long as all belts are in use
Kazakhstan	X	--	Yes	Yes	X	--	--	X	X	X	X	--	--	--	--	No	No	Not covered
Kyrgyzstan	X	--	No	Yes	X	--	--	X	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	No	No	Not covered

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Latvia	X	--	--	Yes	--	--	--	--	X	X	X	--	--	--	X Driver and passengers inside emergency vehicles with special lights and sound signals	--	--	Yes Only if vehicles are not equipped with seatbelts
Luxemburg	X	--	Yes European directives	Yes	X	--	--	X	X	--	--	X	X	--	--	No But a ministerial permit	Yes Directive 91/671	No
Malta (Republic of)	X	--	Yes New cars subject to EU type approval	Yes	X	--	--	X	X	X	X	X	X	--	X Driving instructors, Driving examiners, Prison officials	Yes 5 years	Yes	Yes Only if vehicles are not equipped with seatbelts
Netherlands	X	--	Yes European directives	Yes	X	--	--	X	X	--	--	X	--	--	--	Yes permanent	No	Yes Seatbelts have to be used No from May 2008

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Norway	X	--	Yes European directives	Yes	X	--	--	X	--	--	--	X	X	X	--	Yes	Yes	Yes
Portugal	X	--	Yes European directives and national regulation	Yes	X	--	--	X	X	--	X	--	--	--	--	Yes	Yes	No
Russian Federation	X	--	Yes ECE Regulations R14, 16	Yes	--	--	--	--	X	X	X	--	--	--	X Driving instructors	--	--	No
Serbia & Montenegro	X	--	Yes ECE Regulation R16	No	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Not covered
Slovak Republic	X	--	Yes ECE Regulations R14, 16, 36 and 54	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X Army Intelligence service, Driving instructors, Driving examiners	Yes 1 year	No	Yes
Slovenia	X	--	Yes Technical specifications for vehicles	Yes	X	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Yes	Yes	No

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Ukraine	X	--	Yes ECE Regulation R16 but not yet applied	Yes	X	--	--	X	X	X	X	--	--	--	X Driving instructors	Yes 3 years	Yes	Not covered
United Kingdom	X	--	Yes ECE Regulation R14 and EU directives	Yes	X	--	--	X	X	X	--	X	X	X	X Only when a vehicle is on the road	Yes No limit specified	Yes	Not covered
USA	--	X	Yes Federal Motor vehicle Standard FMVSS 208	Yes	--	--	--	--	--	X	X	X	--	--	X (exemptions differ from state to state)	--	N/A	X (exemptions differ from state to state)

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TOTAL 33 replies	28 Federal/National law	2 State/Provincial law	28 Yes (11 ECE Regulations, 14 EU directives, 6 national, federal legislation, 1 Vienna Traffic Convention 3 not specify) 4 No 1 No answer	30 Yes	23 Medical reasons	7 Pregnancy	9 Size (too small or too big)	22 Taxi driver in service	18 Police	13 Fire vehicles	14 Ambulances	15 Vehicles making frequent stops (e.g. mail services in town, vehicles carrying out deliveries)	12 Driving in reverse	7 Driving in non-public areas (parking, garages, yards, ...)	15 Other (8 Driving instructors or driving examiners)	3 No derogation	Presentation of an official medical certificate: 19 Yes (various durations) 4 No 8 no answers or N/A	Symbol recognised at an international level 11 Yes 14 No (6 EU countries) 8 no answers or N/A	20 Yes 8 not covered 5 No

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Burundi	X	--	No	No	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	No checks on roads	--	--	Not covered
Cameroon	X	--	No	Yes	X	X	--	X	--	--	--	X	X	--	--	Yes 3 months	No	Not covered
Central African Republic	X	--	Yes All vehicles are imported	Yes	X	X	X	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X Children under 12 years old	Yes 3 months	No	Yes Art. 178 of the Road Code
Egypt	X	X	No	No	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Not covered Legislation for front seats only
Mauritius	X	--	No	Yes	X	--	--	X	X	X	--	--	X	--	--	Yes 6 days	No	Not covered
Morocco	X	--	Yes Several texts since 1953. Last one: Decree of 17/01/2005 (Art. 22bis and 22ter)	Yes	X	--	--	--	X	X	X	--	--	--	--	Yes	No	Not covered

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TOTAL 6 replies	5 Federal/National law	1 for both	2 Yes (national legislation) 4 No	4 Yes	4 Medical reasons	2 Pregnancy	1 Size (too small or too big)	2 Taxi driver in service	2 Police	2 Fire vehicles	1 Ambulances	1 Vehicles making frequent stops (e.g. mail services in town, vehicles carrying out deliveries)	2 Driving in reverse	0 Driving in non-public areas (parking, garages, yards, ...)	2 Other	2 No derogation	Presentation of an official medical certificate: 4 Yes (6 days to 3 months) 2 no answers or N/A Symbol recognised at international level 4 No) 2 no answers or N/A	1 Yes 5 not covered

Footnotes

1/ In cars and buses, the registered number of passengers can temporarily be exceeded by 30%.