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##### **Convention on Road Traffic (1968):**

##### **Driving permits**

**Submitted by the informal group of experts on driving permits  
(Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Luxembourg, Russian Federation,  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Fédération  
Internationale de l'Automobile, (FIA) and the International  
Organization for Standardization (ISO))**

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## **Proposed amendments relating to Domestic Driving Permits and International Driving Permits in the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic**

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WP.1 also requested an elaboration on the minimum-security features. An informal document will be prepared for discussion of the minimum-security features at the eightieth session during March 2020.

## Proposed Amendments to 1968 Convention

### ARTICLE 41

#### Driving Permits

1. (a) Every driver of a motor vehicle must hold a driving permit which should conform to the provisions of Annex 6. If the driving permit does not conform to the provisions of Annex 6, an international driving permit conforming to the provisions of Annex 7 must be issued for international use;

(b) Contracting Parties undertake to ensure that driving permits are issued only after verification by the competent authorities that the driver possesses the required knowledge and skills; the persons authorized to check if drivers have the necessary knowledge and skills must have appropriate qualifications; the contents and procedure of both theoretical and practical exams are regulated by national legislation;

(c) Domestic legislation must lay down requirements for obtaining a driving permit in accordance with the provisions of Annex 6. In particular, the requirements shall specify the minimum ages for holding a permit, the medical conditions to be fulfilled and the conditions for passing the theoretical and practical exams;

(d) Nothing in this Convention shall be construed as preventing Contracting Parties or subdivisions thereof from requiring driving permits for other power-driven vehicles that have not been incorporated in Annex 6;

(e) Contracting Parties of which the domestic driving permit is not in conformance with Annex 6 shall issue an international driving permit conforming to the provisions of Annex 7 on condition that such international driving permit is linked to the domestic driving permit in such manner that the international driving permit is forthwith cancelled upon a suspension or cancellation of the domestic driving permit by a competent authority of the of such Contracting Party.

2. (a) Contracting Parties shall recognise:

(i) Any domestic driving permit conforming to the provisions of Annex 6 to this Convention for international use;

(ii) Any international driving permit conforming to the provisions of Annex 7 to this Convention for international use,

as valid for driving in their territories a vehicle coming within the categories covered by the permits, provided that the driving permits are still valid and that they were issued by another Contracting Party or subdivision thereof or by an institution duly empowered thereto by such other Contracting Party or one of its subdivisions; provided that if a non-government institution is authorised to issue an international driving permit on behalf of a Contracting Party, the particulars of such institution shall be communicated to the Secretary General;

(b) Driving permits issued by a Contracting Party in conformance with the provisions of Annex 6 or Annex 7 shall be recognised in the territory of another Contracting Party until this territory becomes the place of normal residence of their holder;

(c) The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to learner-driver permits.

3. (a) Domestic legislation shall limit the period of validity of a domestic driving permit. The period of validity of a domestic driving permit shall be at least five years but no more than ten years. An international driving permit shall have a validity period of either no more than three years after the date of issue or until the date of expiry of the domestic driving permit, whichever is earlier;

(b) Contracting parties may limit the period of validity set out in paragraph 3(a) of permits issued to novice drivers for any licence category in order to apply specific measures to such drivers, aimed at improving road safety;

(c) Contracting parties may limit the period of validity set out in paragraph 3(a) of individual driving licences for any licence category if it is found necessary to apply an increased frequency of medical checks or other specific measures such as restrictions for traffic offenders.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2:

(a) Where the validity of the driving permit is made subject by special endorsement to the condition that the holder shall wear certain devices or that the vehicle shall be equipped in a certain way to take account of the driver's disability, the permit shall not be recognised as valid unless those conditions are observed;

(b) Contracting Parties may refuse to recognise the validity in their territories of driving permits held by persons under eighteen years of age;

(c) Contracting Parties may refuse to recognise the validity in their territories, for the driving of motor vehicles or combinations of vehicles in categories C, C1, D, D1, CE, C1E, DE and D1E referred to in Annexes 6 and 7 to this Convention, of driving permits held by persons under twenty-one years of age.

5. An international driving permit in conformance with the provisions of Annex 7 shall be issued only to the holder of a domestic driving permit of which the format is not in conformance with the provisions of Annex 6 but the holder has fulfilled the minimum conditions laid down in this Convention to be issued with such driving permit. An international driving permit shall only be issued by the Contracting Party in whose territory the holder has his normal residence and which issued the domestic driving permit recognise; it shall not be valid for use in that territory.

6. The provisions of this Article shall not require Contracting Parties:

(a) To recognise the validity of domestic driving permits issued in the territory of another Contracting Party to persons who had their normal residence in their territories at the time of such issue or whose normal residence has been transferred to their territories since such issue;

(b) To recognise the validity of domestic driving permits issued to drivers whose normal residence at the time of such issue was not in the territory in which the permit was issued or who since such issue have transferred their residence to another territory.

## Annex 6

### DOMESTIC DRIVING PERMIT

1. A domestic driving permit shall take the form of a document.
2. The permit may be made of polymer only. The preferred format for the polymer permit shall be 54 x 86 mm in size in accordance with the international standard ID-1. The preferred colour of the permit shall be pink; the print and spaces for the entries to be made shall be defined by domestic legislation subject to the provisions of paragraphs 6, 7 and 8.
3. On the front side of the permit is the title "Driving Permit" in the domestic language (domestic languages) of the country issuing the permit together with English "Driving Licence" or French "Permis de Conduire", as well as the name and/or the distinguishing sign of the country which issued the permit. The national flag and/or coat of arms of the country which issued the permit may also be included on the front side. A further distinguishing mark for a learner permit may be added.
4. It is compulsory to indicate on the permit the data listed under the numbers given below:
  1. Family name;
  2. Given name, other names;
  3. Date and place of birth;<sup>1</sup>
  - 4.(a) Date of issue;
  - 4.(b) Expiry date;
  - 4.(c) Name or stamp of the authority which issued the permit;
  5. Number of the permit;
  6. Photograph of the holder;
  7. Signature of the holder;
  9. Categories of vehicles for which the permit is valid;
  12. Additional information or limitations for each category of vehicles in coded form.
5. If additional information is required by domestic legislation, it shall be entered on the driving permit under the numbers given below:
  - 4.(d) Identification number for the purposes of registration, other than the number under 5 of paragraph 4;
  8. Place of normal residence;
  10. Date of issue for each category of vehicles;
  11. Expiry date for each category of vehicles;
  13. Information for purposes of registration in the case of a change in country of normal residence;
  14. Information for purposes of registration or other information related to road traffic safety.
6. All the entries on the permit shall be made only in Latin characters. If other characters are used, the entries shall also be transliterated into the Latin alphabet.
7. The information under numbers 1-7 in paragraphs 4 and 5 should preferably be on the same side of the permit. The spaces for other data under numbers 8-14 in paragraphs 4 and 5 should be set by domestic legislation. Domestic legislation may also allocate a space on the permit for the inclusion of machine readable information which must comply with the driving

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<sup>1</sup> The place of birth may be replaced by other particulars defined by domestic legislation.

licence standards published by the International Standards Organisation to ensure international interoperability<sup>2</sup>.

8. To protect the permit from alteration and fraudulent reproduction, the security features of the permit must comply with the driving licence standards published by the International Standards Organisation<sup>3</sup>.

9. The categories of vehicles for which the driving permit may be valid are the following:

AM. Two-wheel and three-wheel vehicles with a maximum design speed of not more than 45km/h and light quadricycles;

A1. Motorcycles with a cubic capacity not exceeding 125 cm<sup>3</sup> and a power not exceeding 11 kW (light motorcycles);

A2. Motorcycles with or without a sidecar of a power not exceeding 35kW and with a power/weight ratio not exceeding 0.2kW/kg and not derived from a vehicle of more than double its power;

A. Motorcycles;

B1. Motor tricycles and quadricycles;

B. Motor vehicles, other than those in category A, having a permissible maximum mass not exceeding 3,500 kg and not more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat; or motor vehicles of category B coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg; or motor vehicles of category B coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 750 kg but does not exceed the unladen mass of the motor vehicle, where the combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled does not exceed 3,500 kg;

C1. Motor vehicles, with the exception of those in category D, the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 3,500 kg but does not exceed 7,500 kg; or motor vehicles of category C1 coupled to a trailer, the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg;

C. Motor vehicles, other than those in category D, having a permissible maximum mass exceeding 3,500 kg; or motor vehicles of category C coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg;

D1. Motor vehicles used for the carriage of passengers and having more than 8 seats in addition to the driver's seat but not more than 16 seats in addition to the driver's seat; or motor vehicles of category D1 coupled to a trailer, the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg;

D. Motor vehicles used for the carriage of passengers and having more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat; or motor vehicles of category D coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg;

BE. Motor vehicles of category B coupled to a trailer, the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 750 kg and exceeds the unladen mass of the motor vehicle; or motor vehicles of category B coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 750 kg, where the combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled exceeds 3,500 kg;

C1E. Motor vehicles of category C1 coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 750 kg but does not exceed the unladen mass of the motor vehicle, where the combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled does not exceed 12,000 kg;

CE. Motor vehicles of category C coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass exceeds 750 kg;

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<sup>2</sup> ISO/IEC18013 Part 2 and Part 3

<sup>3</sup> ISO/IEC18013 Part 1

D1E. Motor vehicles of category D1 coupled to a trailer, not used for the carriage of persons, the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 750 kg but does not exceed the unladen mass of the motor vehicle, where the combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled does not exceed 12,000 kg.

DE. Motor vehicles of category D coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass exceeds 750 kg.

10. Domestic legislation may introduce categories and subcategories of vehicle other than those listed above. The designations of such categories and subcategories shall not resemble the symbols used in the Convention to designate categories of vehicles; another type of print shall also be used.

11. The categories of vehicles for which the permit is valid shall be represented by the pictograms in the table below.

Category Code/ Pictogram	Category Code/ Pictogram
A 	AM 
	A1 
	A2 
B 	B1 
C 	C1 
D 	D1 
BE 	
CE 	C1E 
DE 	D1E 

12. The following special endorsement of restrictions applicable to the driver or the vehicle shall be represented on the permit by the pictograms in the table below:

Code	Definition	Pictogram
01	Licence holder requires eyesight correction and/or protection	
03	Licence holder requires prosthetic device for the limbs	
78	Licence holder restricted to vehicles with automatic transmission <sup>4</sup>	
S05	Licence holder restricted to vehicles adapted for physically disabled	

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<sup>4</sup> Although restrictions relating to vehicles with electrical propulsion is usually designated by the restriction relating to automatic transmission, consideration may also be given to add a restriction specifically related to vehicles with electrical propulsion.

## Annex 7

### INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT

1. An international driving permit shall take the form of a plastic document 54 x 86 mm in size in accordance with the international standard ID-1. The preferred colour of the permit shall be pink; the print and spaces for the entries to be made shall be defined by domestic legislation subject to the provisions of paragraphs 5, 6 and 7.
2. On the front side of the permit is the title "International Driving Permit" in the domestic language (domestic languages) of the country issuing the permit together with English "International Driving Licence" or French "Permis de Conduire International", as well as the name and/or the distinguishing sign of the country which issued the domestic driving permit. The national flag and/or coat of arms of the country which issued the permit may also be included on the front side.
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