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I, NOEL DEMPSEY, Minister for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 42 (inserted by section 10 of the Road Traffic Act 2006 (No. 23 of 2006)) of the Road Traffic Act 1961 (No. 24 of 1961), section 2 of the Road Traffic Act 2006 and the National Roads and Road Traffic (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 2002 (S.I. No. 298 of 2002) (as adapted by the Public Enterprise (Alteration of the Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2002 (S.I. No. 305 of 2002)) for the purpose of giving effect to Commission Directive No. 2009/112/EC¹ of 25 August 2009 and Commission Directive No. 2009/113/EC² of 25 August 2009, hereby make the following regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic (Licensing of Drivers) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2010.

2. The Road Traffic (Licensing of Learner Drivers) Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 537 of 2006), (as amended by the Road Traffic (Licensing of Drivers) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I. No. 471 of 2008)), are amended:

(a) in Regulation 41, by inserting after paragraph (7), the following:

“(8) An application for a driving licence or driving permit for category A1, A, B, M or W, shall be accompanied by an eyesight report, where the application is one for the exchange of a driving licence or driving permit issued by a state other than a Member State.”,

(b) by substituting for Schedule 1 the Schedule set out in Part 1 of the Schedule to these Regulations,

(c) by substituting for Schedule 3 the Schedule set out in Part 2 of the Schedule to these Regulations,

and

(d) by substituting for Schedules 6 and 7 the Schedules set out in Part 3 of the Schedule to these Regulations.

¹OJ L 223, 26 August 2009, p. 26

²OJ L 223, 26 August 2009, p. 31

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SCHEDULE


Regulation 3

Part 1

SCHEDULE 1

Scheduled Forms

Form D201 — Application for learner permit

APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OR RENEWAL OF A		Form D.201
LEARNER PERMIT		
<p><i>Please read the notes on pages 1 to 3 before completing the application form on page 4. The notes are a summary of the main requirements on applying for a learner permit. They do not represent a complete statement of the law.</i></p>		
NOTES		
<p>A. LEARNER PERMIT (FORMERLY KNOWN AS PROVISIONAL LICENCE) A learner permit is a permit issued to enable a person to learn to drive and to apply for a driving test. Driving with a learner permit is subject to certain conditions in the interests of the safety of the driver and other road users. You must hold a permit for the category of vehicle you are driving (see warning on page 3) and comply with the conditions attached to the permit while you are driving.</p> <p>B. PERIOD OF PERMIT AND FEE A learner permit is generally issued for a period of two years and is subject to a fee of €15. On or after 1st February, 2002 there shall be a nil fee in respect of an application for a learner permit and a driving licence where the applicant is 70 years of age or more on the commencement day of the licence/permit.</p> <p>C. DRIVER THEORY TEST All applications for a first learner permit must be accompanied by a theory test certificate for the category concerned. Further information is available from the Driver Theory Testing Service on 1890 606 106 or on website www.dttis.ie</p> <p>D. WHO MAY APPLY You may apply for your first learner permit for vehicles in:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • category A1, A, B, M or W without any previous driving experience • category C1, C, D1 or D after you have been granted a driving licence for category B • category EB, EC1, EC, ED1 or ED after you have been granted a driving licence for the appropriate driving vehicle e.g. you must hold a driving licence for category C in order to apply for a learner permit for category EC. If you have previously held, or are currently the holder of, a learner permit in relation to a category of vehicles and if such learner permit was, or is, your <u>first</u> such learner permit, you may apply to have a <u>second</u> learner permit issued in relation to that vehicle category. However, you MAY NOT apply for a <u>third or subsequent</u> learner permit in respect of a particular vehicle category unless you can submit either of the following with your application – (a) evidence of having undergone a driving test in the vehicle category in question in the two year period prior to application, or (b) evidence of a forthcoming driving test appointment in respect of the vehicle category in question. If you submit (a) above with your application, you will be granted a two year learner permit. If you cannot submit (a) above with your application and instead can only submit (b) above, you will be granted a <u>one year</u> learner permit. A person shall be regarded as an applicant for a <u>first</u> learner permit in respect of a particular vehicle category if s/he has not held such a permit in the preceding five years. In addition, you MAY NOT apply for a learner permit if you are disqualified by age, ill health or otherwise or if you do not have your <u>normal residence</u> in Ireland. </p>	<p>E. NORMAL RESIDENCE IN IRELAND In this connection, you shall be regarded as having your normal residence in Ireland if, because of personal and occupational ties, you usually live here for at least 185 days in each calendar year. However, if you have personal ties in Ireland and occupational ties in another country which require absences from this country, you may still be regarded as being normally resident in Ireland provided that you return here regularly. Working abroad on a specific task for a definite duration, or attending a foreign university or school, shall not imply that you have transferred your normal residence to another country. Furthermore, you MAY NOT apply for a learner permit in respect of a particular vehicle category if you already hold a full driving licence in respect of that category which was issued by the competent authority in a Member State of the European Union or of the European Economic Area or from any of the "Recognised States" for Driving Licensing purposes.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="font-size: small;">Approximate size of photographs needed 3.5cm x 4.5cm</p> </div> <p>F. PHOTOGRAPHS Your application must be accompanied by two identical passport-type photographs. The reverse side of both photographs should be signed by you.</p> <p>G. BIRTH CERTIFICATE/PASSPORT/CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION Your application must be accompanied by an original birth certificate or a valid passport or a certificate of registration unless <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you hold a current driving licence or learner permit, or • you held a driving licence within the last ten years or a learner permit within the last five years, or • you hold a current valid driving licence issued by another Member State of the European Union or another "recognised country". </p> <p>H. CURRENT/LAST LICENCE/PERMIT TO ACCOMPANY APPLICATION Your application for the issue or renewal of a learner permit must be accompanied by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your current or most recently issued driving licence, if you hold a driving licence or held one within the previous ten years, and • your current or most recently issued learner permit if you hold a current learner permit or held one within the previous five years (unless your most recent learner permit has been superseded by the issue of a driving licence). </p>	

<p>I. EYESIGHT REPORT A first time application for a learner permit must be accompanied by a satisfactory eyesight report. (ref. D.502) If an eyesight report is required in your case, you should</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • obtain a copy of an eyesight report form (ref. D.502) (available from your local Medical Practitioner, Ophthalmic Optician, Motor Tax Office, and at www.rsa.ie) • have your eyesight tested by a registered Ophthalmic Optician or by a registered Medical Practitioner, i.e. person whose name is entered in the General Register of Medical Practitioners or in the Register of Ophthalmic Opticians, in Ireland. • ask him/her to complete the eyesight report. <p>You must sign the Declaration on the eyesight report form in the presence of an optician or doctor.</p> <p>J. MEDICAL REPORT An application for a learner permit for category C1, C, D1, D, EC1, EC, ED1 or ED must be accompanied by a medical report (ref. D.501) unless you have previously provided a satisfactory medical report which is still applicable. Your application for a learner permit for any category must be accompanied by a medical report if -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you will be 70 years of age or more on the first day of the period for which the permit is being granted • you suffer from any of the disabilities or diseases listed below • you have ever suffered from alcoholism or epilepsy • you are taking, on a regular basis, drugs or medications which would be likely to cause the driving of a vehicle by you to be a source of danger • you answered yes to any of the questions 20(b) and 21 to 27. <p>If a medical report is required in your case you should</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • obtain a copy of a medical report form (ref. D.501) (available from your local Medical Practitioner, Motor Tax Office, and at www.rsa.ie) • undergo a medical examination by a registered Medical Practitioner • ask him/her to complete the medical report. <p>You must sign the Declaration on the medical report form in the presence of the registered medical practitioner.</p> <p>In addition, a person who suffers from serious arrhythmia which has at any stage resulted in loss of consciousness is particularly advised to consult his/her doctor before applying for a permit.</p>	<p>A person who is dependent on or regularly abuses psychotropic substances is disqualified from holding any learner permit or driving licence. If you have any doubts about your physical or mental fitness to drive you should consult a doctor.</p> <p>K. EVIDENCE OF IDENTITY - IN ADDITION TO THAT REQUIRED AT SECTION G. The licensing authority may, in its absolute discretion, request you to provide additional evidence of identity. Please note that only original, valid documents (not photocopies) will be accepted. Some documents which will be accepted for this purpose are a passport; a birth certificate; a marriage certificate; a certificate of registration; a cheque book; a cheque card; a credit card; a credit union membership card; a bank, building society or savings bank book; a Social Welfare payment book; signing-on card or free travel card; a medical card; an employee or student identity card or a travel document containing your name and photograph. You are advised to bring one of these documents with you if applying in person.</p> <p>L. WHERE TO APPLY You should apply to the licensing authority (Motor Taxation Office) in the County/City in which you reside for a learner permit.</p> <p>M. L PLATES All learner permit holders, with the exception of those who hold learner permit in category W, are required at all times to display L plates on the vehicle which they are driving. Holders of learner permits in category A1, A and M must display L plates front and rear on a yellow fluorescent tabard.</p> <p>N. ACCOMPANIMENT REQUIREMENTS All learner permit holders, with the exception of those who hold learner permit in category A1, A, M or W, are required to be accompanied by a qualified driver at all times while driving. A qualified driver is a person who holds a full licence in the vehicle category being driven by the learner permit holder for a minimum period of 2 years.</p> <p>O. MOTORCYCLISTS A person applying for a first time learner permit in category A shall be restricted to driving motorcycles with a power output not exceeding 25 KW or a power/weight ratio not exceeding 0.16KW/KG. On passing a category A test, such person shall remain restricted for the first two years after taking out a full driving licence in category A. Only thereafter shall such person be entitled to drive motorcycles with a power output exceeding 25 KW.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DISABILITIES AND DISEASES</p> <p>A medical report is required if you suffer from any of the following disabilities or diseases -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • alcoholism • any physical disablement which is likely to affect ability to drive safely • any illness which requires the regular use of psychotropic substances • any illness or disease which requires the regular use of medications likely to affect ability to drive safely • cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, serious diseases of the blood • diplopia, defective binocular vision or loss of visual field • encephalitis, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis or hereditary diseases of the nervous system associated with progressive muscular atrophy and congenital myotonic disorders • epilepsy, diseases of the peripheral nervous system, trauma of the central or peripheral nervous system • cerebrovascular diseases, lesion with damage to spinal cord and resultant paraplegia • mental disturbance due to disease or trauma of, or operation upon, the central nervous system • severe mental retardation, psychosis, psychoneurosis or personality disorders • serious hearing deficiency • any disease of the genito-urinary system (including renal disorder) which is likely to affect ability to drive safely. 	

CATEGORIES OF VEHICLES/MINIMUM AGE OF DRIVER		
Category	Minimum Age	Vehicle
A1	16	Motorcycles with an engine size of 51-125cc and/or a speed capability over 45 km/h, and with a power rating not exceeding 11 kW, with or without sidecar
A	18	Motorcycles with or without sidecar
B	17	Vehicles with passenger accommodation for not more than 8 persons, with a design g.v.w. not exceeding 3,500 kg and where the design g.v.w. of the trailer is not greater than 750 kg
C1	18	Vehicles with passenger accommodation for not more than 8 persons, with a design g.v.w. over 3,500 kg but not over 7,500 kg and where the design g.v.w. of the trailer is not greater than 750 kg
C	18	Vehicles with passenger accommodation for not more than 8 persons, with a design g.v.w. over 3,500 kg and where the design g.v.w. of the trailer is not greater than 750 kg
D1	21	Vehicles with passenger accommodation for more than 8 persons but not more than 16 persons and where the design g.v.w. of the trailer is not greater than 750 kg
D	21	Vehicles with passenger accommodation for more than 8 persons and where the design g.v.w. of the trailer is not greater than 750 kg
EB	17	Vehicles in category B with a trailer attached and where the design g.v.w. of the trailer is greater than 750 kg
EC1	18	Vehicles in category C1 with a trailer attached - the combination must not exceed 12,000 kg and where the design g.v.w. of the trailer is greater than 750 kg
EC	18	Vehicles in category C with a trailer attached and where the design g.v.w. of the trailer is greater than 750 kg
ED1	21	Vehicles in category D1 with a trailer attached - the combination must not exceed 12,000 kg and where the design g.v.w. of the trailer is greater than 750 kg
ED	21	Vehicles in category D with a trailer attached and where the design g.v.w. of the trailer is greater than 750 kg
M	16	Two-wheeled vehicles with an engine size not exceeding 50 cc and/or a speed capability not more than 45 km/h.
W	16	Work vehicles and land tractors, with or without a trailer attached.

"Passenger accommodation" means seating accommodation for passengers in addition to the driver. "Design g.v.w." means design gross vehicle weight (i.e. design laden weight). Manufacturers generally refer to it as gross vehicle weight (g.v.w.) and it is usually displayed on a metal plate attached to the vehicle by the manufacturer.

CODED INFORMATION

Certain additional information or restrictions relating to the holding of a learner permit may be noted on a permit in coded format. Due to the limited size of the permit, and the consequential limited amount of details that can be noted on it, the codes enable the noting of specific additional information or restrictions relating to a driver on his/her permit that would otherwise not be possible. The codes that may be noted on learner permits are as follows:-

01 Must wear corrective lenses	101 Permit renewable subject to medical report
02 Must wear hearing aid	991 Holders of Learner Permit in categories A1, A, M, W, B and EB must wait for 6 months from date of issue before taking the driving test.
03 Limb prosthesis/orthosis	992 Second learner permit in category
71 Duplicate permit	993 Third or subsequent learner permit in category
100 Restricted to vehicles adapted to suit disability of licensee	999 Must be accompanied by qualified driver.

COMPUTER DATA

Computer data based on this document may be subject to disclosure under Section 60 of the Finance Act, 1993 (No. 13 of 1993) as amended by Section 86 of the Finance Act, 1994 (No. 13 of 1994) and regulations made there under. List of discloseses is registered with the Data Protection Commissioner.

WARNING

Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 - No. 24 of 1961 - provides that any person driving a mechanically propelled vehicle in a public place must hold a current learner permit or driving licence in respect of the vehicle category being driven. Any person contravening this requirement is liable to prosecution and penalties.

Section 115 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 - No. 24 of 1961 - provides that any person applying for a learner permit or driving licence shall not furnish false or misleading information in connection with such application. Any person contravening this requirement is liable to prosecution and penalties.

CHECKLIST

Your application for a learner permit should include:

IN ALL CASES

- a completed application form (ensure that you have signed it)
- two photographs (signed on back)
- your current or most recent driving licence and/or learner permit
- the appropriate fee

AND IF REQUIRED IN YOUR CASE,

- an original birth certificate/a valid passport
- an original marriage certificate
- certificate of registration
- an eyesight report or medical report (available from your local Medical Practitioner, Ophthalmic Optician, Motor Tax Office, and at www.rsa.ie)
- evidence that you underwent a driving test.
- theory test certificate.

Remember you may also be asked to provide additional evidence of identity so bring some acceptable document with you (see note K) if you are calling personally.

APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OR RENEWAL OF
LEARNER PERMIT

Driver No.: _____
 Period of Permit: _____
 Serial Number: _____
 Remarks: _____

- (i) Please complete this application in BLOCK LETTERS and tick appropriate boxes.
 (ii) Please ensure that you complete the label on this page.

DETAILS OF APPLICANT

1. Title (Mr., Ms, etc.) _____
 2. First name(s) _____
 3. Surname _____
 4. Address _____

 Town/City _____
 County _____
 5. Daytime telephone no.: _____
 6. Date of Birth:
Day Month Year
 7. Personal Public Service Number (PPS.N.) (formerly R.S.I. No.):

(Available from Department of Social and Family Affairs.)
 8. Country of Birth _____
 9. Gender: Male Female

Please sign your name on the upper part of this label
 This signature will be affixed to your permit

Signature →

Name and
Address →

SIGNATURE

NAME AND ADDRESS

Please write your name and address IN BLOCK LETTERS on the lower part of this label.

LEARNER PERMIT SOUGHT

10. Categories of vehicles for which learner permit is sought.
 (Tick as appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> A1	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C1	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D1	<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> W
<input type="checkbox"/> B1	<input type="checkbox"/> EC1	<input type="checkbox"/> EC	<input type="checkbox"/> ED1	<input type="checkbox"/> ED				

DISQUALIFICATION/ENDORSEMENT

(These questions MUST be answered)

11. Is your driving licence or learner permit at present required by court order to carry an endorsement? Yes No
 12. Are you at present disqualified by court order from holding a driving licence or a learner permit? Yes No

LEARNER PERMIT SOUGHT

13. Have you previously held a learner permit? Yes No
 14. If you answered 'yes' to question 13 -
 - what was the validity period of your last permit?

 - which licensing authority issued it?

15. Do you hold a driving licence issued by any other country? Yes No

16. If you answered 'yes' to question 15, from what country do you hold a driving licence?

HEALTH AND FITNESS (All questions MUST be answered. Your application must be accompanied by a medical report if 'YES' is answered for any of the questions 20(b) and 21 to 27.)

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| <p>17. Are you dependent on, or do you regularly abuse, psychotropic substances? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>18. Do you need to wear glasses/corrective lenses for the purpose of driving? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>19. Do you need to wear a hearing aid to assist in communication when driving? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>20(a). Do you have a physical disability which requires that adaptations be made to a vehicle to enable you to drive? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>20(b). Has there been any deterioration in the disability since you last applied for a driving licence or a learner permit? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>21. Has there been any deterioration in your health since you last applied for a driving licence or a learner permit which materially affects your ability to drive? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> | <p>22. Do you suffer from any of the diseases or disabilities listed on page 2? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>23. Are you taking on a regular basis drugs or medicaments which would be likely to cause the driving of a vehicle by you to be a source of danger to the public? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>24. Have you ever been dependent on alcohol? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>25. Have you ever had an epileptic seizure? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>26. Do you suffer from serious arrhythmia which has at any stage resulted in loss of consciousness? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>27. Have you had a pacemaker, defibrillator or anti-ventricular tachycardia fitted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> |
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DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

28. I hereby apply to _____ City Council/County Council for a learner permit.
 I declare that the address indicated at question 4 above is my place of normal residence (see paragraph E on page 1), that the information given by me in this application is correct, that the accompanying photographs, certificates and other documents (if any) relate to me, and that I have a satisfactory knowledge of the Rules of the Road.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

This declaration must be signed by the person to whom the permit is to be issued.

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ENDORSEMENTS

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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ÉIRE
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CEAD FOGHLAMORA
LEARNER PERMIT

Áras eolais le go dtuairimíodh an t-úinéir eolais ón t-úinéir a bhfuil síos air le h-ádh. **Áras eolais le go dtuairimíodh an t-úinéir eolais ón t-úinéir a bhfuil síos air le h-ádh.**


This is a learner permit issued to enable the permit holder to apply for a driver's licence in Ireland.



<small>It is essential that you sign in each of the boxes.</small>	<small>It is essential that you sign in each of the boxes.</small>
<small>Signature of the applicant</small>	<small>Signature of the issuing authority</small>
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Form D301 — Application for a certificate of competency.

For Office use only	
APPLICATION FOR A DRIVING TEST	
	
BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION PROVIDED OVERLEAF	
YOU CAN NOW APPLY AND PAY FOR YOUR DRIVING TEST ONLINE-PLEASE VISIT www.drivingtest.ie	
When you have the application form completed, please forward it along with the correct fee to the address given below. If you do not receive an acknowledgement within two weeks, please contact the Road Safety Authority to confirm your application.	
Driver Testing Section, Road Safety Authority, Ballina, Co. Mayo. Tel: (096) 78289 / LoCall (1890) 40 60 40 / Fax: (096) 78290 Web: www.drivingtest.ie Email: drivingtest@rsa.ie	
<p>1. Please state the category in which you wish to be tested (A list of the categories and a description of the type of vehicle which they cover is given at 1 overleaf)</p> <p>2. Have you previously undergone a driving test?</p> <p>3. Please nominate the Centre at which you wish to be tested. (A list of Centres is given at 2 overleaf)</p> <p>4. What is your date of birth?</p> <p>5. Please indicate any date, (e.g. a particular day each week) or periods when you will be UNAVAILABLE to undergo the test e.g. exams, holidays, etc.</p> <p>6. Do you have any physical disability which requires you to drive a specially adapted vehicle?</p> <p>7. Any other relevant information about your application.</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">(Please note that you may apply for a test in respect of one category only)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes If YES, please give the approximate date of the test</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">D D M M Y Y Y Y</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">D D M M Y Y Y Y</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>8. Please list the telephone numbers (including local codes) at which you may be contacted.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">HOME WORK</p>
<p>9. Please give your full name and address (BLOCK CAPITALS)</p>	<p>Mr/Ms, etc <input type="text"/></p> <p>Surname <input type="text"/></p> <p>First Name(s) <input type="text"/></p> <p>Address <input type="text"/></p> <p> <input type="text"/></p> <p> <input type="text"/></p>
<p>10. I wish to apply for a driving test and I declare that the information which I have furnished is correct</p>	<p>SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____</p> <p>DATE _____</p>

APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OR RENEWAL OF		Form D.401				
DRIVING LICENCE						
						
<p><i>Please read the notes on pages 1 to 3 before completing the application form on page 4. The notes are a summary of the main requirements on applying for a driving licence. They do not represent a complete statement of the law.</i></p>						
NOTES						
<p>A. WHO MAY APPLY? You may apply for a driving licence if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * you hold a driving licence which will expire within three months and you wish to renew it, or * you held a driving licence which expired less than 10 years ago and you wish to renew it, or * you hold a driving licence and you wish to have an additional category of vehicles added to it and a driving test is not required, or * you have recently passed a driving test, or * you are exchanging a current valid driving licence issued by another member State of the European Union or of the European Economic Area or another "recognised state". See Section K. <p style="color: red;"><i>Provided that you are not disqualified by age, ill-health or otherwise from applying for or holding a driving licence.</i></p>	<p>E. FEE The fee for a driving licence is:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>1 year licence €5</td> <td>10 year licence €25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 year licence €15</td> <td>Licence up to age 70 (not more than 10 year) €25</td> </tr> </table> <p>On or after 1st February, 2002 there shall be a nil fee in respect of an application for a driving licence where the applicant is 70 years of age or more on the commencement day of the licence.</p>	1 year licence €5	10 year licence €25	3 year licence €15	Licence up to age 70 (not more than 10 year) €25	<p>F. PHOTOGRAPHS Your application must be accompanied by two identical passport-type photographs. The reverse side of both photographs should be signed by you.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;"><i>Approximate size of photographs needed 3.5cm x 4.5cm</i></p>
1 year licence €5	10 year licence €25					
3 year licence €15	Licence up to age 70 (not more than 10 year) €25					
<p>B. THEORY TEST CERTIFICATE If you applied for a first provisional licence in the period 25 April 2001 to 10 June 2001, you must submit a theory test certificate for the relevant licence category, with your driving licence application, unless you have already submitted such a certificate.</p>	<p>G. CURRENT/LAST LICENCE TO ACCOMPANY APPLICATION Your application for the issue or renewal of a driving licence must be accompanied by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * your current or most recently issued driving licence, if you hold a driving licence or held one within the previous ten years, and * your current or most recent issued learner permit, if you hold such a permit or held one within the previous five years. This does not apply where your most recent learner permit has been superseded by the issue of a driving licence. 	<p>H. LOST/STOLEN LICENCE If your most recent licence was lost or stolen, you must complete a lost licence declaration form (Form D8 "A") at your local Garda Station. This form must then be forwarded to the Motor Taxation Office with your application.</p>				
<p>C. NORMAL RESIDENCE IN IRELAND An applicant for a driving licence must be <u>normally resident</u> in Ireland. In this connection, you shall be regarded as having your normal residence in Ireland if, because of personal and occupational ties, you usually live here for at least 185 days in each calendar year. However, if you have personal ties in Ireland and occupational ties in another country which require absences from this country, you may still be regarded as being normally resident in Ireland provided that you return here regularly. Working abroad on a specific task for a definite duration, or attending a foreign university or college, shall not imply that you have transferred your normal residence to another country.</p>	<p>I. HEALTH AND FITNESS Your application must be accompanied by a medical report if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * you are applying for a driving licence in respect of any of the categories C1, C, D1, D, EC1, EC, ED1 or ED unless you have previously provided a medical report which is still applicable * you will be 70 years of age or more on the first day of the period for which the licence is being granted 					
<p>D. PERIOD OF LICENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * If you are under 60 years of age you may apply for a 10 year or 3 year licence * If you are over 60 but under 67 years of age you may apply for a licence which will expire when you reach 70 years of age or for a 3 year licence * If you are over 67 but under 70 years of age you may apply for a 3 year licence * If you are over 70 years of age you may apply for a 3 year or 1 year licence, subject to certification of fitness to drive by your doctor. <p>The deciding age is your age on the first day of the period for which the licence is being granted. A one year licence may be granted in exceptional circumstances where, for medical reasons, a longer term of licence cannot be granted.</p>						

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you suffer from any of the disabilities or diseases listed on this page • you have ever suffered from alcoholism or epilepsy • you are taking, on a regular basis, drugs or medicaments which would be likely to cause the driving of a vehicle by you to be a source of danger • you answered yes to any of the questions 18(b) and 19 to 25. <p>If a medical report is required in your case you should</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • obtain a copy of the medical report form (ref. D501) • undergo a medical examination by a registered medical practitioner i.e. person whose name is entered in the General Register of Medical Practitioners, in Ireland. • ask him/her to complete the medical report <p>[You must sign the Declaration on the medical report form in the presence of the registered medical practitioner].</p> <p>In addition, a person who suffers from serious arrhythmia which has at any stage resulted in loss of consciousness is particularly advised to consult his/her doctor before applying for a licence. A person who is dependent on or regularly abuses psychotropic substances is disqualified from holding any learner permit or driving licence.</p> <p>If you have any doubts about your physical or mental fitness to drive you should consult a doctor.</p> <p>J. EVIDENCE OF IDENTITY If applying in person, the licensing authority may at its absolute discretion, request you to provide additional evidence of identity. Please note that only original, valid documents (not photocopies) will be accepted.</p>	<p>The types of documentation which are acceptable in this connection are specified in regulations. Examples of the types of documentation that will be accepted in this connection include a passport; a birth certificate; a marriage certificate; a certificate of registration; a cheque book; a cheque card; a credit card; a credit union membership card; a bank, building society or savings bank book; a Social Welfare payment book; a signing-on card or free travel card; a medical card; an employee or student identity card.</p> <p>K. EXCHANGE OF LICENCE If you are exchanging a current licence or a licence which has expired for less than 10 years issued by another member state of the European Union or of the European Economic Area, or a current licence or a licence which has expired for less than one year issued by a country designated as a "recognised state" for driving licence exchange purposes, you must also submit Declaration form D500. This form, which is essentially a declaration that the licence which you are surrendering for exchange purposes is both current and valid, is obtainable from your local Motor Taxation Office.</p> <p>L. CHANGE OF NAME Where the applicant requires a Driving Licence to be issued in a name other than that on the previous licence or licence being exchanged, supporting documentation e.g. original marriage certificate must be submitted.</p> <p>M. WHERE TO APPLY You should apply to the licensing authority (Motor Taxation Office) in the County / City in which you reside for a driving licence.</p>
CHECKLIST	
<p>Your application for a driving licence should include:</p> <p>IN ALL CASES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A completed application form (ensure that you have signed the label on page 4) • two photographs (signed on back) • your current or most recent driving licence and/or learner permit • the appropriate fee <p>AND, IF REQUIRED IN YOUR CASE,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A medical report (available from your local Medical Practitioner, Motor Tax Office, and at www.rsa.ie) • A Certificate of Competency, if you have recently passed a driving test. • Declaration re lost/stolen licence (Form D8 "A") • Driver Theory Test Certificate • Original Marriage Certificate <p>Remember that you may also be asked to produce evidence of identity so bring an acceptable document with you if you are calling personally (see note J).</p>	
DISABILITIES AND DISEASES	
<p>A medical report is required if you suffer from any of the following disabilities or diseases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • alcoholism • any physical disablement which is likely to affect your ability to drive safely • any illness which requires the regular use of psychotropic substances • any illness or disease which requires the regular use of medications likely to affect ability to drive safely • cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, serious diseases of the blood • diplopia, defective binocular vision or loss of visual field • encephalitis, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis or hereditary diseases of the nervous system associated with progressive muscular atrophy and congenital myotonic disorders • epilepsy, diseases of the peripheral nervous system, trauma of the central or peripheral nervous system • cerebrovascular diseases, lesion with damage to spinal cord and resultant paraplegia • mental disturbance due to disease or trauma of, or operation upon, the central nervous system • severe mental retardation, psychosis, psychoneurosis or personality disorders • serious hearing deficiency • any disease of the genito-urinary system (including renal disorder) which is likely to affect ability to drive safely. 	

CATEGORIES OF VEHICLES/MINIMUM AGE OF DRIVER		
Category	Minimum Age	Vehicle
A1	16	Motorcycles with an engine size of 51-125cc and/or a speed capability over 45km/h, and with a power rating not exceeding 11kw, with or without sidcar
A	18	Motorcycles with or without sidcar
B	17	Vehicles with passenger accommodation for not more than 8 persons, with a design g.v.w. not exceeding 3,500kg and where the design g.v.w. of the trailer is not greater than 750kg
C1	18	Vehicles with passenger accommodation for not more than 8 persons, with a design g.v.w. over 3,500kg but not over 7,500kg and where the design g.v.w. of the trailer is not greater than 750kg
C	18	Vehicles with passenger accommodation for not more than 8 persons, with a design g.v.w. over 3,500kg and where the design g.v.w. of the trailer is not greater than 750kg
D1	21	Vehicles with passenger accommodation for more than 8 persons but not more than 16 persons and where the design g.v.w. of the trailer is not greater than 750kg
D	21	Vehicles with passenger accommodation for more than 8 persons and where the design g.v.w. of the trailer is not greater than 750kg
EB	17	Vehicles in category B with a trailer attached and where the design g.v.w. of the trailer is greater than 750kg
EC1	18	Vehicles in category C1 with a trailer attached - the combination must not exceed 12,000kg and where the design g.v.w. of the trailer is greater than 750kg
EC	18	Vehicles in category C with a trailer attached and where the design g.v.w. of the trailer is greater than 750kg
ED1	21	Vehicles in category D1 with a trailer attached - the combination must not exceed 12,000kg and where the design g.v.w. of the trailer is greater than 750kg
ED	21	Vehicles in category D with a trailer attached and where the design g.v.w. of the trailer is greater than 750kg
M	16	Two-wheeled vehicles with an engine size not exceeding 50cc and/or a speed capability not more than 45km/h
W	16	Work vehicles and land tractors, with or without a trailer attached

"Passenger accommodation" means seating accommodation for passengers in addition to the driver. "Design g.v.w." means design gross vehicle weight (i.e. design laden weight). Manufacturers generally refer to it as gross vehicle weight (g.v.w.) and it is usually displayed on a metal plate attached to the vehicle by the manufacturer.

CODED INFORMATION			
Certain additional information or restrictions relating to the holding of a driving licence may be noted on a licence in coded format. Due to the limited size of the licence, and the consequential limited amount of details that can be noted on it, the codes enable the noting of specific additional information or restrictions relating to a driver on his/her licence that would otherwise not be possible. The codes that may be noted on driving licences are as follows:-			
01	Must wear corrective lenses	44.01	Motorcycle with single operated brake
02	Must wear hearing aid	44.02	Motorcycle with adjusted hand operated brake (front wheel)
03	Limb prosthesis/orthosis	44.03	Motorcycle with adjusted foot operated brake (back wheel)
10	Modified transmission	44.04	Motorcycle with adjusted accelerator handle
15	Modified clutch	44.05	Motorcycle with adjusted manual transmission and manual clutch
20	Modified braking system	44.06	Motorcycle with adjusted rear-view mirror(s)
25	Modified accelerator system	44.07	Motorcycle with adjusted commands direction indicators, braking light...
30	Modified combined braking and transmission accelerator system	44.08	Motorcycle with seat height allowing the driver, in sitting position, to have two feet on the road at the same time
35	Modified controls layout	45	Motorcycle with side-car only
40	Modified Steering	70	Exchange of recognised driving licence
42	Modified rear-view mirrors	71	Duplicate licence
43	Modified driving seat	73	Tricycles and quadricycles only
		78	Valid only for vehicles without a clutch pedal (or lever operated manually for categories A or A1)
		100	Restricted to vehicles adapted to suit disability of licensee
		101	Licence renewable subject to medical report
		103	No entitlement to category M
		104	No entitlement to category W

All of the codes listed above, with the exception of codes 100, 101, 103 and 104 are harmonised European Union codes and are consequently recognised and understood in all Member States of the European Union and of the European Economic Area.

COMPUTER DATA	
Computer data based on this document may be subject to disclosure under Section 60 of the Finance Act 1993 (No. 13 of 1993) as amended by Section 86 of the Finance Act, 1994 (No 13 of 1994) and regulations made there under. List of discloses is registered with the Data Protection Commissioner.	
WARNING	
Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 - No. 24 of 1961 - provides that any person driving a mechanically propelled vehicle in a public place must hold a current learner permit or driving licence in respect of the vehicle category being driven. Any person contravening this requirement is liable to prosecution and penalties.	Section 115 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 - No. 24 of 1961 - provides that any person applying for a learner permit or driving licence shall not furnish false or misleading information in connection with such application. Any person contravening this requirement is liable to prosecution and penalties.

APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OR RENEWAL OF DRIVING LICENCE		Driver No: _____ Period of licence: _____ Serial Number: _____ Remarks: _____																	
<p>(i) Please complete this application in BLOCK LETTERS and tick ✓ appropriate boxes. (ii) Please ensure that you complete the label on this page.</p>																			
DETAILS OF APPLICANT																			
<p>1. Title (Mr., Ms. etc.): _____ 2. First name(s): _____ 3. Surname: _____ 4. Address: _____ _____ Town/City: _____ County: _____ 5. Daytime telephone no.: _____ 6. Date of Birth: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <small style="margin-left: 40px;">Day Month Year</small> 7. Personal Public Service Number (P.P.S.N.): (formerly R.S.I. No.) <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <small style="margin-left: 40px;">(Available from Department of Social and Family Affairs)</small> 8. Country of Birth: _____ 9. Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Do you hold, or have you held within the last 10 years a driving licence from another country? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, state name of country _____ and give date of expiry of licence <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> day <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> month <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> year</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Please sign your name on the upper part of this label. (This signature will be affixed to your licence)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature → _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name and Address → _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please write your name and address IN BLOCK LETTERS on the lower part of this label.</p>																		
DETAILS OF DRIVING LICENCE SOUGHT																			
<p>11. Categories of vehicles for which driving licence is sought. (Tick ✓ as appropriate)</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">A1</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">A</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">B</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">C1</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">C</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">D1</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">D</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">M</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">W</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">EB</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">EC</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">EC</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">ED1</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">ED</td> <td colspan="4"></td> </tr> </table>	A1	A	B	C1	C	D1	D	M	W	EB	EC	EC	ED1	ED					<p>12. Type of licence sought. (See Note D on page 1).</p> <p>10 years <input type="checkbox"/> Period up to 70th Birthday <input type="checkbox"/> <small style="margin-left: 40px;">(Persons aged 60-67 only)</small></p> <p>3 years <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year <input type="checkbox"/> <small style="margin-left: 40px;">(Persons over 70/medical grounds only)</small></p>
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EB	EC	EC	ED1	ED															
DISQUALIFICATION/ENDORSEMENT (These questions MUST be answered)																			
<p>13. Is your driving licence or learner permit at present required by court order to carry an endorsement? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>14. Are you at present disqualified by court order from holding a driving licence or a learner permit? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>																		
HEALTH AND FITNESS (All questions MUST be answered. Your application must be accompanied by a medical report if 'YES' is answered for any of the questions 18(b) and 19 to 25).																			
<p>15. Are you dependent on, or do you regularly abuse, psychotropic substances? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>16. Do you need to wear glasses/convex lenses for the purpose of driving? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>17. Do you need to wear a hearing aid to assist in communicating when driving? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>18(a). Do you have a physical disability which requires that adaptations be made to a vehicle to enable you to drive? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>18(b). Has there been any deterioration in the disability since you last applied for a driving licence or a learner permit? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>19. Has there been any deterioration in your health since you last applied for a driving licence or a learner permit which materially affects your ability to drive? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>20. Do you suffer from any of the diseases or disabilities listed on page 2? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>21. Are you taking on a regular basis drugs or medications which would be likely to cause the driving of a vehicle by you to be a source of danger to the public? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>22. Have you ever been dependent on alcohol? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>23. Have you ever had an epileptic seizure? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>24. Do you suffer from serious arrhythmia which has at any stage resulted in loss of consciousness? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>25. Have you had a pacemaker, defibrillator or anti-ventricular tachycardia fitted? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>																		
DECLARATION BY APPLICANT																			
<p>26. I hereby apply to _____ City Council/County Council for a driving licence. I declare that the address indicated at question 4 above is my place of normal residence (see paragraph C on page 1), that the information given by me in this application is correct and that the accompanying photographs, certificates and other documents (if any) relate to me.</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THIS DECLARATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON TO WHOM THE LICENCE IS TO BE ISSUED.</p>																			

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 Kartort / Rijbewijs
 Führerschein / Pismo Jazdy
 Aiksen Oikoppon / Carta de Conducția
 Driving Licence / Permis de conducere
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M 	90cc c. 45km/h		
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FORM D.501

MEDICAL REPORT

FOR DRIVER LICENSING PURPOSES

DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

(to be signed by the applicant in the presence
of a registered medical practitioner)

I, the undersigned, wish to undergo a medical examination for the purposes of obtaining a learner permit/driving licence under the terms of the provisions of the Road Traffic (Licensing of Drivers) Regulations, 2006 for the following licence categories: (tick as appropriate ✓)

M A1 A B EB W C1 C EC1 EC
 D1 D ED1 ED

Signature: _____

Name and address of
applicant in
BLOCK letters please

Date of Birth

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THIS REPORT MUST:

- a) **BE COMPLETED BY A REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER WHOSE NAME IS ENTERED IN THE GENERAL REGISTER OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS IN IRELAND, AND**
- b) **SUBMITTED TO A LICENSING AUTHORITY WITH AN APPLICATION FOR A DRIVING LICENCE OR A LEARNER PERMIT WITHIN ONE MONTH OF ITS COMPLETION**

I, the undersigned registered medical practitioner, hereby report that:

- the applicant has signed the above declaration in my presence
- I have examined the applicant by reference to the relevant aspects and the minimum standards of physical and mental fitness prescribed in the Road Traffic (Licensing of Drivers) Regulations, 2006

My opinion as to the applicant's fitness to drive is as follows:-

- the applicant is fit to drive vehicles of the following categories for the period(s) indicated from any date up to 4 calendar months from today's date.

Side 2.Form.

Name:

Date of Birth

Day	Month	Year					

Licence Category	Description of Vehicle	For 1 year	For 3 years	For 10 years	Medically unfit to drive
M < 450W	Moped	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A1 < 125cc	Motorcycle up to 125cc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A < 200W < 450Wkg	Motorcycle over 125cc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B < 3,500kg < 8 passengers	Vehicle up to 3,500 kg. Max 8 passengers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
EB	Car and Trailer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
W	Tractors and Work Vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C1 < 7,500kg	Small Truck – less than 7,500 kg	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	Large Truck – over 3,500 kg	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
EC1 < 12,000kg	Small Truck and Trailer – no more than 12,000 kg	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
EC	Large Truck and Trailer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D1 < 11m	Small Bus – max. 10 passengers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	Large Bus – more than 8 passengers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ED1 < 12,000kg	Small Bus and Trailer – no more than 12,000 kg	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ED	Large Bus and Trailer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- the applicant has a physical disability which requires that adaptations be made to a vehicle to meet the requirements of his/her disability Yes No
- the applicant has had a limb prosthesis/orthosis Yes No
- the applicant needs to wear corrective lenses while driving Yes No
- the applicants fitness to drive does not appear to need review at all *

* This box cannot be ticked if the applicant is applying for a licence incorporating entitlement to drive buses or trucks +/- trailer i.e. vehicles of categories C1, C, D1, D, EC1, EC, ED1 or ED

NB Applicants over 70 years of age can only be certified as being fit to drive for either 3 years or 1 year

Signature: _____

Date of Medical Examination:

Day	Month	Year			















Telephone Number:

Stamp of
Medical Practitioner
whose name is on register in
Ireland

EYESIGHT REPORT

**FOR DRIVER LICENSING PURPOSES
DECLARATION (to be signed by the applicant in the presence
of the examining doctor or optician)**

I, the undersigned, wish to undergo an eyesight test for the purposes of obtaining a learner permit/driving licence under the terms of the provisions of the Road Traffic (Licensing of Drivers) Regulations, 2006 for the following licence categories: (tick as appropriate ✓)

GROUP 1				GROUP 2			
Licence Category		Description of Vehicle		Licence Category		Description of Vehicle	
M		< 50cc 450W Moped	<input type="checkbox"/>	C1		< 7,500kg Small Truck – less than 7,500 kg	<input type="checkbox"/>
A1		< 125cc 1000W Motorcycle up to 125cc	<input type="checkbox"/>	C		Large Truck – over 3,500 kg	<input type="checkbox"/>
A		> 125cc > 1000W Motorcycle over 125cc	<input type="checkbox"/>	EC1		< 12,000kg Small Truck and Trailer – no more than 12,000 kg	<input type="checkbox"/>
B		< 3,500kg 1+4 Vehicle up to 3,500 kg. Max 8 passengers	<input type="checkbox"/>	EC		Large Truck and Trailer	<input type="checkbox"/>
EB		Car and Trailer	<input type="checkbox"/>	D1		< 16 Small Bus – max. 16 passengers	<input type="checkbox"/>
W		Tractors and Work Vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/>	D		Large Bus – more than 8 passengers	<input type="checkbox"/>
				ED1		< 12,000kg Small Bus and Trailer – no more than 12,000 kg	<input type="checkbox"/>
				ED		Large Bus and Trailer	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signature: _____

Name and address of applicant in **BLOCK** letters please

Date of Birth

Day	Month	Year					

EYESIGHT REPORT

THIS REPORT MUST BE:

- a) COMPLETED BY A DOCTOR OR OPTICIAN WHOSE NAME IS ENTERED IN THE GENERAL REGISTER OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS OR IN THE REGISTER OF OPHTHALMIC OPTICIANS, IN IRELAND, AND
- b) SUBMITTED TO A LICENSING AUTHORITY WITH AN APPLICATION FOR A DRIVING LICENCE/LEARNER PERMIT WITHIN ONE MONTH OF ITS COMPLETION.

Name: _____ Date of Birth:

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Day Month Year

I, the undersigned registered medical practitioner/registered ophthalmic optician (delete as appropriate), hereby report that:-

- the applicant has signed the declaration in my presence
- I have examined the eyesight of the applicant by reference to the prescribed standard.
- in my opinion, the applicant (please tick the appropriate box(es) below)

meets the prescribed standard set out for the categories in Group 1 and Group 2
(Place 'X' in Group 2 box if not applicable)

needs to wear corrective lenses to meet the standard set out below.

fails to meet the standard set out below

My opinion as to the applicant's eyesight is that the applicant is fit to drive vehicles of the categories indicated from any date up to 4 calendar months from today's date.

Signature: _____

Date of eyesight examination:

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Day Month Year

Telephone Number:

Stamp of Doctor
or
Ophthalmic Optician
whose name is on register, in
Ireland

EYESIGHT STANDARDS

1. The examination shall cover the following: visual acuity, field of vision, twilight vision, glare and contrast sensitivity, diplopia and other visual functions that can compromise safe driving.
2. In the case of an applicant for a learner permit or driving licence to drive vehicles of category A1, A, B, EB, M or W
 - (a) licensing may be considered in "exceptional cases" where the visual field standard or visual acuity standard cannot be met; in such cases the driver should undergo examination to demonstrate that there is no other impairment of visual function, including glare, contrast sensitivity and twilight vision. The applicant should also be subject to a positive practical test.
 - (b) the applicant shall have a binocular visual acuity, with corrective lenses if necessary, of at least 0,5 when using both eyes together. The horizontal visual field should be at least 120 degrees, the extension should be at least 50 degrees left and right and 20 degrees up and down. No defects should be present within a radius of the central 20 degrees.
 - (c) when a progressive eye disease is detected or declared, driving licences may be issued or renewed subject to the applicant undergoing regular examination by a competent medical authority.
 - (d) an applicant who has total functional loss of vision in one eye or who uses only one eye (e.g. in the case of diplopia) must have a visual acuity of at least 0,5, with corrective lenses if necessary. The eyesight examining doctor or optician must certify that this condition of monocular vision has existed for a sufficiently long time to allow adaptation and that the field of vision in this eye meets the requirement laid down in paragraph (b).
 - (e) after any recently developed diplopia or after the loss of vision in one eye, there should be an appropriate adaptation period (of at least six months), during which driving is not allowed. After this period, driving is only allowed following a favourable opinion from the eyesight examining doctor or optician.
3. In the case of an applicant for a learner permit or driving licence to drive vehicles of category C1, C, D1, D, EC1, EC, ED1 or ED
 - (a) the person shall have a visual acuity, with corrective lenses if necessary, of at least 0,8 in the better eye and at least 0,1 in the worse eye. If corrective lenses are used to attain the values of 0,8 and 0,1, the minimum acuity (0,8 and 0,1) must be achieved either by correction by means of glasses with a power not exceeding plus eight dioptres, or with the aid of contact lenses. The correction must be well tolerated.
The horizontal visual field with both eyes should be at least 160 degrees; the extension should be at least 70 degrees left and right and 30 degrees up and down. No defects should be present within a radius of the central 30 degrees.
 - (b) a learner permit or driving licence shall not be issued to a person who suffers from impaired contrast sensitivity or from diplopia.
 - (c) after a substantial loss of vision in one eye, there should be an appropriate adaptation period (of at least six months) during which the subject is not allowed to drive. After this period, driving is only allowed after a favourable opinion from the eyesight examining doctor or optician.

Form D503 — Certificate of fitness.



AN tACHT UM THRÁCHT AR BHÓITHRE, 1961
ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1961

Aimn an Iarratasóra

Name of Applicant:

Number

Seoladh

Address:

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DEIMHNIÚ INFHEIDHMEACHTA

Tar éis dom iarratas an dúine atá ainmnithe thuar ar Dheimhniú Infheidhmeachta agus an tuarascáil a ghabhann leis ón liachleachtóir cláraithe maidir leis na cúrsaí iomchúí a bhaineann le staid coirp agus aigne an iarratasóra a mheas, deimhním leis seo go bhfuil an t-iarratasóir infheidhme chun feithiclí den aicme/de na haicmí a thiomáint:

CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS

Having considered the application of the person named above for a Certificate of Fitness and the accompanying report of the registered medical practitioner as to the relevant aspects of the applicant's physical and mental condition, I hereby certify that the applicant is fit to drive vehicles of categories:

Is Í tréimhse bailíochta an Deimhnithe seo, chun críche alt(2) realacháin 36 de na Rialacháin um Thrácht ar Bhóithre (Tiománaíthe a Cheadúnú) 2006 ná: _____Bliana

The period of validity of this certificate, for the purpose of paragraph 2 of Regulation 36 of the Road Traffic (Licensing of Drivers) Regulations 2006, is: _____Years

SÍNITHE:
 Oifigeach Ainmnithe

SIGNED:
 Designated Officer

DÁTA:
 Gnáth-Shíniú
 an Iarratasóra

DATE:
 Ordinary Signature
 of Applicant

NOTÁI TÁBHACHTACHA

- (1) Ní bheidh an Deimhniú seo bailí go síneoidh tú é.
- (2) Scoirfidh Deimhniú Infeidhmeachta de bheith bailí mura ndéanfar, iaistigh de thréimhse 6 mhí tar éis dáta a éisiúna, é a thabhairt áird don údaras ceadúnúcháin mar aon le hiarratas ar cheadúnas tiomána nó ar Chead Foghlamóra
- (3)Faoi Alt 34 (5) den Acht Um Thrácht ar Bhóithaire 1961, féadfaidh aon duine arb eagóir leis cinneadh I gcás iarratais ar Dheimhniú Infheidhmeachta achomharc a dhéanamh chun Chúirt Dúiche.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- (1) This Certificate is not valid until it has been signed by you.
- (2) A Certificate of Fitness ceases to be valid unless it is submitted to a licensing authority with an application for a driving licence or a Learner Permit within 6 months after the date of issue of the certificate.
- (3) Under Section 34(5) of the Road Traffic Act 1961 a person aggrieved by a decision on an application for a Certificate of Fitness may appeal to the District Court.

Form D.900 — Recognised driving licence declaration.

FORM
D.900

EXCHANGE OF DRIVING LICENCE

DECLARATION OF VALIDITY OF RECOGNISED DRIVING LICENCE

I hereby declare that my normal residence is in Ireland and:-

(a) I hold a genuine driving licence issued in

(insert name of State)

(b) the particulars of my _____ driving licence are as follows:-

reference number

expiry date

Day	Month	Year

categories of vehicle

issuing authority

(c) Was the licence being exchanged for an Irish Licence, issued on foot of an exchange of a licence in another country? Yes No

If yes, give name of country whose licence was previously exchanged

(d) Normal Residence in Ireland

An applicant for a driving licence must be normally resident in Ireland. Being 'normally resident' in Ireland means you live here for at least 185 days in each calendar year. Even where you work or study abroad for lengthy periods you may still be regarded as being normally resident in Ireland provided that you have personal ties in Ireland and return here regularly.

I took up normal residence in Ireland on (insert date)

Day	Month	Year

I wish to surrender my _____ driving licence and to receive in exchange an Irish driving licence. I declare that the address indicated is my place of normal residence and that the information

given by me in this declaration is correct in relation to licence details and personal details and the accompanying documents relate to me.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name and address
(in **Block** letters please) _____

Warning

Section 115 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 – No. 24 of 1961 – provides that any person applying for a learner permit or driving licence shall not furnish false or misleading information in connection with such application. Any person contravening this requirement is liable to prosecution and penalties.

A recognised driving licence is a driving licence issued in a member state of the European Union or of the European Economic Area, or a State declared to be a "recognised State" under the Road Traffic (Recognition of Foreign Driving Licences) Order.

All recognised licences presented for exchange purposes must either be current, **OR**-

- (a) in the case of licences issued by a member state of the European Union or the European Economic Area, have expired within the ten year period preceding the date of licence exchange application,
- OR**
- (b) in the case of licences issued by a "recognised State" other than a member state of the European Union or of the European Economic Area, have expired within the twelve month period preceding the date of licence exchange application.

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Part 2

SCHEDULE 3

*Regulations 12
and 20*

Diseases or disabilities where a medical report is required

Alcoholism.

Any physical disablement which is likely to affect ability to drive safely.

Any illness which requires the regular use of psychotropic substances.

Any illness or disease which requires the regular use of medications likely to affect ability to drive safely.

Cardiovascular diseases.

Diplopia, defective binocular vision, impaired contrast sensitivity or loss of visual field.

Serious hearing deficiency.

Mental disturbance due to disease or trauma of, or operation upon, the central nervous system.

Severe mental retardation.

Psychosis.

Psychoneurosis or personality disorders.

Serious diseases of the blood.

Any disease of the genito-urinary system (including renal disorder) which is likely to affect ability to drive safely.”

SCHEDULE 6

Aspects and standards of physical and mental fitness**Part 1****Eyesight**

1. In the case of an applicant for a learner permit or driving licence, or for the renewal of such a permit or licence, to drive vehicles of category A1, A, B, EB, M or W, the eyesight of the person shall comply with the standards outlined in Schedule 7.

2. In the case of an applicant for a learner permit or driving licence, or for the renewal of such a permit or licence, to drive vehicles of category C1, C, D1, D, EC1, EC, ED1 or ED, the eyesight of the person shall comply with the standards outlined in Schedule 7.

Part 2**Other Aspects of Physical and Mental Fitness****Preamble.**

Driving is more comfortable and safe if all medical conditions are under optimal control. Specialist opinion may be helpful in cases of doubt, not only to help decision-making when driving may no longer be safe but also to ensure a maximisation of health status and the provision of relevant compensatory measures i.e. spectacles, car choice, vehicle adaptations, physiotherapy.

General.

1. (1) In the case of an applicant for a licence or permit, or the renewal of a licence or permit, to drive a vehicle of any category, the medical examination shall take account of the following aspects of the applicant's physical and mental condition:

ear conditions (vertigo and labyrinthine conditions),

general physique and physical disabilities,

condition of cardiovascular system,

Condition of haemopoietic system,

Condition of endocrine system,

Condition of respiratory system,

Condition of gastro-intestinal system,

Condition of genito-urinary system,

Condition of nervous system,

Condition of mental system,

In so far as any condition of abnormality in any one or more of these aspects would affect such person's fitness to drive safely vehicles of that category having regard to—

- (a) the ability of the person concerned, both physically and mentally, to operate efficiently and safely the controls of the vehicles and to continue so to operate the controls over a reasonable period,
- (b) the susceptibility of the person concerned to sudden incapacity, such as loss of consciousness, fainting or giddiness, which might affect such person's ability to operate the controls of the vehicle so as to bring the vehicle to stop safely, and
- (c) the susceptibility of the person concerned to fatigue such that such person's ability to operate the controls of the vehicle might be seriously impaired.

(2) Fitness to drive shall not be certified in the case of an applicant to drive a vehicle of any category who suffers from any condition or abnormality in any one or more of the aspects of such person's physical and mental condition set out in sub paragraph (1) of this paragraph to such extent that the driving by the applicant of vehicles of the category to which the application relates would be a danger to the applicant or other road users.

(3) Special attention shall be paid to the additional risks and dangers involved in driving vehicles of category C1, C, D1, D, EC1, EC, ED1 or ED.

General Physique and Physical Disabilities.

2. (1) As a general rule, fitness to drive shall not be certified in respect of persons suffering from complaints or abnormalities of the locomotor system which make it dangerous for them to drive a power-driven vehicle.

(2) In the case of an applicant for a licence or permit, or renewal or a licence or permit, to drive vehicles of category A1, A, B, EB, M or W, fitness to drive may be certified in respect of physically handicapped persons subject to periodic medical review. Where a person is suffering from a progressive complaint, fitness to drive may be certified on condition that the disabled person is regularly examined to check that the person concerned is still capable of driving the vehicle efficiently and safely.

(3) In the case of an applicant for a licence or permit, or renewal or a licence or permit, to drive vehicles of category C1, C, D1, D, EC1, EC, ED1 or ED, the medical examination shall cover the full range of body movements —

strength, control and co-ordination — and in particular, movements of the upper and lower limbs. Fitness to drive shall not be certified if the applicant has any disablement which is likely to prevent the proper and safe control of such vehicles.

Hearing.

3. In the case of an applicant for a licence or permit, or renewal or a licence or permit, to drive a vehicle of category C1, C, D1, D, EC1, EC, ED1 or ED, fitness to drive shall not be certified if the applicant's hearing is so deficient that it interferes with the proper discharge of his or her duties as a driver.

Cardiovascular Diseases.

4. (1) Any disease capable of exposing an applicant for a first licence or a driver applying for a renewal of a licence to a sudden failure of the cardiovascular system such that there is a sudden impairment of the cerebral functions constitutes a danger to road safety.

(2) In the case of an applicant for a licence or permit, or renewal or a licence or permit, to drive vehicles of category A1, A, B, EB, M or W, the following should be noted—

(a) fitness to drive shall not be certified if the applicant suffers from serious arrhythmia resulting in loss of consciousness.

In this connection, persons with ventricular tachyarrhythmias treated by an implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD) have an ongoing risk of sudden incapacitation that might cause harm to others while driving. Such persons with New York Heart Functional Class III shall not be certified as being fit to drive. However, fitness to drive may be certified in respect of such patients with New York Heart Functional Class I or II subject to—

(i) certification by a consultant cardiologist, and

(ii) regular medical review,

(b) fitness to drive may be certified in respect of persons wearing a pace-maker subject to regular medical review,

(c) the question whether to certify a person suffering from abnormal arterial blood pressure as being fit to drive shall be assessed with reference to the other results of the medical examination, any associated complications and the danger they might constitute to road safety, and

(d) generally speaking, fitness to drive shall not be certified in respect of persons suffering from angina during rest or emotion. Persons who have suffered myocardial infarction may be certified as being fit to drive subject to regular medical review.

(3) In the case of an applicant for a licence to drive vehicles of category C1, C, D1, D, EC1, EC, ED1 or ED who suffers from cardiovascular diseases, the

medical examination shall take due account of the additional risks and dangers involved in the driving of such vehicles.

Endocrine Disorders.

5. (1) In the following paragraphs, a severe hypoglycaemia means that the assistance of another person is needed and a recurrent hypoglycaemia is defined as a second severe hypoglycaemia during a period of 12 months.

(2) Driving licences shall not be issued to, nor renewed for, applicants or drivers who have recurrent severe hypoglycaemia or/and impaired awareness of hypoglycaemia. A driver with diabetes should demonstrate an understanding of the risk of hypoglycaemia and adequate control of the condition.

(3) A severe hypoglycaemic event during waking hours, even unrelated to driving, should be reported to the medical practitioner and should give rise to a reassessment of the licensing status.

(4) In the case of an applicant for a learner permit or driving licence, or for the renewal of such a permit or licence, to drive vehicles of category A1, A, B, EB, M or W permits or licences may be issued to, or renewed for, applicants or drivers who have diabetes mellitus. When treated with medication, they should be subject to authorised medical opinion and regular medical review, appropriate to each case, but the interval should not exceed five years.

(5) In the case of an applicant for a learner permit or driving licence, or for the renewal of such a permit or licence, to drive vehicles of category C1, C, D1, D, EC1, EC, ED1 or ED consideration may be given to the issuing permits/licences to persons with diabetes mellitus. When treated with medication which carries a risk of inducing hypoglycaemia (that is, with insulin, and some tablets), the following criteria should apply:

- (a) no severe hypoglycaemic events have occurred in the previous 12 months,
- (b) the driver has full hypoglycaemic awareness,
- (c) the driver must show adequate control of the condition by regular blood glucose monitoring, at least twice daily and at times relevant to driving,
- (d) the driver must demonstrate an understanding of the risks of hypoglycaemia, and
- (e) there are no other debarring complications of diabetes.

In these cases, such permit or licences should be issued subject to the opinion of a competent medical authority and to regular medical review, undertaken at intervals of not more than three years.

Diseases of the Nervous System.

6. (1) In the case of an applicant for a licence or permit, or renewal or a licence or permit, to drive a vehicle of any category who suffers from—

- (a) encephalitis, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis or hereditary diseases of the nervous system associated with progressive muscular atrophy and congenital myotonic disorders,
- (b) diseases of the peripheral nervous system, or
- (c) trauma of the central or peripheral nervous system,

fitness to drive shall be certified for a limited period only so as to ensure that the applicant remains under medical supervision.

Neurological disturbances associated with diseases or surgical intervention affecting the central or peripheral nervous system, which lead to sensory or motor deficiencies and affect balance and co-ordination, must be taken into account in relation to their functional effects and the risks of progression. In such cases and in the event of risk of deterioration, fitness to drive shall be for a limited period only.

- (2) (a) (i) Epileptic seizures or other sudden disturbances of the state of consciousness constitute a serious danger to road safety if they occur in a person driving a power-driven vehicle.
 - (ii) Epilepsy is defined as having had two or more epileptic seizures, less than five years apart.
 - (iii) A provoked epileptic seizure is defined as a seizure which has a recognisable causative factor that is avoidable.
 - (iv) A person who has an initial or isolated seizure or loss of consciousness should be advised not to drive. A specialist report is required, stating the period of driving prohibition and the requested follow-up.
 - (v) It is extremely important that the person's specific epilepsy syndrome and seizure type are identified so that a proper evaluation of the person's driving safety can be undertaken (including the risk of further seizures) and the appropriate therapy instituted. This should be done by a neurologist.
- (b) In the case of an applicant for a licence or permit, or renewal or a licence or permit, to drive a vehicle of any category A1, A, B, EB, M or W—
- (i) drivers assessed with epilepsy should be under licence review until they have been seizure-free for at least five years;

- (ii) if the person has epilepsy, the criteria for an unconditional licence are not met. Notification should be given to the licensing authority;
- (iii) provoked epileptic seizure: the applicant who has had a provoked epileptic seizure because of a recognisable provoking factor that is unlikely to recur at the wheel can be declared able to drive on an individual basis, subject to neurological opinion the assessment should be, if appropriate, in accordance with other relevant sections of this Schedule (e.g. in the case of alcohol or other co-morbidity);
- (iv) First or single unprovoked seizure: the applicant who has had a first unprovoked epileptic seizure can be declared able to drive after a period of six months without seizures, if there has been an appropriate medical assessment. Drivers with recognised good prognostic indicators may drive sooner;
- (v) Other loss of consciousness: the loss of consciousness should be assessed according to the risk of recurrence while driving;
- (vi) Epilepsy: persons can be declared fit to drive after a one-year period free of further seizures;
- (vii) Seizures exclusively in sleep: the applicant or driver who has never had any seizures other than seizures during sleep can be declared fit to drive so long as this pattern has been established for a period which must not be less than the seizure-free period required for epilepsy. If there is an occurrence of attacks/seizure arising while awake, a one-year period free of further event before licensing is required;
- (viii) Seizures without influence on consciousness or the ability to act: the applicant or driver who has never had any seizures other than seizures which have been demonstrated exclusively to affect neither consciousness nor cause any functional impairment can be declared fit to drive so long as this pattern has been established for a period which must not be less than the seizure-free period required for epilepsy. If there is an occurrence of any other kind of attacks/seizures a one-year period free of further event before licensing is required;
- (ix) Seizures because of a physician-directed change or reduction of anti-epileptic therapy: the patient may be advised not to drive from the commencement of the period of withdrawal and thereafter for a period of six months after cessation of treatment. Seizures occurring during physician-advised change or withdrawal of medication require three months off driving if the previously effective treatment is reinstated;

(x) Subsequent to curative epilepsy surgery: see paragraph (2)(a)(ii) above.

(c) In the case of an applicant for a licence or permit, or renewal or a licence or permit, to drive a vehicle of any category C1, C, D1, D, EC1, EC, ED1 or ED—

(i) drivers assessed with epilepsy should be under licence review until they have been seizure-free for at least five years;

(ii) the applicant should be without anti-epileptic medication for the required period of seizure freedom and an appropriate medical follow-up has been done. On extensive neurological investigation, no relevant cerebral pathology was established and there is no epileptiform activity on the electroencephalogram (EEG). An EEG and an appropriate neurological assessment should be performed after the acute episode;

(iii) provoked epileptic seizure: the applicant who has had a provoked epileptic seizure because of a recognisable provoking factor that is unlikely to recur at the wheel can be declared able to drive on an individual basis, subject to neurological opinion. An EEG and an appropriate neurological assessment should be performed after the acute episode. A person with a structural intra-cerebral lesion who has increased risk of seizures should not be able to drive vehicles of these categories until the epilepsy risk has fallen to at least 2% per annum. The assessment should be, if appropriate, in accordance with other relevant sections of this Schedule (e.g. in the case of alcohol);

(iv) First or single unprovoked seizure: the applicant who has had a first unprovoked epileptic seizure can be declared able to drive once five years' freedom from further seizures has been achieved without the aid of anti-epileptic drugs, if there has been an appropriate neurological assessment. Drivers with recognised good prognostic indicators may drive sooner;

(v) Other loss of consciousness: the loss of consciousness should be assessed according to the risk of recurrence while driving. The risk of recurrence should be 2% per annum or less;

(vi) 10 years freedom from further seizures shall have been achieved without the aid of anti-epileptic drugs. A licence or permit may be granted sooner than ten years to applicants with recognised good prognostic indicators. This also applies in case of "juvenile epilepsy".

Certain disorders (e.g. arterio-venous malformation or intra-cerebral haemorrhage) entail an increased risk of seizures, even if seizures have not yet occurred. In such a situation an assessment should be carried out by a competent medical authority; the risk

of having a seizure should be 2% per annum or less to allow licensing.

(3) In the case of an applicant for a licence or permit, or renewal or a licence or permit, to drive vehicles of category A1, A, B, EB, M or W who suffers from a cerebrovascular disease, fitness to drive may be certified—

- (a) provided that, where necessary, the controls of the vehicle to be driven are suitably rearranged or modified or a suitable special type of vehicle is used, and
- (b) for a limited period only so as to ensure that the applicant remains under medical supervision.

(4) In the case of an applicant for a licence or permit, or renewal or a licence or permit, to drive vehicles of category A1, A, B, EB, M or W who has suffered a lesion with damage to the spinal cord and resultant paraplegia, fitness to drive may be certified subject to the vehicle to be driven being fitted with special controls.

(5) In the case of an applicant for a licence to drive vehicles of category C1, C, D1, D, EC1, EC, ED1 or ED, fitness to drive shall not be certified where the applicant suffers, or has at any time suffered, from a cerebrovascular disease or a lesion with damage to the spinal cord and resultant paraplegia.

Mental Disorders.

7. (1) In the case of an applicant for a licence to drive vehicles of category A1, A, B, EB, M or W, the medical examination shall take due account of:—

- (a) severe mental disturbance, whether congenital or due to disease, trauma or neurosurgical operation on the central nervous system,
- (b) severe mental retardation,
- (c) psychosis, which in particular has caused general paralysis; or
- (d) severe behavioural problems due to dementia; psychoneurosis; or personality defects or disorders leading to seriously impaired judgement, behaviour or adaptability.

If necessary, certification shall be for a limited period only.

(2) In the case of an applicant for a licence or permit, or renewal or a licence or permit, to drive vehicles of category C1, C, D1, D, EC1, EC, ED1 or ED who suffers from any of the disorders outlined in (1) above, the medical examination shall take due account of the additional risks and dangers involved in the driving of such vehicles.

Alcohol.

8. In the case of an applicant for a licence or permit, or renewal or a licence or permit, to drive vehicles of any category who suffers from or has suffered in

the past from alcoholism, fitness to drive may be certified for a limited period only, so as to ensure that the applicant remains under medical supervision.

Drugs (prescription and illicit) and Medications.

9. (1) Abuse:

In the case of an applicant for a licence or permit, or renewal or a licence or permit, to drive vehicles of any category, fitness to drive shall not be certified if the person concerned is dependent on psychotropic substances or, if the person is not dependent on such substances, regularly abuses them.

(2) Regular Use:

- (a) In the case of an applicant for a licence or permit, or renewal or a licence or permit, to drive vehicles of category A1, A, B, EB, M or W, fitness to drive shall not be certified if the person concerned regularly uses psychotropic substances, in whatever form, which can hamper the ability to drive safely where the quantities absorbed are such as to have an adverse effect on driving. This shall apply to all other medications or combinations of medications which affect the ability to drive,
- (b) In the case of an applicant for a licence or permit, or renewal or a licence or permit, to drive vehicles of category C1, C, D1, D, EC1, EC, ED1 or ED who regularly uses psychotropic substances or medications, the medical examination shall take due account of the additional risks and dangers involved in the driving of such vehicles.

Diseases of the Blood.

10. In the case of an applicant for a licence or permit, or renewal or a licence or permit, to drive a vehicle of any category, special attention shall be paid to serious diseases of the blood.

Renal Disorders.

11. In the case of an applicant for a licence or permit, or renewal or a licence or permit, to drive vehicles of any category, fitness to drive shall not be certified where the applicant suffers from severe renal deficiency to such extent that the driving by the applicant of vehicles of the category to which the application relates would be a danger to the applicant or to other road users.

Miscellaneous provisions.

12. (1) In the case of an applicant for a licence or permit, or renewal or a licence or permit, to drive vehicles of category A1, A, B, EB, M or W who has had an organ transplant or an artificial implant which affects the ability to drive, fitness to drive may be certified subject to periodic medical review. Fitness to drive may also be certified in respect of such persons to drive vehicles of category C1, C, D1, D, EC1, EC, ED1 or ED but due account should be taken of the additional risks and dangers involved in the driving of such vehicles.

(2) As a general rule, where an applicant for a licence or permit, or renewal or a licence or permit, to drive a vehicle of any category suffers from any disorder not mentioned in subparagraph (1) above which gives rise to, or is likely to result in, a functional incapacity affecting safety at the wheel, the medical examination shall take due account of the risks and dangers involved in the driving of the vehicles in question and certification of fitness in such instances shall be subject to periodic medical review.

Eyesight standards**Eyesight**

1. All applicants for a driving licence shall undergo an appropriate investigation to ensure that they have adequate visual acuity for driving power-driven vehicles. Where there is reason to doubt that the applicant's vision is adequate, he/she shall be examined by a competent medical authority. At this examination attention shall be paid, in particular, to the following: visual acuity, field of vision, twilight vision, glare and contrast sensitivity, diplopia and other visual functions that can compromise safe driving.

2. In the case of an applicant for a learner permit or driving licence, or for the renewal of such a permit or licence, to drive vehicles of category A1, A, B, EB, M or W—

- (a) licensing may be considered in “exceptional cases” where the visual field standard or visual acuity standard cannot be met; in such cases the driver should undergo examination by a competent medical authority to demonstrate that there is no other impairment of visual function, including glare, contrast sensitivity and twilight vision. The driver or applicant should also be subject to a positive practical test conducted by a competent authority;
- (b) the person shall have a binocular visual acuity, with corrective lenses if necessary, of at least 0.5 when using both eyes together. The horizontal visual field should be at least 120 degrees, the extension should be at least 50 degrees left and right and 20 degrees up and down. No defects should be present within a radius of the central 20 degrees;
- (c) when a progressive eye disease is detected or declared, driving licences may be issued or renewed subject to the applicant undergoing regular examination by a competent medical authority;
- (d) who have total functional loss of vision in one eye or who use only one eye (e.g. in the case of diplopia) must have a visual acuity of at least 0.5, with corrective lenses if necessary. The competent medical authority must certify that this condition of monocular vision has existed for a sufficiently long time to allow adaptation and that the field of vision in this eye meets the requirement laid down in paragraph (b);
- (e) after any recently developed diplopia or after the loss of vision in one eye, there should be an appropriate adaptation period of a minimum duration of 6 months, during which driving is not allowed. After this period, driving is only allowed following a favourable opinion from vision experts.

3. In the case of an applicant for a learner permit or driving licence, or for the renewal of such a permit or licence, to drive vehicles of category C1, C, D1, D, EC1, EC, ED1 or ED—

- (a) the person shall have a visual acuity, with corrective lenses if necessary, of at least 0.8 in the better eye and at least 0.1 in the worse eye. If corrective lenses are used to attain the values of 0.8 and 0.1, the minimum acuity (0.8 and 0.1) must be achieved either by correction by means of glasses with a power not exceeding plus eight dioptries, or with the aid of contact lenses. The correction must be well tolerated. The horizontal visual field with both eyes should be at least 160 degrees, the extension should be at least 70 degrees left and right and 30 degrees up and down. No defects should be present within a radius of the central 30 degrees;
- (b) a learner permit or driving licence shall not be issued to a person who suffers from impaired contrast sensitivity or from diplopia;
- (c) after a substantial loss of vision in one eye, there should be an appropriate adaptation period of a minimum duration of six months during which the subject is not allowed to drive. After this period, driving is only allowed after a favourable opinion from vision experts.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,
11 November 2010.

NOEL DEMPSEY,
Minister for Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).

These Regulations amend the medical criteria for certification of fitness to drive, in order to give effect to Commission Directive No. 2009/112/EC of 25 August 2009 and Commission Directive No. 2009/113/EC of 25 August, 2009

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