

**Train Driver Certification**



## A TRAIN DRIVER LICENCE For Europe














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### Transformation from company to Community regime

PAST	PRESENT	Directive 2007/59/EC
Self regulation	National Level	EU License Harmonised Certificate
		
		
		
		
		

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### DIRECTIVE 2007/59/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 23 October 2007

#### on the certification of train drivers operating locomotives and trains on the railway system in the Community

*"This Directive lays down the conditions and procedures for the certification of train drivers operating locomotives and trains on the railway system in the Community"*  
(Article 1 – Objective)

*"All train drivers shall (...) hold the following documents:*  
(a) a licence (...)  
(b) one or more certificates.  
(Article 4 – Community Model)

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### LICENCE Model



Adopted with  
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### Complementary Certificate

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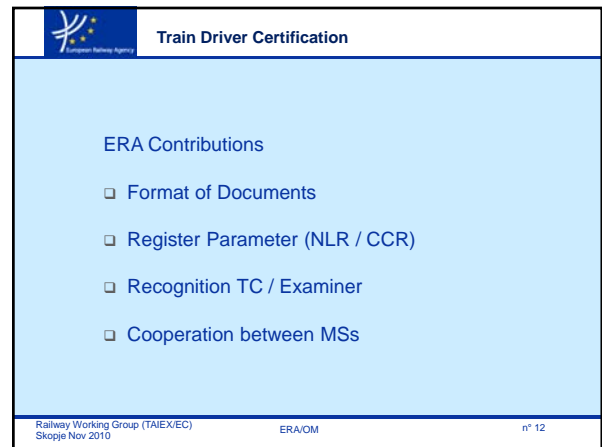
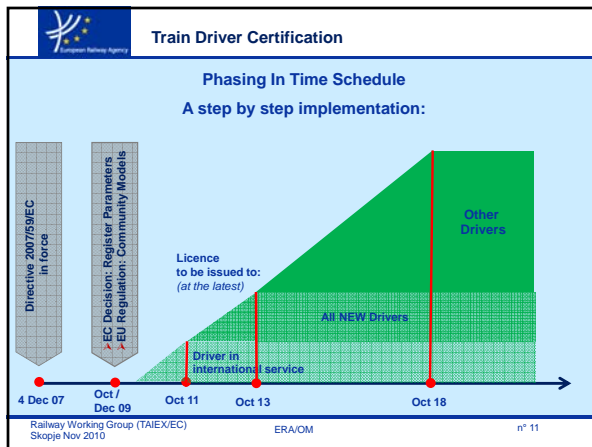
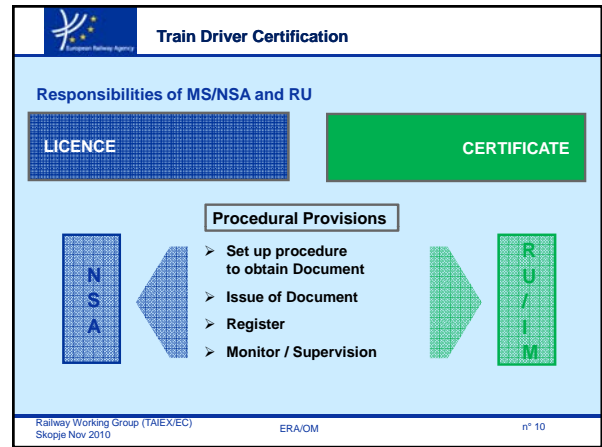
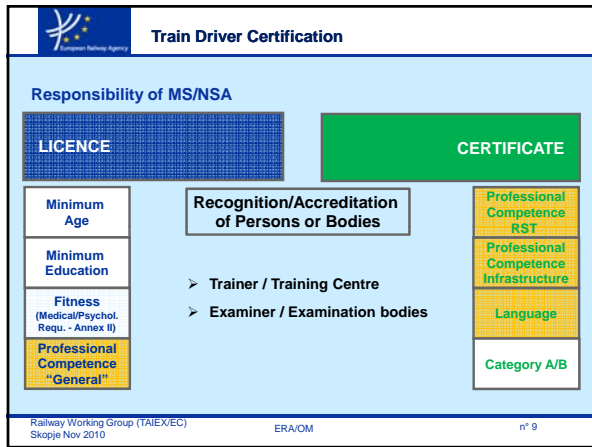
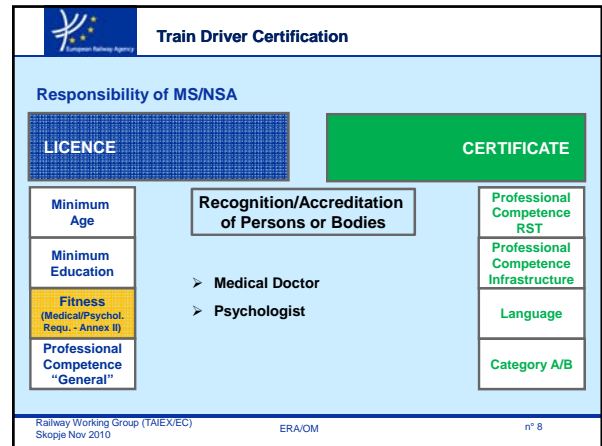
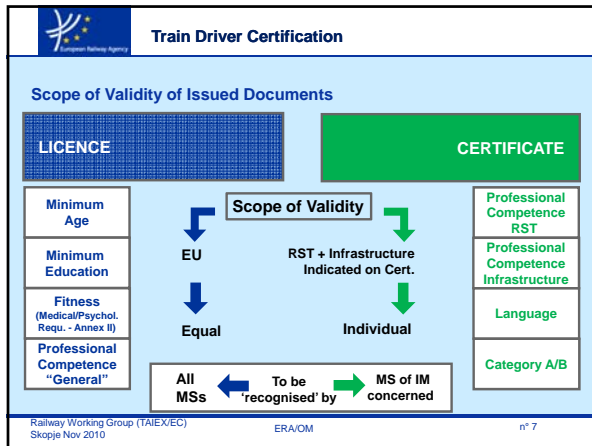
### Certification System established by Dir 2007/59/EC

LICENCE	CERTIFICATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum Age</li> <li>Minimum Education</li> <li>Fitness (Medical/Psychol. Regu. - Annex II)</li> <li>Professional Competence "General"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional Competence RST</li> <li>Professional Competence Infrastructure</li> <li>Language</li> <li>Category A/B</li> </ul>
Issued by NSA	Issued by RU / IM

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**ERA Contributions: Format of Documents**

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 36/2010  
of 3 December 2009**

on Community models for

- train driving licences,
- complementary certificates,
- certified copies of complementary certificates and
- application forms for train driving licences,

under Directive 2007/59/EC of the European Parliament and the Council

Article 16b(e) of the Regulation 881/2004/EC: [...] the Agency shall:

.....by 4 December 2012, examine the possibility of using a smartcard combining the licence and certificates and shall prepare a cost/benefit analysis thereof. The Agency shall prepare a draft for the technical and operating specifications for such a smartcard

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**ERA Contributions: Register Parameters**

**COMMISSION DECISION  
of 29 October 2009**


on the adoption of basic parameters for registers of train driving licences and complementary certificates provided for under Directive 2007/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

(2010/17/EC)

Article 3 of Decision 2010/17/EU:

Within 24 months from the taking effect of this Decision, the European Railway Agency (hereinafter 'the Agency') shall carry out a feasibility study for a computer-based application fulfilling the basic parameters for the NLR and CCR and facilitating the exchange of information among competent authorities, railway undertakings and infrastructure managers.

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**ERA Contributions: Recognition of Training Centres / Examiners**

2 Recommendations to be submitted to the European Commission


Current status: Draft  
Schedule for Adaption: 1<sup>st</sup> semester 2011

1. Recognition of training centres

2. Recognition of examiners  
+ common criteria for the organisation of examinations

- General Provisions on recognition  
= the same for recognition of TCs and recognition of Examiners
- Competence criteria training centres
- Competence criteria examiner
- Common criteria for the organisation of examinations

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**ERA Contributions: Recognition of Training Centres / Examiners**

General Provisions on recognition:

**Application**

- Competent body: Body appointed to be responsible for recognition
- Content of application
- Content of statement of recognition
- Delivery notice: 2 months

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General Provisions on recognition:

**Validity**

- 5 years (option for 'probationary period')
- Territory of EU
- Rules to amend the scope

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General Provisions on recognition:

**Supervision**

- Checks and controls
- Suspension and withdrawal
- Appeal procedure
- Register – updated and published!

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**ERA Contributions: Recognition of Training Centres / Examiners**

Specific provisions on recognition of training centres:

- Competence requirements
- Independence and impartiality
- TCs belonging to RU / IM
- TCs providing language training

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Competence requirements for training centres:

The applicant must:

1. have an **effective management structure** which ensures that trainers have adequate qualifications and experience to provide training according to the requirements set out in the Train Drivers Directive;
2. be able to provide the necessary **staff, facilities, equipment and accommodation** appropriate for the training offered and the estimated number of trainees;
3. ensure that **practical training** is performed by trainers who are holder of both a valid train driver licence and a valid certificate and who have professional practice as a train driver of minimum 4 years duration;

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Competence requirements for training centres:

The applicant must:

4. provide the methodology they will use to establish details of the content, organisation and duration of **training courses, training plans and competence schemes**;
5. provide systems to **record the training activities** including information on participants (such as their competence development), trainers and the number and purpose of courses;
6. have a **quality management system** or equivalent procedures in place to monitor compliance with, and the adequacy of, the systems and procedures which ensure that the training provided satisfy the standards set out in the Train Drivers Directive;

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Competence requirements for training centres:

The applicant must:

7. provide competence management, ongoing training and measures to **keep professional skills updated for trainers**;
8. demonstrate procedures to **keep training methods, tools and equipments updated** (such as training literature, training software, documents provided by the infrastructure manager such as rulebook on operation rules, signals, safety systems).

Without prejudice to the EU-wide validity of the statement of recognition a Member State may request fulfilment of supplementing requirements.

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**ERA Contributions: Recognition of Training Centres / Examiners**

Specific provisions on recognition of examiners:

- Competence requirements
- Independence and impartiality
- Examiners checking general language competence
- Examination centres
- **(Criteria for the organisation of examinations)**

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Competence requirements for examiners:

1. Applicants shall be **competent and experienced** regarding the subject of examination they want to conduct.
2. The experience requested shall be gathered during **professional practice** of minimum **4 years** duration within a period of not more than 5 years before the application date. The requested period of professional experience of 4 years may include periods of time as a trainer regarding the examination subjects in question.
3. In regard to practical examinations on board of trains the applicant must be **holder of both a valid train driver licence and a valid certificate** covering the subject of examination.  
He must have **professional practice as a train driver of minimum 4 years** duration and gathered within a period of not more than 5 years before the application date. His knowledge must be up to date at the time of application.

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Competence requirements for examiners:

- Applicants shall be competent in listening and spoken interaction at minimum **level B2<sup>1</sup>** in the language of examination.
- Applicants shall have the **skills and the pedagogical aptitude**, required for the purpose of conducting examinations and have thorough knowledge of the relevant **examination methods and examination documents**.
- Applicants shall demonstrate how they will keep their professional **competences** regarding the subjects they examine **updated**.
- Applicants must be familiar with the certification scheme for train drivers.

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<sup>1</sup>Competence level B2 according to the European Framework for Language Competence (EFLC) established by the Council of Europe

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Common criteria for the organisation of examinations:

Examinations organised to assess train drivers' competence in accordance with Article 25 of the Train Drivers Directive shall meet the following criteria:

- Examinations must be conducted by an **examiner who was accredited or recognised** in conformity with Article 20 of the Train Drivers Directive in regard to the area of competence that is subject of assessment and in regard to the language used for examination.
- In case of examinations conducted by two or more persons, at least the head of this **'board of examiners'** must be a recognised examiner according to the provisions of this Text.

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**ERA Contributions: Recognition of Training Centres / Examiners**

Common criteria for the organisation of examinations:

Examinations organised to assess train drivers' competence in accordance with Article 25 of the Train Drivers Directive shall meet the following criteria:

- In particular where the examination concerns the **practical part of train driving competences**, the examiner shall be licensed as train driver and hold a complementary certificate authorising the use of the infrastructure and the driving of rolling stock that is subject to the examination.
- Notwithstanding the requirement of paragraph a) examinations or parts of it, may be based on **standardised testing methods** such as computer tests or multiple choice tests where appropriate to the subject. An accredited or recognised examiner must be responsible for the test development and test result evaluation.

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Common criteria for the organisation of examinations:

Examinations organised to assess train drivers' competence in accordance with Article 25 of the Train Drivers Directive shall meet the following criteria:

- Examinations shall be performed in a **transparent manner and shall have adequate duration** in order to assure with sufficient documented evidence that **all issues of the relevant Train Drivers Directive annexes** are covered.
- Examinations must be organised in such a way that any **conflict of interest** is avoided. However, according Article 25 (4) of the Train Drivers Directive, this does not exclude the possibility that the examiner and the driver /driver candidate to be examined may belong to the same railway undertaking or infrastructure manager.

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Common criteria for the organisation of examinations:

Examinations organised to assess train drivers' competence in accordance with Article 25 of the Train Drivers Directive shall meet the following criteria:

- A case of conflict of interest exists if the examiner conducting the examination already provided the training on the subject of examination to the driver / driver candidate to be examined. In such cases the participation of a second examiner, who was not involved in preparation training, is required.
- Records** of the examined candidates, the examinations and the assessment results shall be kept for at least **10 years** following the day of examination.
- An examination shall be prepared with particular care in regard to the **security of all questions** foreseen.

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**Supporting exchange of experiences regarding Directive 2007/59/EC implementation**

**Dir 2007/59/EC - Art 35:**  
Member States shall assist one another in the implementation of this Directive. Competent authorities shall cooperate during this phase of implementation. The Agency shall assist this cooperation and organise appropriate meetings.


**No 'Regulation (EC) No 881/2004, Art 3 - working party':**

- different task => NO recommendations, probably 'activity report'
- different composition => NO sector representatives
- different work method => Based on initiatives and contribution of group members

 **ERA provides a platform , BUT** 

**NSAs decide on how they make use of it!**

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<b>Meetings</b>	4 Meetings p a in 2009 + 2010
<b>Participants</b>	16 MSs + NO represented AT, BE, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GR, IT, LT, NL, NO, PL, SE, UK
<b>Activities</b>	Question list Reports / Presentation on national solutions Implementation development overview

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*Thank you for your attention*

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