

## REGIONAL AGREEMENT FOR DRIVER TRAINING

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## Introduction, sources of information

### Objective:

- to propose the harmonised driver training in the SEETO Participants in compliance with 2007/59/EC on the certification of train drivers operating locomotives and trains on the railway system in the Community
- To analyse the existing situation
- To prepare a proposal of a **Regional Agreement** for the harmonised training of train drivers to be signed by the SEETO Participants.

## Introduction

- Training requirements for railway drivers in cross-border operations are higher than requirements for domestic operations.
- Train drivers involved in cross-border operations and personnel need additional knowledge and training.

## Title of Regional Agreement

**Proposal for a Regional Agreement  
among the SEETO Participants  
laying down  
the conditions and procedures for the  
harmonised training of train drivers  
operating locomotives and trains on  
SEETO'S rail network  
and  
the non-discriminatory access to the  
training facilities  
of the SEETO Participants**

## Article 1 Subject matter

- Conditions and procedures for the harmonised training of train drivers
- Non-discriminatory access to the training facilities of the SEETO Participants.

## Article 2 Definitions

- "training certificate" means a certificate issued by the competent examination board of a train driver training facility in the SEETO Participant
- "harmonised complementary training certificate" means a certificate issued by the competent board of examination, for specific features to be considered when operating on the other SEETO Participant's network, based on training requirements laid down in the RA.

### Article 3 Mutual recognition of train driver training certificates

- Training certificate issued by a SEETO Participant shall be recognised by the other SEETO Participants.
- Once a driver has received the training certificate, he shall be entitled to apply:
- for the **train driver licence** to drive on the network, for which he has received the training.
- for a **harmonised complementary training certificate** in any other SEETO Participant to apply for a **complementary driver licence** valid on the network of the other SEETO Participants.



### Article 4 Minimum requirements for training and harmonised complementary certificate

- Minimum requirements are specified in 5 Annexes.



### Article 5 Minimum age

- Applicants shall be at least 18 years of age.



### Articles 6 + 7 + 11 Skills, health and training

Skills, health and training requirements are specified in Annexes:

- Annex I: Skills and health requirements
- Annex II + III: Training requirements
- Annex IV + V: Examination requirements



### Article 8 Application for the certificate

- The competent authority shall publish the procedure to be followed for obtaining a training certificate, together with the necessary forms.
- All training certificate applications can be lodged with the competent authority by **the candidate driver's employer or by the candidate driver.**



### Article 9 Granting of the training certificate

- The competent authority shall issue the training certificate not later than **three weeks** after receiving all the necessary documents that prove the successful passing of the examinations.
- The training certificate shall be in the official languages of the SEETO Participants.



## Article 10 Tasks of the competent training authority (1)

- Fulfilment of tasks in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner.
- Delegation of tasks to the authorised representative or subcontractor without any conflict of interest in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner.
- No exclusivity of the incumbent railways in case of delegation of tasks.



## Article 10 Tasks of the competent training authority (2)

### Delegation is conditional:

- (a) the testing of physical and mental fitness by medical doctors or occupational health institutes accredited by the competent training authority;
- (b) the testing of psychological fitness by psychologists or occupational psychology institutes accredited by the competent training authority;
- (c) the testing of general professional knowledge by institutes or examiners accredited by the competent training authority;



## Article 12 Examinations

- The examinations shall be overseen by **selection boards** made up of competent examiners accredited by the competent authority; they shall be organised in such a way as to avoid any conflict of interest.
- The choice of examiners and examinations shall be agreed between those SEETO Participants who participate in common SEETO train driver training.



## ANNEX I

### BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS
- 2. MINIMUM CONTENT OF THE EXAMINATION BEFORE APPOINTMENT
  - 2.1 Medical examinations
  - 2.2 Psychological examinations
- 3. MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS
  - 3.1 General requirements
  - 3.2 Vision
  - 3.3 Hearing requirements
  - 3.4 Pregnancy
  - 3.5 Special health criteria for drivers
- 4. LANGUAGE TESTS



## ANNEX II + III

### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- TRAINING METHOD
- EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS
- GENERAL PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE



## ANNEX IV

### EXAMINATION OF PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF ROLLING STOCK

- 1. TESTS AND CHECKS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE
- 2. KNOWLEDGE OF ROLLING STOCK
- 3. TESTING THE BRAKES
- 4. OPERATING MODE AND MAXIMUM SPEED OF THE TRAIN IN RELATION TO THE LINE CHARACTERISTICS
- 5. DRIVING THE TRAIN IN A WAY WHICH DOES NOT DAMAGE INSTALLATIONS OR VEHICLES
- 6. ANOMALIES
- 7. OPERATING INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS, FIRES AND ACCIDENTS INVOLVING PERSONS
- 8. CONDITIONS FOR CONTINUING RUNNING AFTER AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING ROLLING STOCK
- 9. IMMOBILISATION OF THE TRAIN



## ANNEX V

### EXAMINATION OF PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF INFRASTRUCTURE

- 1. TESTING THE BRAKES
- 2. TYPE OF OPERATION AND MAXIMUM TRAIN SPEED ACCORDING TO THE LINE CHARACTERISTICS
- 3. KNOWLEDGE OF THE LINE
- 4. SAFETY REGULATIONS
- 5. DRIVING THE TRAIN
- 6. ANOMALIES
- 7. OPERATING INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS, FIRES AND ACCIDENTS INVOLVING PERSONS



Thank you for your attention!

