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Proposed Amendments to 1968 Convention for the amalgamated approach

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This document contains Appendix A of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1/Rev.3. That is, the proposed amendments to 1968 Convention for the amalgamated approach. Proposed amendments are presented in bold for additions, and strikethrough for deletions.



Appendix A

Article 41

Driving Permits

1. (a) Every driver of a motor vehicle must hold a driving permit **which should conform to the provisions of Annex 6. If the driving permit does not conform to the provisions of Annex 6, an international driving permit conforming to the provisions of Annex 7 must be issued for international use;**
 - (b) Contracting Parties undertake to ensure that driving permits are issued only after verification by the competent authorities that the driver possesses the required knowledge and skills; the persons authorized to check if drivers have the necessary knowledge and skills must have appropriate qualifications; the contents and procedure of both theoretical and practical exams are regulated by national legislation;
 - (c) Domestic legislation must lay down requirements for obtaining a driving permit **in accordance with the provisions of Annex 6.** In particular, ~~the requirements~~ shall specify the minimum ages for holding a permit, the medical conditions to be fulfilled and the conditions for passing the theoretical and practical exams;
 - (d) Nothing in this Convention shall be construed as preventing Contracting Parties or subdivisions thereof from requiring driving permits for other power-driven vehicles ~~and mopeds~~ **that have not been incorporated in Annex 6;**
 - (e) **Contracting Parties of which the domestic driving permit is not in conformance with Annex 6 shall issue an international driving permit conforming to the provisions of Annex 7 on condition that such international driving permit is linked to the domestic driving permit in such manner that the international driving permit is forthwith cancelled upon a suspension or cancellation of the domestic driving permit by a competent authority of such Contracting Party.**
2. (a) Contracting Parties shall recognize:
 - (i) Any domestic **driving** permit conforming to the provisions of Annex 6 to this Convention; **or**
 - (ii) Any international **driving** permit conforming to the provisions of Annex 7 to this Convention, ~~on condition that it is presented with the corresponding domestic driving permit,~~ as valid for driving in their territories a vehicle of one of the categories covered by the permits, provided that the **driving** permits are still valid and that they were issued by another Contracting Party or subdivision thereof or by an association **such as those affiliated to an international organization promoting road safety** duly empowered thereto by such other Contracting Party or one of its subdivisions; **provided that if an association is authorised to issue an international driving permit on behalf of a Contracting Party, the particulars of such institution shall be communicated to the Secretary General of the United Nations;**
 - (b) Driving permits issued by a Contracting Party **in conformance with the provisions of Annex 6 or Annex 7** shall be recognized in the territory of another Contracting Party until this territory becomes the place of normal residence of their holder;
 - (c) The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to learner-driver permits.
3. (a) Domestic legislation ~~may~~ **shall** limit the period of validity of a domestic driving permit. The period of validity of ~~an~~ **a domestic driving permit shall be at least five years (except in the case of a medical condition leading to a shorter period of validity), but in general no more than ten years (except in some countries where it could go up to fifteen years).** An international **driving** permit shall ~~be~~ **have a validity period of** either no more than three years after the date of issue or until the date of expiry of the domestic driving permit, whichever is earlier;

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

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

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2:

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

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

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

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

6. **Contracting Parties shall grant authorization to issue international driving permits only to associations fulfilling the minimum conditions and requirements laid down in Annex 7.**

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

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

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

Annex 6

Domestic driving permit

~~1. — A domestic driving permit shall take the form of a document.~~

~~21.~~ **The A domestic driving permit may be made of plastic or paper polymer only.** The preferred format for the ~~plastic~~ **polymer** permit shall be 54 x 86 mm in size **in accordance with the international standard ID-1.** The preferred colour of the permit shall be pink; the print and spaces for the entries to be made shall be defined by domestic legislation subject to the provisions of paragraphs **5, 6 and 7.**

~~32.~~ On the front side of the permit is the title “Driving Permit” in the domestic language (domestic languages) of the country issuing the permit **together with English “Driving Licence” or French “Permis de Conduire”,** as well as the name and/or the distinguishing sign of the country which issued the permit. **The national flag and/or coat of arms of the country which issued the permit may also be included on the front side. A further distinguishing mark for a learner permit may be added.**

~~43.~~ It is compulsory to indicate ~~in~~ **on** the permit the data listed under the numbers given below:

1. Family name;
2. Given name, other names;
3. Date and place of birth;¹
- 4.(a) Date of issue;
- 4.(b) Expiry date;
- 4.(c) Name or stamp of the authority which issued the permit;
5. Number of the permit;
6. Photograph of the holder;
7. Signature of the holder;
9. Categories-(subcategories) of vehicles for which the permit is valid;
12. Additional information or limitations for each category (subcategory) of vehicles in coded form.

~~54.~~ If additional information is required by domestic legislation, it shall be entered on the driving permit under the numbers given below:

- 4.(d) Identification number for the purposes of registration, other than the number under 5 of paragraph 4;
8. Place of normal residence;
10. Date of issue for each category (subcategory) of vehicles;
11. Expiry date for each category (subcategory) of vehicles;
13. Information for purposes of registration in the case of a change in country of normal residence;
14. Information for purposes of registration or other information related to road traffic safety.

~~65.~~ All the entries on the permit shall be made only in Latin characters. If other characters are used, the entries shall also be transliterated into the Latin alphabet.

~~76.~~ The information under numbers 1-7 in paragraphs **3 and 4** ~~4 and 5~~ should preferably be on the same side of the permit. The spaces for other data under numbers 8-14 in paragraphs **3**

¹ The place of birth may be replaced by other particulars defined by domestic legislation.

and 4 and 5 should be set by domestic legislation. Domestic legislation may also allocate a space on the permit for the inclusion of ~~electronically stored information~~ **machine readable information which must comply with the driving licence standards [option 1: ISO/IEC18013-2 and ISO/IEC18013-3; or option 2: ISO/IEC18013-2:2020 and ISO/IEC18013-3:2017; or option 3: ISO/IEC18013-2:2020 and ISO/IEC18013-3:2017, or any subsequent version of these standards].**














87. To protect the permit from alteration and fraudulent reproduction, the security features of the permit must comply with the driving licence [option 1: standard ISO/IEC18013-1; or option 2: standard ISO/IEC18013-1:2018; or option 3: standard ISO/IEC18013-1:2018 or any subsequent version of this standard].

8. The categories of vehicles for which the driving permit may be valid are the following:
 - A. Motorcycles;
 - B. Motor vehicles, other than those in category A, having a permissible maximum mass not exceeding 3,500 kg and not more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat; or motor vehicles of category B coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg; or motor vehicles of category B coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 750 kg but does not exceed the unladen mass of the motor vehicle, where the combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled does not exceed 3,500 kg;
 - C. Motor vehicles, other than those in category D, having a permissible maximum mass exceeding 3,500 kg; or motor vehicles of category C coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg;
 - D. Motor vehicles used for the carriage of passengers and having more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat; or motor vehicles of category D coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg;
 - BE. Motor vehicles of category B coupled to a trailer, the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 750 kg and exceeds the unladen mass of the motor vehicle; or motor vehicles of category B coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 750 kg, where the combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled exceeds 3,500 kg;
 - CE. Motor vehicles of category C coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass exceeds 750 kg;
 - DE. Motor vehicles of category D coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass exceeds 750 kg.
9. Under categories A, B, C, CE, D and DE, domestic legislation may introduce the following subcategories of vehicles for which the driving permit may be valid:
 - A1. Motorcycles with a cubic capacity not exceeding 125 cm³ and a power not exceeding 11 kW (light motorcycles);
 - B1. Motor tricycles and quadricycles;
 - C1. Motor vehicles, with the exception of those in category D, the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 3,500 kg but does not exceed 7,500 kg; or motor vehicles of subcategory C1 coupled to a trailer, the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg;
 - D1. Motor vehicles used for the carriage of passengers and having more than 8 seats in addition to the driver's seat but not more than 16 seats in addition to the driver's seat; or motor vehicles of subcategory D1 coupled to a trailer, the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg;
 - C1E. Motor vehicles of subcategory C1 coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 750 kg but does not exceed the unladen mass of the motor vehicle, where the combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled does not exceed 12,000 kg;

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

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

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

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

Annex 7

International driving permit

1. ~~The An international driving permit shall take the form of a polymer document 54 x 86 mm in size in accordance with the international standard ID-1. The preferred colour of the permit shall be [blue or colour other than pink]; the print and spaces for the entries to be made shall be defined by domestic legislation subject to the provisions of paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 be a booklet in format A 6 (148 x 105 mm). The cover shall be grey and the inside pages white.~~

2. ~~On the front side of the permit is the title "International Driving Permit" in English "International Driving Licence" and French "Permis de Conduire International" together with any of the other official languages of the United Nations that the country issuing the permit may prefer, as well as the name and/or the distinguishing sign of the country which issued the domestic driving permit. The national flag and/or coat of arms of the country which issued the permit may also be included on the front side. The outside and inside of the front cover shall conform, respectively, to model pages Nos. 1 and 2 below; they shall be printed in the national language, or in at least one of the national languages, of the issuing State. The last two inside pages shall be facing pages conforming to model No. 3 below; they shall be printed in French. The inside pages preceding these two pages shall repeat the first of them in several languages, which must include English, Russian and Spanish.~~

3. **It is compulsory to indicate on the permit the data listed under the numbers given below:**

1. **Family name;**
2. **Given name, other names;**
3. **Date and place of birth;²**
- 4.(a) **Date of issue;**
- 4.(b) **Expiry date;**
- 4.(c) **Name or stamp of the authority or the duly empowered association which issued the permit;**
5. **Number of the permit;**
6. **Photograph of the holder;**
7. **Signature of the holder;**
9. **Categories of vehicles for which the permit is valid;**
12. **Additional information or limitations for each category of vehicles in coded form.**

4. **If additional information is required by domestic legislation, it shall be entered on the driving under the numbers given below:**

- 4.(d) **Identification number for the purposes of registration, other than the number under 5 of paragraph 4;**
8. **Place of normal residence;**
10. **Date of issue for each category of vehicles;**
11. **Expiry date for each category of vehicles;**
13. **Information for purposes of registration in the case of a change in country of normal residence;**

² The place of birth may be replaced by other particulars defined by domestic legislation.

14. Information for purposes of registration or other information related to road traffic safety.

~~53. Handwritten or typed~~ All entries made on the permit shall be made in Latin characters ~~or in English cursive script~~. If other characters are used, the entries shall also be transliterated into the Latin alphabet.

~~64. The information under numbers 1-7 in paragraphs 3 and 4 must be on the front side of the permit. The spaces for other data under numbers 8-14 in paragraphs 3 and 4 should be set by domestic legislation~~ Contracting Parties issuing or authorizing the issuance of international driving permits of which the cover is printed in a language other than English, French, Russian or Spanish shall communicate to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the translation into that language of the text of model page No.3 below.

7. Associations empowered by contracting parties must fulfil the following requirements:

- (a) Proven knowledge in the application of the present Convention, and
- (b) Proven experience in the facilitation of mobility and road safety.

8. The Contracting Parties must keep an electronic register of all international driving permits issued on their territory to enable the following enquiry and exchange of information with empowered associations:














- (a) Verification of the validity of the domestic driving permit prior to the issuing of an international driving permit,
- (b) Communication of the particulars of the international driving permit issued, to be recorded in the electronic register kept by the contracting parties, and
- (c) Notification of the suspension or cancellation of a domestic driving permit to enable the suspension or cancellation of the international driving permit, as the case may be, by the empowered associations.

9. To protect the permit from alteration and fraudulent reproduction, the security features of the permit must comply with the driving licence standard [option 1: ISO/IEC18013-1; or option 2 ISO/IEC18013-1:2018; or option 3: ISO/IEC18013-1:2018 or any subsequent version of this standard]. Domestic legislation may also include machine readable information which must comply with the driving licence standards [option 1: ISO/IEC18013-2 and ISO/IEC18013-3; or option 2: ISO/IEC18013-2:2020 and ISO/IEC18013-3:2017; or option 3: ISO/IEC18013-2:2020 and ISO/IEC18013-3:2017, or any subsequent version of these standards].

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

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

- BE.** Motor vehicles of category B coupled to a trailer, the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 750 kg and exceeds the unladen mass of the motor vehicle; or motor vehicles of category B coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 750 kg, where the combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled exceeds 3,500 kg;
- CE.** Motor vehicles of category C coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass exceeds 750 kg;
- DE.** Motor vehicles of category D coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass exceeds 750 kg.
- 11.** Under categories A, B, C, CE, D and DE, domestic legislation may introduce the following subcategories of vehicles for which the driving permit may be valid:
- A1.** Motorcycles with a cubic capacity not exceeding 125 cm³ and a power not exceeding 11 kW (light motorcycles);
- B1.** Motor tricycles and quadricycles;
- C1.** Motor vehicles, with the exception of those in category D, the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 3,500 kg but does not exceed 7,500 kg; or motor vehicles of subcategory C1 coupled to a trailer, the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg;
- D1.** Motor vehicles used for the carriage of passengers and having more than 8 seats in addition to the driver's seat but not more than 16 seats in addition to the driver's seat; or motor vehicles of subcategory D1 coupled to a trailer, the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg;
- C1E.** Motor vehicles of subcategory C1 coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 750 kg but does not exceed the unladen mass of the motor vehicle, where the combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled does not exceed 12,000 kg;
- D1E.** Motor vehicles of subcategory D1 coupled to a trailer, not used for the carriage of persons, the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 750 kg but does not exceed the unladen mass of the motor vehicle, where the combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled does not exceed 12,000 kg.
- 12.** Domestic legislation may introduce categories and subcategories of vehicle other than those listed above. The designations of such categories and subcategories shall not resemble the symbols used in the Convention to designate categories and subcategories of vehicles; another type of print shall also be used.
- 13.** The categories (subcategories) of vehicles for which the permit is valid shall be represented by the pictograms in the table below.

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

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INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT

No.

Convention on Road Traffic of 8 November 1968

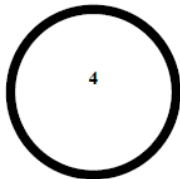
Valid until 2

Issued by

At

Date

Number of domestic driving permit



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¹—Name of the issuing State and its distinguishing sign as defined in Annex 3.

²—Either no more than three years after the date of issue or the date of expiry of the domestic driving permit, whichever is earlier.

³—Signature of the authority or association issuing the permit.

⁴—Seal or stamp of the authority or association issuing the permit.

MODEL PAGE No. 2

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This permit is not valid for the territory of
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It is valid for the territories of all the other Contracting Parties on condition that it is presented with the corresponding domestic driving permit. The categories of vehicles for which the permit is valid are stated at the end of the booklet.














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This permit shall cease to be valid in the territory of another Contracting Party if its holder establishes his normal residence there.

¹—Enter here the name of the Contracting Party in which the holder is normally resident.

²—Space reserved for a list of the States which are Contracting Parties (optional).

MODEL 3
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Given name, other names:	2.
Place of birth: ¹	3.
Date of birth:	4.
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Category code/Pictogram	Subcategory code/Pictogram
A 	A1 
B 	B1 
C 	C1 
D 	D1 
BE 	
CE 	C1E 
DE 	D1E 
RESTRICTIVE CONDITIONS OF USE ³	

¹— The place of birth may be replaced by other particulars defined by domestic legislation.

²— To be completed when required by domestic legislation.

³— For example: “Must wear corrective lenses”, “Valid only for driving vehicle No.”, “Vehicle must be equipped to be driven by a one-legged person”.

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B	B1	
C	C1	
D	D1	
BE		
CE	C1E	
DE	D1E	
		Signature of the holder
DISQUALIFICATIONS:		
The holder is deprived of the right to drive in the territory of ⁵ until ⁶ At ⁶ on ⁶		
The holder is deprived of the right to drive in the territory of ⁵ until ⁶ At ⁶ on ⁶		

⁴— Seal or stamp of the authority or association issuing the permit. This seal or stamp shall be affixed against the designation of the categories or subcategories only if the holder is licensed to drive the appropriate vehicles.

⁵— Name of State.

⁶— Signature and seal or stamp of the authority which has invalidated the permit in its territory. If the spaces provided for disqualifications on this page have already been used, any further disqualifications should be entered overleaf.