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**Appendix 1: ACT on compulsory initial qualification and periodic training of certain drivers.  
of 21 April 2006**

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**ACT**  
of 21 April 2006  
**on compulsory initial qualification and periodic training of certain drivers**

Amendment 653/2007 Coll.  
Amendment 188/2009 Coll.

The National Council of the Slovak Republic has adopted this Act:

Article 1

Subject of the Act

This Act shall regulate

- a) the obtaining of the driver's compulsory initial qualification (hereinafter referred to as the „initial qualification“);
- b) periodic training of drivers (hereinafter referred to as the „periodic training“).

Article 2

Basic provisions

(1) Unless otherwise stipulated below the obligation to subject to the initial qualification system and the compulsory periodic training system shall apply to the drivers of<sup>1)</sup>:

- a) goods transport vehicles for the driving of which the driving authorisation of categories C, C+E or C1+E or subcategory C1 or an authorisation recognized as equivalent shall require and
- b) passenger transport vehicles for the driving of which the driving authorisation of categories D, D+E or D1+E or subcategory D1 or an authorisation recognized as equivalent shall require.

(2) The obligation pursuant to paragraph 1 shall apply to the driver who is the national of:

- a) the Slovak Republic or other Member States of the European Union, Norway, Liechtenstein, Iceland and Switzerland (hereinafter referred to as the „Member State“), or
- b) non Member State if he is employed by a carrier established in the Member State or if carrier established in the Member State uses his services on the base of contract other than labour contract.

(3) The obligation pursuant to paragraph 1 shall apply to the transport services carried out on the roads intended for public use<sup>2)</sup>.

(4) The obligation pursuant to paragraph 1 shall not apply to the drivers of:

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<sup>1)</sup> Article 1 paragraph 2 letter a) and paragraph 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3820/85 of 20 December 1985 on the harmonization of certain social legislation relating to road transport.

<sup>2)</sup> Article 1 paragraph 2 letters a) to c) and Article 6 paragraph 1 of the Act No 135/1961 Coll. on roads (Road Act) as amended by the Act No 180/1996 Coll.

- a) vehicles with a maximum authorised speed not exceeding 45 km/h;
- b) vehicles used by the armed forces, civil defence units, customs administration, Police Corps, Railway Police, Slovak Information Service, Fire and Rescue Brigades, Mountain Rescue Service and Prison and Judicial Ward Corps,
- c) vehicles undergoing road tests for technical development, repair or maintenance purposes,
- d) new or rebuilt vehicles which have not yet been put into service,
- e) vehicles used in cases of emergency or assigned to rescue missions and to the removal of consequences of accidents, natural disaster or other extraordinary events,
- f) and to the persons in the driving school or to other persons registered to carry the initial qualification courses and the periodic training training vehicles in the course of driving lessons wishing to obtain:
  - 1. a driving authorisation of category or subcategory pursuant to Article 2 paragraph 1,
  - 2. an initial qualification or periodic training certificates,
- g) vehicles used for non-commercial carriage of passengers or goods, for personal use,
- h) vehicles carrying material or equipment to be used by the driver in the course of his or her work, provided that driving the vehicle is not the driver's principal activity.

### System of initial qualification

#### Article 3

##### Initial qualification

(1) The initial qualification shall mean the level of knowledge and skills necessary for safety driving of the vehicle for the driving of which an authorisation of category or subcategory pursuant Article 2 paragraph 1 shall be required. To obtain an initial qualification is not needed the driving licence any of categories or subcategories referred in Article 2 paragraph 1

(2) The initial qualification according to this Act can obtain the driver who is the national:

- a) of a Member State and his residence is in the territory of the Slovak Republic,
- b) of the third country and
  - 1. is employed or used by the carrier established in the territory of the Slovak Republic on the basis of contract other than labour contract, or
  - 2. the work permission has been issued by the authority of the Slovak Republic.

(3) An obligation to obtain the initial qualification shall not apply to the drivers, who acquired the driving authorisation

- a) by the 10 September 2008 in the case of drivers of passenger transport vehicles pursuant to Article 2 paragraph 1 letter b), and
- b) by the 10 September 2009 in the case of drivers of goods transport vehicles pursuant to Article 2 paragraph 1 letter a)

(4) Drivers of a vehicle intended for the carriage of goods may drive:

- a) from the age of 18:

1. a vehicle in driving authorisation categories C and C+E, provided they hold an initial qualification certificate pursuant to Article 7 paragraph 2,
  2. a vehicle in driving authorisation category C1+E or subcategory C1, provided they hold an initial qualification certificate pursuant to Article 7 paragraph 3,
- b) from the age of 21 a vehicle in driving authorisation categories C or C+E, provided they hold an initial qualification certificate pursuant to Article 7 paragraph 3.
- (5) Drivers of a vehicle intended for the carriage of passengers may drive:
- a) from the age of 21:
    1. a vehicle in driving authorisation categories D or D+E to carry passengers on regular bus services where the route does not exceed 50 kilometres and provided they hold an initial qualification certificate pursuant to Article 7 paragraph 3,
    2. a vehicle in driving authorisation category D1+E or subcategory D1 provided they hold an initial qualification certificate pursuant to Article 7 paragraph 3,
  - b) from the age of 18 a vehicle referred in letter a) point 2. provided they hold an initial qualification certificate pursuant to Article 7 paragraph 2,
  - c) from the age of 20 a vehicle in driving authorisation categories D and D+E provided they hold an initial qualification certificate pursuant to Article 7 paragraph 2,
  - d) from the age of 23 a vehicle in driving authorisation categories D or D+E provided they hold an initial qualification certificate pursuant to Article 7 paragraph 3.

(6) If the age limits are observed pursuant to paragraph 4, the drivers of a vehicle intended for the carriage of goods who hold an initial qualification certificate authorizing them to drive a vehicle in an one driving authorisation category or subcategory shall not be obliged to obtain other initial qualification certificate for driving a vehicle intended for the carriage of goods in other driving authorisation category or subcategory. The same shall apply to drivers of a vehicle intended for the carriage of passengers pursuant to paragraph 5.

(7) Drivers of a vehicle intended for the carriage of goods who hold an initial qualification certificate and who broaden or modify their activities in order to carry passengers shall not be required to repeat the common parts of the initial qualification courses, but rather only the parts specific to the new qualification. The same shall apply to drivers of a vehicle intended for the carriage of passengers pursuant to paragraph 5.

#### Article 4

##### Initial qualification courses

(1) Initial qualification courses shall be performed by the driving school or the other person registered for carrying out of these courses (hereinafter referred to as the "training centre operator") at the Territorial Office for the Road Transport and Roads (hereinafter referred to as the "Territorial Transport Office") in the residence of the Regional Office for the Road Transport and Roads (hereinafter referred to as the "Regional Transport Office").

(2) Initial qualification courses consist of theoretical training and practical driving; their scope and content are specified in the Annex 1, sections 1 to 3.

(3) In the framework of initial qualification courses also the first aid courses shall be carried out pursuant to special regulation.<sup>2a)</sup>

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<sup>2a)</sup> Article 40 of the Act No 578/2004 Coll. on the health care providers, health workers, corporate organizations in the health services and on amendments of some Act in the wording of the Act No 653/2007 Coll.

- (4) Practical driving shall be performed:
- a) within the road traffic in and out of the municipality built-up area on the roads for motor vehicles and the highways, in terms of different road traffic density; or
  - b) within the special training area; technical requirements are specified in Annex No 1a.“.

#### Article 4a

##### Requirements for registration

(1) Territorial Transport Off shall register the applicant for carrying out of initial qualification courses on the basis of a written application if the applicant proves that he:

- a) is a holder of the Small Trade Licence<sup>3)</sup> and
- b) has paid the administration fee.<sup>3a)</sup>

(2) The applicant for registration for carrying out of initial qualification courses shall attach to the written application the following:

- a) implementing plan of initial qualification courses containing organisation and scope of the training including the maximum number of participants in individual courses, particular topics and the method of theoretical and practical training together with the corresponding training material,
- b) lecturers list; the list shall include the first name, surname, professional competence of lecturers who have:
  1. secondary education with school-leaving exam in the fields related to road transport economics and operation; or
  2. university education related to road transport economics and operation;
  3. secondary education with school-leaving exam in the fields related to professional subjects of the theoretical part pursuant to the Annex No 1, Section 1; or
  4. university education related to professional subjects of the theoretical part pursuant to the Annex No 1, Section 1;
  5. instructor's authorisation<sup>3b)</sup> in case of practical driving;
- c) document proving the ownership or the rent of room or schoolroom conforming to general technical building requirements for residential rooms;
- d) document proving the ownership or the rent of training vehicles conforming to the category of driving authorisation and the number of vehicles corresponding to the number of course participants;
- e) data of the check system monitoring the training and plan compliance pursuant to letter a).

(3) The registration for carrying out of initial qualification courses shall not be transferable and it does not pass to the assignee.

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<sup>3)</sup> Articles 10 and 25 of the Act No 455/1991 Coll. on Small Trade Business (the Trade License Act) as amended by later regulations.

<sup>3a)</sup> Item 77a of the Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No 145/1995 Coll. on Administration fees as amended by the Act No 188/2009 Coll.

<sup>3b)</sup> Article 8 of the Act No 93/2005 Coll. on Driving Schools and on amendments of some acts.

#### Article 4b

##### Communication of registration data amendments

The training centre operator shall communicate all amendments concerning the requirements pursuant to Article 4a paragraph 2 to the Territorial Transport Office and he shall submit the relevant documents no later than 10 days after the amendments occurred.

#### Article 4c

##### Temporary suspension of registration validity or repeal of registration

(1) The Territorial Transport Office shall launch the proceeding on suspension of validity of registration for carrying out of initial qualification courses when it found that the training centre operator in spite of warning:

- a) does not carry out the courses in conformity with the plan of initial qualification courses;
- b) fails to ensure the performance of theoretical or practical training by the lecturers with professional competences;
- c) fails to keep the records concerning the theoretical or practical training, including the list of participants; or
- d) fails to submit the reports on launching and ending the course to the Regional Transport Office.

(2) The time period for the remedy of found deficiency shall be included in the decision on temporary suspension of registration validity.

(3) The Territorial Transport Office shall repeal the temporary suspension of registration validity when reasons for suspension imposition have expired or on request of the training centre operator if he has proven in written the remedy of a found deficiency.

(4) The Territorial Transport Office shall repeal the registration for carrying out of initial qualification courses if the training centre operator:

- a) fails to remedy the deficiency within the specified time period; or
- b) asks for repeal of registration.

#### Article 4d

##### Expiration of registration

The registration for carrying out of initial qualification courses shall expire:

- a) with the repeal of registration;
- b) with the death of the training centre operator acting as natural person or if he has been declared dead; or
- c) with the dissolution of training centre operator acting as legal person.“.

#### Article 5

##### Examination

(1) The examination shall be carried out after the completion of initial qualification courses pursuant. The training centre operator shall deliver, not later than three days after ending the course, to the Regional Transport Office the report containing:

- a) the training centre name and residence,

- b) the address of approved premises in which the initial qualification courses will be carried out,
- c) the date of course launching and ending, day and time of theoretical training,
- d) the list of course participants, their permanent addresses, the dates and places of the birth, the driving authorisation category,
- e) the training centre operator signature and stamp.

(2) The content and result of examination shall be recorded in the examination report which shall be undersigned by the all examination board members. The examination report together with the documents concerning the running of courses and examination shall be a part of the Regional Transport Office; Storage period shall be five years.

(3) Details concerning the content of documents and the running of initial qualification courses and examinations shall be specified by the Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications (hereinafter referred to as the "Ministry") in the generally binding regulation.

#### Article 6

##### Examination board

(1) Examination board shall be established and examinations shall be provided for by the Regional Transport Office.

(2) In every region shall be one of five members examination board consist of the Regional Transport Office staff and representatives of the Slovak chamber of driving school training premises and the carrier associations. The employee of the Regional Transport Office shall be a chairman of the examination board. The examination board shall be competent to the test evaluation if at least three members are present concurrently.

#### Article 7

##### Initial qualification certificate

(1) The initial qualification certificate shall be considered as a confirmation on obtaining the initial qualification issued by the Regional Transport Office to the driver on the basis of examination protocol pursuant to Article 5; it shall include the following data:

- a) the driver's name and surname,
- b) the driver's date and place of the birth,
- c) the indication of the issuing subject,
- d) the scope of the initial qualification,
- e) the date and the place of the issue,
- f) the signatures of the examination board chairman and of the head of the Regional Transport Office,
- g) the official stamp of the Regional Transport Office.

(2) The initial qualification certificate shall be issued on the basis of initial qualification courses attendance while the courses content must include all subjects specified in Annex 1 section 1, and after the passing the examination containing the subjects specified in Annex 1 section 2 point 2.1.



(3) The accelerated initial qualification certificate shall be issued on the basis of accelerated initial qualification courses attendance while the courses content must include all subjects specified in Annex 1 section 1, and after the passing the examination containing the subjects specified in Annex 1 section 3; the examination shall serve to check whether the driver has the level of knowledge and skills in all subject required Annex 1 section 1.

(4) The examination board shall exempt the person who submits the certificate proving the termination of training or study field within the scope of the professional topics and practical training from obligation to take part in initial qualification courses. The applicant shall be subjected to the practical training if the certificate proves an attendance in the theoretical part of initial qualification course only.

(5) Initial qualification certificates or accelerated initial qualification certificates issued by an accredited person in other Member State shall be considered equivalent to initial qualification certificates or accelerated initial qualification certificates issued in accordance with this Act.

### System of periodic training

#### Article 8

##### Periodic training

(1) Periodic training shall serve to update the level of knowledge and practical skills necessary for the execution of driver profession with the accent at the road traffic safety and the rationalization of fuel consumption.

(2) The first training must be carried out by the driver who has the residence or the place of work in the territory of the Slovak Republic:

- a) within the five years from the date of issue of initial qualification certificate, if he holds initial qualification certificate,
- b) within the five years from the expire of time limit referred to in Article 3 paragraph 3.

(3) Subsequent periodic training must be carried out by the driver who has the residence or the place of work in the territory of the Slovak Republic and the periodic training certificate.

(4) If the driver changes the carrier the periodic training must be taken in account within the scope in which he has already undergone.

#### Article 9

##### Periodic training courses

(1) Periodic training courses shall be aimed to repeat and deep the knowledge and practical skills level provided in the initial qualification courses; they shall be carried out in the training centre registered for carrying out of such courses. Articles 4 to 4d shall refer accordingly to the training centre operator registration.

(2) Periodic training courses consist of theoretical training and practical driving; their scope and content are specified in the Annex 1, section 4.



## Article 10

### Periodic training certificate

(1) Periodic training certificate shall be issued by the Regional Transport Office after the completion of the periodic training course. Periodic training certificate shall include the following data:

- a) the driver's name and surname,
- b) the driver's date and place of the birth,
- c) the indication of the issuing subject,
- d) the period of validity,
- e) the date and the place of the issue,
- f) the signature of the training centre operator,
- g) the official stamp of the Regional Transport Office.

(2) Periodic training certificate shall be valid for five years. The driver shall be obliged to attend subsequent courses even before the expire date of validity of periodic training certificate.

(3) If the driver during the validity of periodic training certificate ceased to execute the driver profession and he wants to carry out it again after the certificate validity extinction, he has to attend periodic training courses. This apply also to the driver who shall not be obliged to obtain the initial qualification necessary for the execution of driver profession after the expire of time limit referred in Article 3 paragraph 3.

(4) If the periodic training certificate shall be still valid, the driver does not need neither in case of transition from the vehicle intended for the carriage of goods to the vehicle intended for the carriage of passengers and vice versa, or in case of change of driving authorisation category or subcategory pursuant to Article 2 paragraph 1, to attend the periodic training courses again.

(5) Periodic training certificates issued by an accredited person in other Member State shall be considered equivalent to periodic training certificates issued in accordance with this Act.

## Article 11

### Driver qualification card

(1) Regional Transport Office shall issue the driver qualification card to the driver who holds initial qualification certificate or periodic training certificate; the model of driver qualification card is shown in Annex 2. Regional Transport Office shall issue the driver qualification card also to the driver who shall not be liable to obtain the initial qualification pursuant to Article 3 paragraph 3, if such a driver holds the periodic training certificate. When the card is issued, the Regional Transport Office shall check the validity of the driving licence whose number is mentioned on the issued driver qualification card.

(2) Driver qualification card issued in other Member State shall be valid in territory of the Slovak Republic if it conforms with the model being in force in the European Community.

(3) Initial qualification and periodic training shall be marked in the driver qualification card by means of the code consisted of code serial number and certificate validity as follows:

95.DD.MM.YYYY.

(4) The driver of a vehicle intended for the carriage of goods pursuant to Article 2 paragraph 1 letter a), who is a national of the non-member State, shall prove the initial qualification and periodic training in the Slovak Republic territory by means of the driving licence according to the special regulation<sup>5)</sup> or the qualification card pursuant to paragraph 1 or 2 bearing the code pursuant to paragraph 3.

(5) The driver of a vehicle intended for the carriage of passengers pursuant to Article 2 paragraph 1 letter b), who is a national of the third State, shall prove the initial qualification and periodic training in the Member State territory by means of:

- a) the driving licence bearing the code pursuant to paragraph 3,
- b) the qualification card pursuant to paragraph 1 or 2 bearing the code pursuant to paragraph 3, or
- c) the certificate according to the law of the State whose the driver is a national if such a certificate is recognised by Member States.

(6) The Ministry shall provide for the preparation, distribution and central registration of driver qualification cards issued in accordance with this Act.

### Common, temporary and final provisions

#### Article 12

(1) Initial qualification certificate, periodic training certificate and driver qualification card shall be a part of documents determined to the drive of a vehicle in the road traffic.

(2) During motor vehicle driving the driver shall be obliged to bear on board the initial qualification certificate or periodic training certificate or qualification card and in the case of roadside inspection those documents shall be submitted at the request of the inspection body<sup>5a)</sup>.

#### Article 12a

##### Proceeding

A generally regulation on administration proceeding shall refer to the proceeding pursuant to this Act.<sup>5b)</sup>

#### Article 13

(1) Annex 3 shall apply to the content of initial qualification courses:

- a) till the 10 September 2008 in case of drivers of a vehicle intended for the carriage of passengers,
- b) till the 10 September 2009 in case of drivers of a vehicle intended for the carriage of goods.

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<sup>5)</sup> Regulation (EC) No 484/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 1 March 2002 amending Council Regulations (EEC) No 881/92 and (EEC) No 3118/93 for the purposes of establishing a driver attestation (OJ L 76, 19.3.2002).

<sup>5a)</sup> Article 4 paragraph 1 letter b) Act No 8/2009 Coll. on the road traffic and on amendments of some acts.

<sup>5b)</sup> Act No 71/1967 Coll. on Administration Proceeding (Administration Order) as amended by later regulations.

(2) Professional competence certificate issued in other Member State according to special regulation<sup>7)</sup> on the basis of professional training taken in the scope referred to in Annex 3 shall be considered in the Slovak Republic as initial qualification certificate:

- a) till the 10 September 2008 in case of drivers of a vehicle intended for the carriage of passengers,
- b) till the 10 September 2009 in case of drivers of a vehicle intended for the carriage of goods.

#### Article 13a

Temporary provisions to amendments entering into force on 1 June 2009

(1) The driving school carrying out initial qualification courses and periodic training on the basis of the registration pursuant to regulations valid till 31 May 2009 shall be obliged, within 60 days from the date when this Act enters into force, to apply for registration pursuant this Act; otherwise the original registration shall expire.

(2) The Territorial Transport Office shall be obliged immediately inform in written the relevant Small Business Office about the original registration expiration pursuant to paragraph 1.

#### Article 14

Legal Acts of the European Communities and the European Union are transposed by this Act

#### Article 15

This Act shall enter into force on 1 September 2006.

Act No 653/2007 Coll. entered into force on 30 December 2007.

Act No 188/2009 Coll. entered into force on 1 June 2009. Section VI amending the Act No 280/2006 entered into force on 1 January 2008.

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<sup>7)</sup> Article 5 paragraph 1 letter b) and paragraph 2 letter c) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3820/85 of 20 December 1985 on the harmonization of certain social legislation relating to road transport (OJ L 370, 31.12.1985) as amended by later regulations.

**Annex No 1  
to the Act No 280/2006 Coll.**

## CONTENT AND SCOPE OF INITIAL QUALIFICATION COURSES

### Section 1: List of subjects

The minimum level of knowledge in all initial qualification and periodic training courses must include at least the subjects in this section. Drivers must reach the level of knowledge and practical skills necessary for safety driving a vehicle of the relevant driver authorisation category and subcategory.

The minimum level of knowledge may not be less than level 2 of the training-level structure provided for in Annex I to Council Decision 85/368/EEC of 16 July 1985 on the comparability of vocational training qualifications between the Member States of the European Community (OJ L 199, 31.7.1985).

#### 1. Improvement of rational driving behaviour on the basis of safety regulations

- intended for all driving authorisation categories and subcategories pursuant to Article 2 paragraph 1

1.1 Objective: to know the characteristics of the transmission system in order to make the best possible use of it:

curves relating to torque, power, specific consumption of an engine, area of optimum use of revolution counter, gearbox-ratio cover diagrams.

1.2 Objective: to know the technical characteristics and operation of the safety controls in order to control the vehicle, minimise wear and tear and prevent disfunctioning:

specific features of hydraulic vacuum servobrake circuit, limits to the use of brakes and retarder, combined use of brakes and retarder, making better use of speed and gear ratio, making use of vehicle inertia, using ways of slowing down and braking on downhill stretches, action in the event of failure.

1.3 Objective: ability to optimise fuel consumption:

optimisation of fuel consumption by applying know-how pursuant to points 1.1 and 1.2.

- intended for driving authorisation categories C, C+E and C1 +E and subcategory C1

1.4 Objective: ability to ensure the load safety with due regard to safety rules and proper vehicle use:

forces affecting vehicles in motion, use of gearbox ratios according to vehicle load and road profile, calculation of payload of vehicle or vehicle combination, calculation of total volume, load distribution, consequences of overloading the axle, vehicle stability and centre of gravity, types of packaging and pallets;

main categories of goods needing securing, clamping and securing techniques, use of securing straps, checking of securing devices, use of handling equipment, placing and removal of tarpaulins.

- intended for driving authorisation categories D, D+E and D1 +E and subcategory D1

1.5 Objective: ability to ensure passenger comfort and safety:

proper adjusting longitudinal and sideways movements, road sharing, position on the road, smooth breaking, overhang operation, using specific infrastructures (public areas, dedicated

lanes), managing conflicts between safe driving and other roles of a driver, interacting with passengers, peculiarities of certain groups of passengers (disabled persons, children).

1.6 Objective: ability to ensure the load safety with due regard to safety rules and proper vehicle use:

forces affecting vehicles in motion, use of gearbox-ratios according to vehicle load and road profile, calculation of payload of vehicle or vehicle combination, load distribution, consequences of overloading the axle, vehicle stability and centre of gravity.

## 2. Application of regulations

– intended for all driving authorisation categories and subcategories pursuant to Article 2 paragraph 1

2.1 Objective: to know the social environment of road transport and the rules governing it:

maximum authorised working periods specific to the transport industry; principles, application and consequences of Regulations (EEC) No 3820/85 and (EEC) No 3821/85; penalties for failure to use, improper use of and tampering with the recording devices;

knowledge of the social environment of road transport: rights and duties of drivers as regards initial qualification and periodic training.

– intended for driving authorisation categories C, C+E and C1 +E and subcategory C1

2.2 Objective: to know the regulations governing the carriage of goods:

transport operating licences, obligations under standard contracts for the carriage of goods, drafting of documents which form the transport contract, international transport permits, obligations under the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road, drafting of the international consignment note, crossing borders, freight forwarders, special documents accompanying goods.

– intended for driving authorisation categories D, D+E and D1 +E and subcategory D1

2.3 Objective: to know the regulations governing the carriage of passengers:

carriage of specific groups of passengers, safety equipment on board buses, safety belts, vehicle load.

## 3. Health, road and environmental safety, service, logistics

– intended for all driving authorisation categories and subcategories pursuant to Article 2 paragraph 1

3.1 Objective: to make drivers aware of the risks of the road and of accidents at work:

types of accidents at work in the transport sector, road accident statistics, involvement of lorries/coaches, human, material and financial consequences.

3.2 Objective: ability to prevent criminality and trafficking in illegal immigrants:

general information, implications for drivers, preventive measures, check list, legislation on transport operator liability.

3.3 Objective: ability to prevent health damage:

ergonomic principles; movements and positions which pose a risk, physical fitness, handling exercises, personal protection.

3.4 Objective: awareness of the importance of physical and mental ability:

principles of healthy, balanced eating, effects of alcohol, drugs or any other substance likely to affect behaviour, symptoms, causes, effects of fatigue and stress, fundamental role of the basic work and rest cycle.

3.5 Objective: ability to assess emergency situations:

behaviour in an emergency situation: assessment of the situation, avoiding complications of an accident, summoning assistance, assisting casualties and giving first aid, reaction in the event of fire, evacuation of occupants of a lorry/bus passengers, ensuring the safety of all passengers, reaction in the event of violence acts; basic principles for the drafting of an accident report.

3.6 Objective: ability to adopt behaviour to help enhance the image of the company:

behaviour of the driver and company image: importance for the company of the standard of service provided by the driver, various roles of the driver, people with whom the driver will be dealing, vehicle maintenance, work organisation, commercial and financial effects of a dispute.

– intended for driving authorisation categories C, C+E and C1 +E and subcategory C1

3.7 Objective: to know the economic environment of road haulage and the organisation of the market:

road goods transport in relation to other modes of transport (competition, shippers), different road transport activities (transport for hire or reward, own account, auxiliary transport activities), organisation of the main types of transport company and auxiliary transport activities, different transport specialisations (road tanker, controlled temperature, etc.), changes in the road sector (diversification of services provided, rail-road, combined transport subcontracting, etc.).

– intended for driving authorisation categories D, D+E and D1 +E and subcategory D1

3.8 Objective: to know the economic environment of the carriage of passengers by road and the organisation of the market

carriage of passengers by road in relation to other modes of passenger transport (rail, private car), different activities involving the carriage of passengers by road, crossing borders in the international transport, organisation of the main types of companies for the carriage of passengers by road.

## **Section 2: Proper initial qualification courses**

Courses must include the teaching of all subjects referred to in section 1 with. The duration of these courses must be 280 hours.

Each course participant must during the practical training drive a training vehicle individually for at least 20 hours accompanied by a training centre instructor employed by the training centre operator carrying out the courses.

Each course participant may drive a vehicle for a maximum of eight hours of the 20 hours of individual driving on special terrain or on a top-of-the-range simulator so as to assess training in rational driving based on safety regulations, in particular with regard to vehicle handling in different road traffic conditions and the carriage-way they change with different atmospheric conditions and the time of day or night.

For the drivers referred to in Article 3 paragraph 7 the length of the initial qualification course must be 70 hours, including five hours of individual driving of a training vehicle.

Training vehicle must comply with the minimal requirements according to the Act No 725/2004 Coll. on conditions of vehicle operation in the road traffic and on the amendments of some acts.

### **Section 3: Accelerated initial qualification courses**

Courses must include the teaching of all subjects referred to in section 1. The duration of these courses must be 140 hours.

Each course participant must during the practical training a training vehicle individually for at least 10 hours accompanied by a training centre instructor employed by the training centre operator carrying out the courses.

Each course participant may drive a vehicle for a maximum of four hours of the 10 hours of individual driving on special terrain or on a top-of-the-range simulator so as to assess training in rational driving based on safety regulations, in particular with regard to vehicle handling in different road traffic conditions and the carriage-way they change with different atmospheric conditions and the time of day or night.

For the drivers referred to in Article 3 paragraph 7 the length of the accelerated initial qualification courses must be 35 hours, including two-and-a-half hours of individual driving of a training vehicle.

At the end of the courses the driver shall subject to a written or oral examination. The examination must include at least one question on each of the subjects referred to in section 1.

### **Section 4: Periodic training courses**

The course must include the teaching of all objectives referred to in section 1. Its duration must be 35 hours every five years, given in periods of at least seven hours during one-day meetings.

Practical driving may be carried out under supervision of training centre instructor on the training vehicle in the special training area or in the road traffic or in part, on top-of-the-range simulators.



**„Annex No 1a  
to the Act No 280/2006 Coll.  
as amended by the Act No 188/2009 Coll.**

**TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL TRAINING AREA**

1. The training aimed at ride safety may be carried out also partly in the special training area ensured against the risk for things and persons whose activities do not relate to the training.
2. The special training area size and equipment shall meet the following requirements:
  - a) minimum of a 400 m long and 50 m wide area, minimum of a 20 000 m<sup>2</sup> utility area,
  - b) at least 100 m long and 20 m wide permanent sliding area necessary to exercise the braking actions at a minimum speed of 50 km/h at the beginning of a sliding area. At least 300 m long and 10 m wide approach path shall be available in front of a sliding area; 50 m long approach path leg located immediately in front of the sliding surface shall form a directly extension of a sliding area. The reinforced bitumen or concrete trapping space shall be available from the beginning to the end and at the both sides of this sliding area. The first 15 m trapping space of a sliding area length shall be at least 3 m wide from both sides and the width of an another leg shall be at least 8 m from both sides. The trapping space at the end of a sliding area shall form a directly extension of a sliding area 30 m long and at least 36 m wide;
  - c) sliding area in form of a circular path in the cutting-out of at least 90° with a minimum external radius of 40 m and a minimum width of 10 m necessary to exercise the ride and braking in curve at the minimum initial speed of 30 km/h at the beginning of a sliding area. At least 50 m long and 10 m wide approach path shall be available in front of a sliding area. At least 2 m wide reinforced bitumen or concrete trapping space shall be available from the beginning to the end and at the both sides of this sliding area; this space shall be expanded after the first 10 m of external part of a curve to a minimum width of 8 m. The trapping space shall form at the end of a sliding space at both sides the 15 m long expansion of a sliding space and a trapping space;
  - d) sprinkler device allowing a permanent sliding area watering; chemical slip agents shall not be used;
  - e) speedometer equipped with a large dial allowing reading the approach speed at the beginning of a sliding area;
  - f) classroom for a theoretical part of the transport-psychological grouping discussion of 15 persons in total equipped for presentation and films showing including training material and corresponding hygienic facility;
  - g) ramp, knoll, chock and at least 30 traffic tapers;
  - h) radio-command device of an approved type allowing the transmission of an instructor voice to the training vehicle.“.

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**MODEL OF A DRIVER QUALIFICATION CARD**

**A. Description of a driver qualification card**

A.1 The physical characteristics of the card must comply with ISO standards 7810 and 7816-1. The methods for verifying the conformity of physical characteristics with international standards must comply with ISO standard 10 373.

A.2 The driver qualification card has two sides:

A.2.1 Side 1 contains:

- a) the heading „DRIVER QUALIFICATION CARD“ printed in large type in the official language of the Slovak Republic,
- b) the indication „Slovakia“,
- c) the distinguishing sign of the Slovak Republic „SK“ printed in negative in a blue rectangle and encircled by 12 yellow stars,
- d) information specific to the card holder, arranged and numbered as follows:
  1. surname,
  2. first name (names),
  3. date and place of birth,
  - 4a. date of issue,
  - 4b. date of expire,
  - 4c. the name of the issuing authority,
  - 5a. driving licence number,
  - 5b. serial number,
  6. photography,
  7. signature,
  8. normal place of residence,
  9. the categories (subcategories) of driving authorisations for which the driver satisfies the initial qualification and periodic training requirements

- e) the title „European Communities model“ in the national language of the Slovak Republic and the heading „driver qualification card“ in the other languages of the Member States, printed in blue so as to form the background to the card namely:

tarjeta de cualificación del conductor

карта за квалификация на водача

Osvědčení profesní způsobilosti řidiče

chaufføruddannelsesbevis

Fahrerqualifizierungsnachweis

juhi ametipädevuse kaart

δελτίο επιμόρφωσης οδηγού

driver qualification card

carte de qualification de conducteur

cárta cáilíochta tiomána  
carta di qualificazione del conducente  
vadītāja kvalifikācijas apliecība  
vairuotojo kvalifikacinē kortelē  
gépjárművezetői képesítési igazolvány  
karta ta' kwalifikazzjoni tas-sewwieq  
kwalificatiekaart bestuurder  
karta kwalifikacji kierowcy  
carta de qualificação do motorista  
Cartela de pregătire profesională a conducătorului auto  
preukaz o kvalifikácii vodiča  
kartica o usposobljenosti voznika  
kuljettajan ammattipätevyyskortti  
yrkeskompetensbevis för förare;

- f) the reference colours
- blue: Pantone Reflex blue,
  - yellow: Pantone yellow;

A.2.2 Side 2 contains:


- a) information specific to the card holder arranged and numbered as follows:
9. the categories (subcategories) of driving authorisations for which the driver satisfies the initial qualification and periodic training requirements
  10. the Community code pursuant to the Community code list (Article 11 paragraph 3),
  11. a space reserved for the official entries by the State issuing the card concerning the administration data or details relating to road safety. If the details relate to a heading set out in this Annex, such details must be preceded by the corresponding heading number
- b) an explanation of the numbered entries appearing on both sides at least headings 1 to 3, 4a to 4c, 5a and 5b and 10.

## **B. Security of a driver qualification card**

- B.1 The purpose of the various constituent parts of the qualification card is to rule out any forgery or tampering and to detect any attempts to do so.
- B.2 The level of security of the qualification card must be at least comparable to the level of security of the driving licence.
- B.3 For the purpose of enhancement of a driver qualification card security the text may be provided with the colours or markings, such as a bar code, national symbols and security features. The bar code may not contain any information other than that appearing in A.

**C. Appearance of a driver qualification card recognized by European Community**

*Side 1*

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*Side 2*

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**MINIMUM TRAINING**

**necessary for obtaining of professional competence certificate according to Article 5 paragraph 1 letter b) ad paragraph 2 letter c) of the Regulation (EEC) No 3820/85**

If the subjects do not form the part of driving courses, the training necessary for obtaining of professional competence certificate shall include the following:

**1. Knowledge of the construction and main parts of a vehicle**

- 1.1 The knowledge of the construction and functioning of:
  - internal combustion engines,
  - lubrication and cooling systems,
  - fuel system
  - electrical system,
  - ignition system,
  - transmission system (clutch, gearbox, etc.).
- 1.2 General knowledge of lubrication and antifreeze protection
- 1.3 Knowledge of the precautions to be taken during the removal and replacement of wheels
- 1.4 Knowledge of the construction, fitting, correct use and care of tyres.
- 1.5 Knowledge of the types, operation, main parts, connection, use and day-to-day maintenance of brake system, and the knowledge of coupling systems
- 1.6 Knowledge of methods of locating causes of breakdowns.
- 1.7 Skills in repairing minor breakdowns with the aid of the correct equipment.
- 1.8 General knowledge on the preventive maintenance of vehicles and necessary running repairs.

**2. General knowledge of transport and administrative procedures**

- 2.1 General ability and sufficient geographical knowledge to use road maps and their symbols.
- 2.2 Economical use of vehicles.
- 2.3 Knowledge of the steps to be taken after an accident or similar occurrence (e.g. fire) in connection with vehicle insurance.
- 2.4 Knowledge of the national legislation applicable to the type of concerned goods or passenger transport.
  - for the drivers of a vehicle intended for the carriage of goods!
- 2.5 Elementary knowledge of the driver's responsibility in respect of the receipt, carriage and delivery of goods in accordance with the agreed conditions.
- 2.6 Knowledge of the vehicle and transport documents required for the national and international carriage of goods.

- 2.7 Knowledge of the techniques of loading and unloading goods and of the use of loading and unloading equipment.
- 2.8 Basic knowledge of the precautions to be taken in the handling and carriage of dangerous goods.
  - for the drivers of a vehicle intended for the carriage of passengers!
- 2.9 Knowledge of the driver's responsibility in respect of the carriage of passengers
- 2.10 Knowledge of the vehicle and passenger documents required for the national and international carriage of passengers.

### **3. Experience of driving goods or passenger vehicles**

- for the drivers of a vehicle intended for the carriage of goods!
- 3.1 Practical experience of driving and manoeuvring vehicles of more than 7,5 tons and using a trailer.
  - for the drivers of a vehicle intended for the carriage of passengers!
- 3.2 Practical experience of driving and manoeuvring buses or coaches.

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**LIST OF THE TRANSPOSED LEGAL ACTS  
OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND EUROPEAN UNION**

1. Council Directive 76/914/EEC of 16 December 1976 on the minimum level of training for some road transport drivers (OJ L 357, 29.12.1976).
2. Directive 2003/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2003 on the initial qualification and periodic training of drivers of certain road vehicles for the carriage of goods or passengers, amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3820/85 and Council Directive 91/439/EEC and repealing Council Directive 76/914/EEC (OJ L 226, 10.9.2003) as amended by the Council Directive 2004/66/ES of 26 April 2004 (OJ L 168, 1.5.2004).
3. Council Directive 2006/103/EC of 20 November 2006 adapting certain Directives in the field of transport policy, by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania (OJ L EU 363, 20.12.2006).