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Report by the REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA on Implementation of the Quality Charter

APPENDIX VI:

Decision by the Government of the Republic of Armenia on defining the requirements for professional training of drivers involved in interstate haulage operations, the procedure for taking professional competence examinations and the requirements for the certificate of competence № 1584-N approved on 3 October 2024

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GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

DECISION

Nº 1584-N of 3 October 2024

ON DEFINING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING OF DRIVERS INVOLVED IN INTERSTATE HAULAGE OPERATIONS, THE PROCEDURE FOR TAKING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE EXAMINATIONS AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE

Guided by part 4 of Article 28 of the Law "On road transport", the Government of the Republic of Armenia hereby *decides*:

1. To define the following:
 - (1) the requirements for professional training of drivers involved in interstate haulage operations, according to Annex No 1;
 - (2) the procedure for taking professional competence examinations, according to Annex No 2;
 - (3) the requirements for the certificate of professional competence, according to Annex No 3.
2. Before the entry into force of this Decision, certificates of professional competence for "C", "D", "CE", "DE" and "C1E", "D1E" drivers shall be effective until the expiry of their validity period.
3. This Decision shall enter into force on the tenth day following its official promulgation.

Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia

N. Pashinyan

Yerevan

Annex 1
to Decision of the Government
of the Republic of Armenia
№ 1584-N of 3 October 2024

**REQUIREMENTS
FOR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING OF DRIVERS INVOLVED IN INTERSTATE HAULAGE
OPERATIONS**

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. "C", "D", "CE", "DE" and "C1E", "D1E" drivers (hereinafter referred to as "drivers") involved in interstate haulage operations by public motor vehicles (hereinafter referred to as "interstate haulage operations") must have a certificate of professional competence (hereinafter referred to as "CPC").
2. The initial qualification and periodic training courses for drivers involved in interstate haulage operations may be conducted by legal persons or individual entrepreneurs having obtained the right to engage in relevant training activities (hereinafter referred to as "training centre") in compliance with the Law "On notification of carrying out activities".
3. After completing the initial qualification training course drivers shall take a theoretical test at the state authorised body of the transport sector (hereinafter referred to as "authorised body") or other agency reauthorised thereby, and if it is a success, the authorised body shall issue a CPC thereto.
4. Drivers involved in interstate haulage operations must — once every 5 years after the initial qualification and obtaining the CPC — complete a periodic training course at the training centre, based on which the authorised body shall make a note in the CPC or

issue a new CPC.

5. Drivers having obtained any "C", "D", "CE", "DE" and "C1E", "D1E" driving licence before 1 January 2016 shall be issued a CPC after passing the competence examination and completing the initial qualification training course with the duration of 35 hours.

II. INITIAL QUALIFICATION OF DRIVERS

6. The initial qualification of drivers involved in interstate haulage operations shall be conducted by two methods:
 - (1) initial qualification training course and competence examination;
 - (2) only competence examination.
7. The initial qualification training course shall be :
 - (1) full, with the duration of 280 hours, of which 20 hours constitute a practical training;
 - (2) accelerated, with the duration of 140 hours, of which 10 hours constitute a practical training;
 - (3) short-term, with the duration of 35 hours, of which 3 hours constitute a practical training.
8. The full training course provided for by point 7 of this Procedure shall be completed by drivers aged 18-21, the accelerated course — drivers over the age of 21, and the short-term course — drivers having obtained any "C", "D", "CE", "DE" and "C1E", "D1E" driving licences before 1 January 2016.
9. During the initial training course the training centres must carry out the practical training of drivers by a vehicle relevant to the driving licence category or a simulator.
10. During the practical training the trainee driver may continuously drive the vehicle for a maximum of eight hours of twenty hours of the individual driving, and in case of accelerated initial qualification — a maximum of four hours of ten hours of the individual driving.
11. The driver undergoing practical training must be accompanied by an instructor.
12. The practical training of the driver by a vehicle on a special terrain or by a relevant

simulator must be conducted in different road and atmospheric conditions, at different hours of the day.

13. The training centre shall issue to the driver a statement of information on completing the initial qualification, according to Form No 1.

III. PERIODIC TRAINING OF DRIVERS

14. Drivers holding "C", "D", "CE", "DE" and "C1E", "D1E" driving licence that have obtained a CPC must complete a periodic training course at the training centre to carry out interstate haulage operations.
15. Drivers must complete the periodic training course every 5 years.
16. Periodic training course shall include theoretical and practical training.
17. The total duration of periodic training courses of drivers must be 35 hours, with not more than seven hours daily.
18. Practical training within the periodic training course may be conducted on top-of-the-range simulators.
19. The training centre shall issue to drivers having completed the periodic training a statement of information on completing the training course, according to Form No 1, based on which the authorised body shall make a note in the CPC or a new CPC shall be issued.

IV. TRAINING CENTRES CONDUCTING TRAININGS

20. Compulsory periodic or initial qualification training course for drivers may be conducted by training centres referred to in point 2 of this Procedure.
21. Training centres must have:
 - (1) a training programme;
 - (2) a teaching staff with relevant qualification and instructors carrying out the practical training;
 - (3) relevant premises, training materials, vehicles of a relevant class or a simulator for practical activities.

22. Instructors carrying out the practical training must hold a driving licence for the relevant vehicle and a CPC .
23. The training centre shall develop the training programme of the training course within the scope of knowledge and competences provided in Annex No 2 approved by this Decision.

STATEMENT OF INFORMATION
ON COMPLETING A PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COURSE FOR DRIVERS
INVOLVED IN INTERSTATE HAULAGE OPERATIONS

This is to certify that _____
name, surname, father's name

born in _____, on _____ 20 _____,

have completed _____ initial/periodic

professional training course for the driver involved in interstate haulage operations

with the duration of _____

training hours at _____

name of training centre

Head of the Training Centre _____

signature, name, surname

place of seal

Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister

of the Republic of Armenia

A. Harutyunyan

Annex No 2
to Decision of the Government
of the Republic of Armenia
N° 1584-N of 3 October 2024

PROCEDURE FOR TAKING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE EXAMINATIONS

1. Drivers carrying out interstate haulage operations by public motor vehicles that hold "C", "D", "CE", "DE" and "C1E", "D1E" driving licences must take competence examinations to obtain a certificate of professional competence (hereinafter referred to as "CPC").
2. A person must submit to the authorised body the following to participate in the competence examination for CPC referred to in point 1 of this Procedure:
 - (1) a copy of the personal identification document, *i.e.* a passport or identification card;
 - (2) a copy of a valid driving licence for "C", or "D", or "CE", or "DE" or "C1E", or "D1E" vehicles;
 - (3) the state duty payment receipt prescribed by law for taking professional competence examination for drivers and obtaining a certificate for professional competence;
 - (4) a statement of information on participation in professional training courses issued by the training centre carrying out training as prescribed by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia (if required by this Decision).
3. Before starting the theoretical examination the examiner shall explain the procedure for holding the examination to the person taking the examination.
4. The theoretical test shall consist of 25 questions covering the following:
 - (1) multiple choice questions, questions requiring direct answers and a combination of both;

- (2) case study.
5. The maximum duration of the theoretical test must be 90 minutes.
 6. Test questions shall be selected from the professional competence subjects prescribed by Form 1 of this Procedure, through random selection by a software.
 7. The theoretical examination shall be considered as taken successfully if the person taking the examination has answered at least 60 percent of the knowledge test questions correctly.
 8. If the theoretical examination is taken successfully, he or she shall be permitted to participate in the practical examination within one year.
 9. The duration of the practical examination shall be 60 minutes. At the practical examination the ability to rationally drive the vehicle in observance of safety requirements shall be assessed. The examination must be conducted on motorways, outside the settlements, as well as on urban highways, in different traffic conditions.
 10. The vehicle used for practical examination must meet at least the requirements for test vehicles.
 11. Practical examination may be conducted on a 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 conditions and the way they change with different atmospheric conditions and the time of day or night.
 12. If the practical examination is failed within one year after taking the theoretical examination successfully, the result of the theoretical examination shall be considered invalid, and the person must retake the theoretical examination as prescribed by this Procedure.

LIST
OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE SUBJECTS

1. The advanced course on rational driving of the vehicle based on safety regulations shall cover the following:
 - (1) knowledge of the structure of the vehicle, including the information on operation of the transmission system, engine, braking system and other assemblies, use of the tachograph;
 - (2) skills to control the vehicle in accordance with the safety requirements;
 - (3) ability to optimise fuel consumption;
 - (4) for "C", "C+E", "C1" and "C1+E" driving licences, additional requirements include requirements for vehicle load, vehicle use based on load characteristics, load transport, load distribution conditions, consequences for overloading the axle;
 - (5) for "D", "D+E", "D1" and "D1+E" driving licences, additional requirements include ensuring quality service to passengers and observance of traffic safety requirements, skills to use infrastructure designed for carriage of passengers.
2. Other necessary regulations concerning the professional training applied in case of all driving licences:
 - (1) knowledge of the road transport legislation, including knowledge of driving and rest periods of the crew of the motor vehicle and requirements for use of digital tachographs, knowledge of penalties imposed in case of tampering with the digital tachograph, rights and duties of drivers;
 - (2) only for "C", "C+E", "C1" and "C1+E" driving licences — knowledge of the requirements for carriage of goods, knowledge of documents, permits, contracts for carriage of goods, knowledge of specifics and regulations of border crossing;
 - (3) only for "D", "D+E", "D1" and "D1+E" driving licences — knowledge of the

regulations defining the requirements for carriage of passengers, specifics of carriage of specific groups of passengers (persons with disabilities, children).

3. Ensuring health, road traffic and environmental safety in case of all driving licences:
 - (1) information on risks of roads and road accidents, road accident statistics, adverse consequences of accidents;
 - (2) criminal liability measures for and preventive measures for trafficking in illegal immigrants, legislative regulations on transport operator liability;
 - (3) preventing physical risks, personal protection requirements.
 - (4) physical and mental ability, effects of alcohol, narcotic drugs and other psychotropic substances affecting the behaviour, effects of fatigue and stress;
 - (5) rules of behaviour in emergency situation and different accidents;
 - (6) adopting behaviour to help enhance the image of the undertaking, ensuring driver's work requirements;
 - (7) only for "C", "C+E", "C1" and "C1+E" driving licences — knowledge of the economic environment of road haulage and the market, different specialisations and services provided in freight transport;
 - (8) only for "D", "D+E", "D1" and "D1+E" driving licences — knowledge of the economic environment of road haulage and the market, services provided in interstate and intrastate carriage of passengers.

Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister
of the Republic of Armenia

A. Harutyunyan

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATE OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE

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II DESCRIPTION OF THE CERIFICATE OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE

1. Certificate of professional competence (hereinafter referred to as “CPC”) must comply with ISO 7810 and 7816-1. The methods for verifying the physical characteristics of the CPC to ensure that they are consistent with international standards must comply with ISO 10373.
2. The CPC shall be made of 54 x 85.7 mm polycarbonate and have two sides — observe side and reverse side.
3. The CPC shall have blue reference colour and shall contain the following information:
 - (1) “CERTIFICATE OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE FOR THE DRIVER” printed in Armenian and English, in white, in 7.2 font type on the upper horizontal stripline, 21.3 mm from the left edge of the stripeline;
 - (2) the distinguishing sign of the Republic of Armenia printed in negative in a blue rectangle;
 - (3) driver-specific information, numbered as follows:
 - a. surname;
 - b. name;
 - c. date and place of birth;
 - d. photograph;
 - e. signature;
 - d. normal place of residence or postal address (optional);
 - (4) CPC:
 - a. date of issue;
 - b. date of expiry;
 - c. name of the issuing authority (may be printed on side 2);
 - d. a different number from the driving licence number (optional);
 - e. driving licence number;
 - f. serial number;

4. The CPC reverse side shall contain the following information:
 - (1) the (sub)categories of vehicles for which the driver satisfies the initial qualification and periodic training requirements;
 - (2) a space reserved for the possible entry of administrative details or details relating to road safety (optional);
 - (3) an explanation of the numbered entries appearing on the obverse and reverse sides of the CPC (at least headings 1, 2, 3, 4(a), 4(b), 4(c), 5(a) and 5(b)).
5. The CPC must have a level of data security that will rule out any attempt of forgery of the card or tampering with its constituent parts.
6. The level of security of the card must be comparable with the level of the security of the driving licence.

Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister
of the Republic of Armenia

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