

Training

Annex I "Minimum qualification and training requirements" gives a list of subjects to be included "at least" in the driver's initial qualification and periodic training. A minimum level of knowledge to be accepted is defined according to Decision 85/368/EEC (on the comparability of vocational training qualifications between the MS).

FAQ

Is it possible to combine professional drivers' training under Directive 2003/59 with other trainings (ADR, demerit points ...)?

Professional training, ADR or demerit points recovery training... have different purposes and different objectives which must all be achieved. Common courses can be provided when subjects overlap, but specific tests must be organised.

Do all subject areas listed in Annex I have to be included within the periodic training? Can the approved training centres set focal points concerning the selection of topics?

According to Article 7, periodic training shall enable holders of a CPC to update the knowledge which is essential for their work. It shall be designed to expand on, and to revise, some of the subjects referred in section 1 of Annex I. Article 7 also requires specific emphasis on road safety and rationalisation of fuel consumption.

Does the Commission consider it to be in conformity with the directive that training centres – under the training and testing approach pursuant to article 3, no. 1 littera a) – carry out parts of 280/140 hours courses through distance learning?

Parts of the training courses can be carried out through e-learning. However, such methods should be complementary to courses provided by trainers. Training should not be provided exclusively on the basis of e-learning.

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