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**REVISION OF THE CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTION  
ON ROAD TRAFFIC (R.E.1)**

**New issues**

**Note by the secretariat**

The members of WP.1 will find below formal proposals for amendments (in bold italics) transmitted by the representative of the European Commission concerning professional driving instruction.

## R.E.1 - Points concerning professional driving instruction

### Chapter 2 (former Chapter 5 of document TRANS/WP.1/2004/10) Methods for influencing behaviour on the road

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#### 2.1.1 Professional instruction (3.1 and annexes 4, 5, 6 and 7)

##### 2.1.1.1 Driving permit (*see document ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2006/12*)

##### 2.1.1.2 General principles (3.1 (a) to (c))

(a) Professional driving instruction should be based on the following basic considerations:

- (i) The behaviour of drivers plays an important role in road traffic accidents and their prevention;
- (ii) Minimum requirements for driving tests have been set out in the Agreement on Minimum Requirements for the Issue and Validity of Driving Permits (APC), done at Geneva on 1 April 1975;
- (iii) In order to conform at least with these minimum requirements, appropriate tuition is necessary;
- (iv) The methods of tuition shall always follow developments in the field of education and applied psychology and therefore be adjusted to the requirements of the moment and of the local conditions;
- (v) Liaison meetings between representatives of driving schools, instructors and the authorities **responsible for organizing driving tests** shall be encouraged so as to improve the standards of tuition.

(b) The requirements indicated in the present recommendation are to be considered as a minimum and Governments shall endeavour to supplement them whenever possible by measures taking into account existing educational trends, **such as, for example, computer training modules and the use of driving simulators**.

(c) It is recommended that Governments shall take all appropriate steps to ensure that tuition in the driving of motor vehicles shall be given as far as possible in accordance with the minimum conditions set out in paragraphs **2.1.1.3 and 2.1.1.5** below.

##### 2.1.1.3 Instructors (3.1 (d))

Professional tuition shall be given only by instructors approved by the competent national authority in accordance with the conditions set out *in annex 4* to this

Consolidated Resolution. The instruction given in some countries by trainee instructors should be under the personal supervision and the direct responsibility of a professional instructor.

**2.1.1.4** Vehicles used for tuition (3.1 (h) to (i))

- (a) Motor vehicles used for the practical tuition shall be such that the instructor has the facility to control the driving of the candidate to the extent necessary to prevent accidents.
- (b) Vehicles shall be marked in such a way as to indicate clearly to the front and to the rear that they are being used for tuition.

**2.1.1.5** Tuition (3.1 (e) to (g))

(a) The tuition provided shall aim at promoting a correct attitude and behaviour in all kinds of traffic situations, cover the matters set out in *annex 5* and follow the methods set out in *annex 6* to this Consolidated Resolution to at least the standards required by the theoretical and practical driving tests, and enable the pupil to **form an estimate of** the dangers of traffic and understand that **the risk of an accident is** particularly great during the initial years of driving.

(b) Instructors shall be encouraged, in giving the instruction mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (c), to:

- (i) Make the fullest possible use of active methods of tuition and modern teaching aids (*cf. 2.1.1.2, para. (b) above*), including, if appropriate, off-road areas for certain categories of vehicles;
- (ii) Adapt their training methods to suit the individual pupil in a way which encourages active participation by the pupil;
- (iii) Develop systematic training methods which coordinate theoretical and practical training in particular aspects of driving and **risk-reducing or** risk-avoiding behaviour.

(c) (3.1 (g)) Suitable facilities, teaching aids and equipment for the provision of theoretical instruction, determined by education plans and instruction programmes, shall be provided.

**2.1.1.5.1** (“Tunnels” report TRANS/AC.7/9 and report TRANS/WP.1/2002/28, measure 1.05)

The training of truck, coach and bus drivers shall include certain specific aspects concerning behaviour in tunnels. It is also essential that instruction should be given in the safety of vehicles and equipment. In particular, all drivers should be trained in the correct use of a fire extinguisher. It is also recommended that a periodic test **in particular** of required safety-related knowledge should be introduced (at least every five years).

**2.1.1.6**      Supervision (3.1 (j))

The continued application of the provisions set out in paragraphs **2.1.1.3 to 2.1.1.5** above shall be checked at regular intervals by the competent authorities.

**2.1.2**      First-aid training (3.2)

*For the record*

**2.1.3**      Instruction of children in safe road behaviour (3.3) (*see also ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2006/10*)

*For the record*

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**2.2**      **Awareness-raising and communication**

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**2.1.3**      Symbol warning drivers of vehicles of the *adverse* effects *on driving* of certain medications (3.10)

(a)      It is recommended that Governments shall take appropriate steps to ensure that drivers of vehicles are adequately informed of the *influence and of the* adverse effects on their driving of certain medications prescribed by doctors or supplied by chemists without prescription.

(b)      Such information shall be provided by means of the warning symbol reproduced below displayed on the packaging of the medication concerned.

(c)      If certain medications are incompatible with driving, the warning symbol reproduced below shall be applied in the same way:

WARNING SYMBOL



Existing ANNEXES 4, 5, 6 and 7 of document TRANS/SC.1/294/Rev.5

Existing annexes 4, 5 and 6, in the French version replace “moniteurs” by “instructeurs”.

Annex 5: in paragraph 1.3 replace “hours of work and rest periods” by “*work time and rest time*” and amend the end of paragraph 1.5.2 to read: “ ... fatigue, illness, alcohol, *drugs and medicaments*, etc.”;

Annex 6: add a new subparagraph to paragraph 2.3 to read: “*Use may be made of modern technical teaching aids such as a simulator or specific computer programmes*”.

- Add the following to paragraph 3.2.21.7: “Negotiating roundabouts *and rotary intersections*”.
- Amend the heading of 3.5 to read:

“Additional minimum requirements for drivers of vehicles of *categories C+E and D+E*”.

Annex 7: Amend the heading to read: “Additional recommendations for professional drivers of vehicles of *categories C, D, C+E and D+E*”.

- In paragraph 6.4.1, replace “narcotics” by “*drugs*”.

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