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| | | Category | Minimum age | Notes | Change |
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|  | Motorcycles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A motorcycle with a cylinder capacity not exceeding 125cc, of a power not exceeding 11kW and with a power to weight ratio not exceeding 0.1kW per kg. A motor tricycle with power not exceeding 15kW. | A1 | 17 | | Category descriptor |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A motorcycle of a power not exceeding 35kW, with a power to weight ratio not exceeding 0.2kW per kg and not being derived from a vehicle of more than double its power. | A2 | 19 | | New category |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A motorcycle of a power exceeding 35kW or with a power to weight ratio exceeding 0.2kW per kg. A motor tricycle with a power exceeding 15kW. | A | 24 | See note 1 | Category descriptor |
|  | Moped <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two-wheel vehicles or three-wheel vehicles with a maximum design speed of not more than 45km/h. Light quadricycle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With an unladen mass of not more than 350kg, not including the mass of the batteries in case of electric vehicles, whose maximum design speed is not more than 45km/h. | AM | 16 | | New category |
|  | 4 wheeled light vehicles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motor vehicles with four wheels up to 550kg unladen and invalid carriages. | B1 | 17 | See note 2 | Category descriptor |
|  | Cars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motor vehicles with a MAM not exceeding 3500kg and designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver with a trailer up to 750kg. Motor vehicles with a MAM not exceeding 3500kg and designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver with a trailer over 750kg, where the combination MAM is not exceeding 3500kg. | B | 17 | See note 2 | |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motor vehicles with a MAM not exceeding 3500kg and designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver with a trailer over 750kg, where the combination MAM is over 3500kg and does not exceed 4250kg. | B with code 96 | 17 | See note 2 | New element of category B (UK will not be taking this up. To drive vehicles within this definition, entitlement B+E will be needed). |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combinations of vehicles consisting of a vehicle in category B and a trailer, where the combination does not come within category B. | BE | 17 | See note 2 | |
|  | Medium sized vehicles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles between 3500kg and 7500kg, and designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver with a trailer up to 750kg. | C1 | 18 | See note 3 and note 6 | |
|  | Medium sized vehicles with trailers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles between 3500kg and 7500kg with a trailer over 750kg, and designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver with a trailer over 750kg. – combined weight not more than 12000kg. | C1E | 18 | See note 3 and note 6 | |
|  | Large goods vehicles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles over 3500kg with a trailer up to 750kg, and designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver with a trailer up to 750kg. | C | 21 | See note 4 | |
|  | Large goods vehicles with trailers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles over 3500kg, and designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver with a trailer over 750kg. | CE | 21 | See note 4 | |

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|  | Minibuses • Vehicles with no more than 16 passenger seats in addition to the driver and with a maximum length not exceeding 8 meters with a trailer up to 750kg. | D1 | 21 | See note 5 and note 6 | Category descriptor |
|  | Minibuses with trailers • Vehicles with no more than 16 passenger seats in addition to the driver and with a maximum length not exceeding 8 meters with a trailer over 750kg, provided that the MAM of the combination thus formed does not exceed 12000kg, and the MAM of the trailer does not exceed the unladen mass of the towing vehicle. | D1E | 21 | See note 5 and note 6 | Category descriptor |
|  | Buses • Any bus designed and constructed for the carriage of more than eight passengers in addition to the driver, with a trailer up to 750kg. | D | 24 | See note 5 | Min age + category descriptor |
|  | Buses with trailers • Any bus designed and constructed for the carriage of more than eight passengers in addition to the driver, with a trailer over 750kg. | DE | 24 | See note 5 | Min age + category descriptor |
|  | Moped • Motor vehicles with less than four wheels with a maximum design speed exceeding 45km/h but not exceeding 50km/h and which, is propelled by an internal combustion engine, has a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50cc. | P | 16 | See note 7 | |
|  | Moped • Motor vehicles with less than four wheels which are propelled by an internal combustion engine, has a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50cc and, if not equipped with pedals by means of which the vehicle is capable of being propelled, has a maximum design speed not exceeding 25km/h. | Q | 16 | See note 7 | New category |
| | Agricultural tractors | F | 17 | See note 8 | |
| | Roadrollers | G | 21 | See note 9 | |
| | Tracked vehicles | H | 21 | See note 4 & 10 | |
| | Mowing machines or vehicles controlled by someone on foot | K | 16 | | |
| Note 1 | Age 24 or 2 years from date of Standard A2 test pass. | | | | |
| Note 2 | Age 16 if you are getting Disability Living Allowance (mobility Allowance) at the higher rate. | | | | |
| Note 3 | Age 18 if combination weight is under 7500kg. | | | | |
| Note 4 | You can drive at age 17 if a member of the armed services. You can drive at 18 if one of the following apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you passed your driving test and Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (Driver CPC) Initial Qualification • you are learning to drive or taking a driving test for this category or Driver CPC Initial Qualification • you are taking a national vocational training course to get a Driver CPC Initial Qualification, or • you had your driving licence before 10 September 2009, you must take the CPC periodic training within 5 years of this date. | | | | |
| Note 5 | You can drive at 17 if member of armed forces. You can drive at 18: (i) while learning to drive or taking your passenger carrying vehicle (PCV) test or Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) Initial Qualification, or (ii) after passing a PCV test and CPC Initial Qualification when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • driving on a regular service where the route does not exceed 50km, or • not engaged in the carriage of passengers, or • while undergoing a national vocational training course to obtain a CPC Initial Qualification; or (iii) If the PCV licence was obtained before 10 September 2008, when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • driving on a regular service where the route does not exceed 50km, or • not engaged in the carriage of passengers, or • driving a vehicle of a class included in sub-category D1, and • driving under a bus operator's licence, minibus permit or community bus permit. | | | | |
| Note 6 | If you passed your test for category B or B automatic before 1 January 1997 your licence will already show entitlement to C1, C1E (8.25 tonnes), D1 and D1E (not for hire or reward). | | | | |
| Note 7 | National category only. | | | | |
| Note 8 | At 16 you can drive tractors less than 2.45m wide. It must only pull trailers less than 2.45m wide with two wheels, or four wheels that are close-coupled. | | | | |
| Note 9 | At 17 you can drive small roadrollers with metal or hard rollers. They must not be steam powered, weigh more than 11.69 tonnes or be made for carrying loads. | | | | |
| Note 10 | You can drive at 17 if the maximum authorised mass of the tracked vehicle is not more than 3,500kg. | | | | |