

The International Perspective

The Education of Instructors, Driver Training and Driver Testing in Europe

Driving License and Driver Testing in The Netherlands

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Licensing in the Netherlands

- » Licensing and testing are separate
- » Training by private instructors / schools
- » Testing by driving test organisation (CBR)

The trainer

- » Trainers must hold a license
- » Trainers trained at private schools
- » Final test supervised by Minister of Transport
- » Renewal every 5 years

The Examiner

- » Training by the CBR
- » Duration about 1 year
- » Compulsory annual renewal

Driver Training in the Netherlands (1)

Legal requirements:

- » Legal obligation to take a driving test
- » Legal requirements imposed in the driving test
- » Driving lessons not compulsory

Driver Training in the Netherlands (2)

Actual situation:

- » Almost all novice drivers take driving lessons
- » Prior to practical test an average of 38 hours practical training

How to obtain a licence

» Obligatory requirements

- Theory test
- Practical test

» Additional options

- Pre-test by an examiner (= Learner Interim Test)
- Driver Training Stepwise (DTS)

DTS

- » Learning/testing step by step
- » higher pass rate (>15%)
- » Better driving performance in the final driving test

CBR

Dutch driving test organisation

- » Private enterprise
(since 1927)
- » Financially independent
- » Report to the Minister of
Transport
- » Supervisory Board

Where in Holland?

- 1 head office
- 5 regional main offices
- 27 theory test classrooms
- 85 practical test locations

CBR in figures (2005)

Staff:	1.250
- Theory tests:	640.000
- Practical test:	480.000
- Average pass rate:	50-55 %
- Medical fitness approved:	450.000
- Assessment alcohol/lack of skills:	18.000
- Licences withdrawn:	6.000

Legal aspects

- Duties in Road and Traffic Act
- Testing according EU-directives
- Fees under approval Minister of Transport

Core business

- Driving licence tests
- Assessment fitness to drive
- Testing professional drivers
- Assessment driving licence holders/withdrawal of licence

Driving tests

- Classroom theory tests
(licence A, B, C, D, and AM)
- Practical tests in traffic
(licence A, B, C, D, and E)

Medical fitness

- Regular assessment according EU-directive
- Special attention for disabled; adaptation of vehicles

Theory test

- » Audio-visual classroom test
- » 50 questions
- » Multiple choice / Yes or no
- » To pass: 44 correct answers
- » Pass rate: 58 per cent
- » Two examples > > > >

Are you allowed to overtake the motorcycle here?



Vb



ja
nee

What is the correct order of priority here?



Vb

A 1 pedestrians, 2 motorcycle, 3 car



B 1 motorcycle, 2 car, 3 pedestrians



C 1 pedestrians, 2 car, 3 motorcycle



Practical Driving test

» Cat A:

20 min vehicle control.

55 min in traffic test

» Cat B:

55 min in traffic test

» Cat C and D:

70 min. In traffic test

» Cat E:

55 min in traffic

All including at least 2 special manoeuvres

Testing Professionals

- Proficiency bus/truck drivers
- Dangerous goods
- Taxi and ambulance
- Light aircraft (theoretical test)
- Inland navigation (theoretical test)

Withdrawal of Driving licence

- Assessment after alcohol or drug abuse
- Unsafe driving/lack of skills

Driving licence “chain”

- » Training by 5000 private driving schools
- » Schools on-line with CBR
- » Driving test by CBR
- » Issue driving licence by Mayor

Near future (1)

- Improving driving tests
 - Testing on higher skills (GDE matrix,)
 - More independent driving e.g: routes and planning
 - Low fuel consumption driving
 - Self-reflection on skills

Near future (2)

- New procedures (no more paperwork)
 - Examiners use PDA
- Implementing new categories, e.g. moped, small trucks, agricultural vehicles

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