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The Commission recognises the importance of ensuring that driving licences are only issued to applicants meeting a series of conditions relating to practical and theoretical knowledge. The new Driving Licences Directive (EU) 2025/2205¹ has recently come into force and introduces substantial revisions to those requirements. In particular, Annex II, which focuses on the minimum requirements for driving tests and the necessary knowledge, skills, and standards of behaviour, has been updated to improve candidates' understanding in new key areas. These include for instance risk perception, protection of vulnerable road users, management of blind spots, comprehension of Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS), prohibition of mobile device use while driving, and basic technical knowledge of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). These new provisions must be transposed by the Member States by 26 November 2028 and applied from 26 November 2029.

The Commission would also emphasise that whilst Annex II of the Directive lays down harmonised minimum content and knowledge requirements for candidates based on the category of driving licence category applied for, the specifics of test design and structure, remain with the Member States.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2025/2205/oj/eng>.