

Fit to Drive

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Welcome

Driving instruction in Switzerland: The two-phase system

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Introduction

- Two-phase system introduced on 1 December 2005
- Objectives: Reduce the number of accidents involving young drivers
Influence the attitude of new drivers
- After passing the driving test, new driver receive provisional driving licence and have to attend two follow-up courses

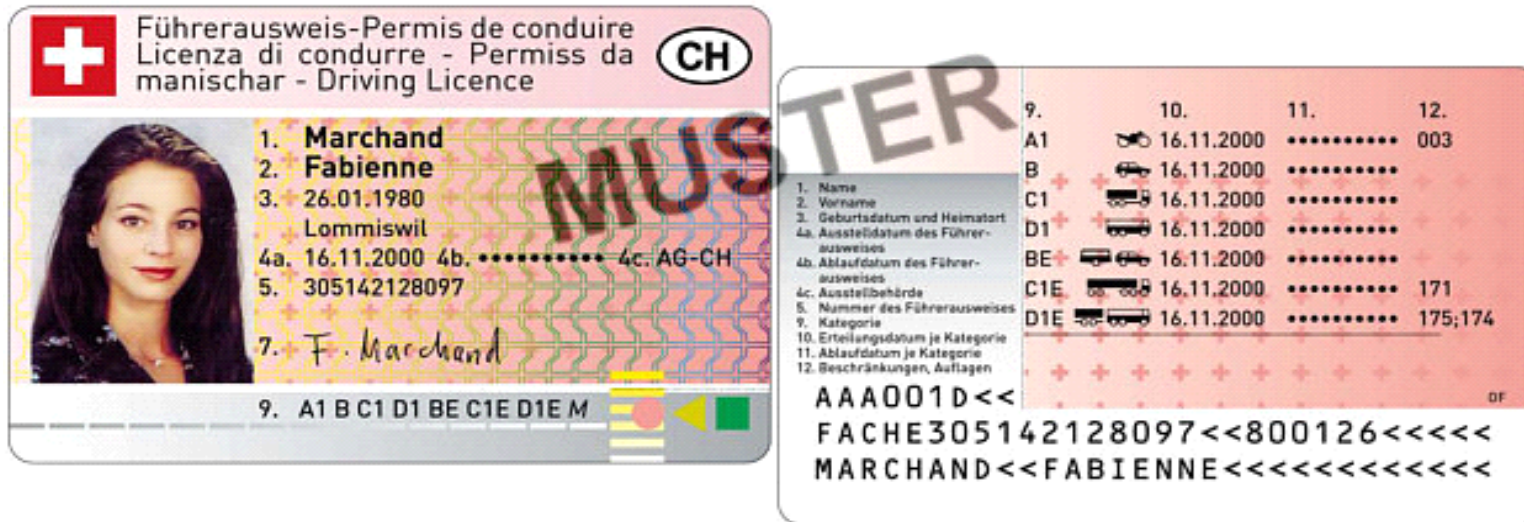
Drivers Education Phase 1

- Compulsory first-aid course
- Theory test (50 multiple-choice questions)
- Learner's licence
- Basic practical course for motorcyclists (12 lessons)
- No compulsory driving lessons for car drivers
- Course on traffic sense and hazard perception (8 lessons)
- Practical driving test (A: 30 minutes, B: 60 minutes)



Drivers Education Phase 2 - General requirements

- Provisional driving licence (for 3-year probationary period)



- No serious traffic offences
- Two follow-up courses

First follow-up course

- Objective: To improve the ability of participants to identify and avoid dangerous situations before they arise
- Theory
 - Accident analysis
 - Alcohol, drugs and medication
- Practical training
 - Braking distance
 - Maintaining a safe distance
 - Speed in bends

Second follow-up course

- Objectives: To heighten the awareness of participants to their own capabilities, optimise their traffic sense and encourage them to adopt an ecological driving style and show consideration for other road users
- Content
 - Driver's profile
 - Practical (mutual assessment of driving style)
 - Environment-friendly and energy-efficient driving

Second follow-up course

- Driver's profile:
 - Not self-critical / Self-critical
 - Assertive, intolerant / Adaptable, tolerant
 - Against regulations / For regulations
 - Enjoys taking risks / Cautious
 - Competitive attitude to driving / Practical attitude to driving



Second follow-up course

- Checklist for mutual assessment of driving style

Checkliste Feedbackfahrt

Bitte beurteilen Sie die Fahrt Ihrer Mitfahrer/innen:

Name:					
... nimmt Rücksicht auf Verkehrspartner.					
... hält sich an die Verkehrsregeln .					
... fährt sicher .					
... fährt ruhig und ohne Stress.					
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Requirements for specialised instructors

- Licensed driving or traffic instructor, or traffic expert
- At least three years of practical experience in the area of expertise
- Socio-pedagogic aptitude test
- Training and examinations (total of 19 days)
- Regular activity as specialised instructor (30 day-courses within 3 years)
- 2 days of further education over a 3-year period

Quality assurance

- Training centres for specialised instructors and organisers of follow-up courses have to provide the necessary premises and training facilities, specialised training, sufficient teaching staff, a suitable curriculum.
- Mandatory recognition by the Swiss Federal Roads Office and the cantonal authorities
- Quality assurance commission includes the Federal Roads Office, cantonal authorities and the Road Safety Council
- Periodical audits to control the follow-up courses

Evaluation

- Success analysis: Has the number of accidents and traffic offences involving young drivers been reduced?
- Impact assessment: Did the know-how, attitudes and driving behaviour of young road users change?
- Analysis of processes: Review of implementation processes relating to organisation and administration

Current Situation

- The implementation process is complete
- Switzerland has 9 training centres and 33 organisers of follow-up courses
- Development of additional training for instructors
- New drivers put off attending follow-up courses
- Positive feedback from those who have attended follow-up courses

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