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# Driving licence handbook

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# Introduction

The Directive on driving licences<sup>1</sup> ensures mutual recognition of driving licences issued in all Member States. Member States shall recognise licences issued in other Member States without any formalities.<sup>1</sup> Annex I to the Directive established a common model of driving licence — a plastic card driving licence.

The principle of mutual recognition guarantees full recognition of any driving licence valid in a country in the European Economic Area (EEA). This includes those issued before the entry into force of the Directive and that therefore may not comply with the requirements set out in Annex I to the Directive. There are currently over 170 different models valid and in use across the EEA, which makes the question of recognising and understanding driving licences challenging for both the authorities and for individuals.

The Directive requires that Member States, with the agreement of the Commission, are to establish equivalences between entitlements obtained before the implementation of Directive 2006/126/EC and the vehicle categories set out in this Directive. These tables of equivalences are set in Commission Decision 2014/209/EU but will be subject to further revision and adaptation.

There is, however, a need for additional and more user-friendly information on driving licences currently in use, beyond that provided in the tables of equivalences. In 2000, the Commission therefore decided to publish a book on driving licence models, to provide a clear overall view of all licence models valid and in use. A second edition of the book was published in 2005. In order to make it easier to update the information regularly, and to make it easier for users to access it, the Commission has now decided to publish the information on a website. It is primarily targeted at administrative and enforcement authorities in Member States, but may also be of use to individuals and other interested parties (e.g. car rental agencies). The two main purposes in providing this information remain the same: upholding the principle of mutual recognition of all licences issued by Member States, and thus ensuring the free movement of licence holders; and explaining the various models for the benefit of supervisory and enforcement authorities.

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<sup>1</sup> Directive 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on driving licences (OJ L 403, 30.12.2006, p. 18).

<sup>1</sup> ECJ Case C-246/00, *Commission v Netherlands*, points 60-61.

# The legend

The legend for old licence models allows users to find relevant information more easily on the licence. The meaning of each number is explained below:

- 1 Surname of the holder
- 2 Other name(s) of the holder
- 3 Date and place of birth
- 4a Date of issue of the licence
- 4b Date of expiry of the licence
- 4c Name of the issuing authority
- 5 Number of licence
- 6 Photograph of the holder
- 7 Signature of the holder
- 8 Permanent place of residence
- 9 Category(ies) of vehicle(s) the holder is entitled to drive
- 10 Date of first issue of each category(ies)
- 11 Date of expiry of each category
- 12 Additional information/restriction(s)

# The period of issue of the licence model

(01/07/1996 – 13/04/1997)

The period of issue is indicated in brackets and represents the period during which a particular model was issued by the national authorities in a country.

(19/01/2013 →)

The arrow after a date indicates that this model is issued since the 19 January 2013.

# Bulgaria - BG1

( 01/12/1999 - 31/08/2000 )

РЕПУБЛИКА БЪЛГАРИЯ REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

**BG**

СВИДЕТЕЛСТВО ЗА УПРАВЛЕНИЕ НА МПС  
DRIVING LICENCE PERMIS DE CONDUIRE



1. **ИВАНОВА**  
IVANOVA

2. **РАЛИЦА**  
RALICA  
**РАДНЕВА**  
RADNEVA

3. 01.08.1976, СОФИЯ / BGR

4a. 02.02.2000 4b. 02.02.2010

4c. МВР София / MVR BGR

4d. 7608010133 4e. Ж / F












4f. БЪЛГАРИЯ / BGR

8. гр.СОФИЯ 7.

5. **200103683**

9. \* **BC\*\*\*\*** \*\* *Ткм М*




	9.	10.	11.	12.
<p><b>S P E C I A L I Z I R A N</b></p> <p>1. Фамилия 2. Имена 3. Дата и място на раждане 4a. Дата на издаване 4b. Дата на валидност 4c. Издаващ орган, място 4d. ЕГН / Личен номер 4e. Пол 4f. Гражданство 5. Номер на документа 7. Подпис на притежателя 8. Адрес-населено място 9. Категория 10. Дата на издаване на категорията 11. Дата, до която е валидна категорията 12. Ограничения</p>	A 			
	B 	24.11.1998		01
	C 	24.11.1998		01
	D 			
	BE 			
	CE 			
	DE 			
	ТБ 			
	ТМ 			
	ТКТ 	24.11.1998		01
	M 	24.11.1998		01
	12.			

## Physical description

Size	54,0 x 85,6 mm
Format	ID-1
Material	Special synthetic material (teslin) without watermarks, laminated with clear plastic laminate
Colour	Blue/pink/blue
Particularities	Bilingual (Bulgarian/English)

## Categories

Category	Period of validity
A, B, M, C, CE, D, DE	10 years

## National categories

National category	Description of national category
Tkt	Agricultural or forestry tractor, agricultural machines.
Tkm	Tram

## Codes

National codes	Description
101	Eyesight correction, permitted only for a specific vehicle (chassis number) - a combination of restrictions 01 and 50
103	Driver authorised to drive vehicles from category D and trams

## Professional drivers

Certificate of professional competence is issued	YES
Code 95 is marked on the driving licence	NO

# Bulgaria - BG2

( 01/09/2000 - 31/09/2002 )

РЕПУБЛИКА БЪЛГАРИЯ REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

**BG**

СВИДЕТЕЛСТВО ЗА УПРАВЛЕНИЕ НА МПС  
DRIVING LICENCE PERMIS DE CONDUIRE



1. **ИВАНОВА**  
IVANOVA

2. **РАЛИЦА**  
RALITSA  
**РАДНЕВА**  
RADNEVA

3. 01.08.1976, СОФИЯ / BGR

4a. 15.11.2001 4b. 15.11.2011

4c. МВР София / MVR BGR

4d. 7608010133 4e. Ж / F

4f. БЪЛГАРИЯ / BGR












8. гр.СОФИЯ

5. **200001383**

7. *J. Ivanova*

9. \* **BC** \* \* \* \* \*      \* \* **Ткт М**



	9.	10.	11.	12.
<p><b>S P E C I A L I Z I R A N E N</b></p> <p>1. Фамилия 2. Имена 3. Дата и място на раждане 4a. Дата на издаване 4b. Дата на валидност 4c. Издаващ орган, място 4d. ЕГН / Личен номер 4e. Пол 4f. Гражданство 5. Номер на документа 7. Подпис на притежателя 8. Адрес-населено място 9. Категория 10. Дата на издаване на категорията 11. Дата, до която е валидна категорията 12. Ограничения</p>	A			
	B		24.11.1998	01
	C		24.11.1998	01
	D			
	BE			
	CE			
	DE			
	ТТБ			
	ТТМ			
	Ткт		24.11.1998	01
	М		24.11.1998	01
	12.			

## Physical description

Size	54,0 x 85,6 mm
Format	ID-1
Material	special synthetic material (teslin) without watermarks, laminated with clear plastic laminate
Colour	Blue/pink/blue
Particularities	Bilingual (Bulgarian/English)

## Categories

Category	Period of validity
M, A, B, C, CE, D, DE	10 years

## National categories

National category	Description of national category
Tkt	Agricultural or forestry tractor, agricultural machines
Tkm	Tram

## Codes

National codes	Description	Community codes
101	Eye-sight correction, permitted only for a specific vehicle (chassis number) - a combination of restrictions 01 and 50	101
103	Driver authorised to drive vehicles in category D and trams	103

## Professional drivers

Certificate of professional competence is issued	YES
Code 95 is marked on the driving licence	NO

# Bulgaria - BG3

( 01/10/2002 - 31/03/2010 )

РЕПУБЛИКА БЪЛГАРИЯ REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

**BG**

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DRIVING LICENCE PERMIS DE CONDUIRE

1. **ИВАНОВА**  
IVANOVA

2. **РАЛИЦА**  
RALITSA

**РАДНЕВА**  
RADNEVA

3. 01.08.1976, СОФИЯ / BGR

4a. 15.05.2007 4b. 15.05.2017

4c. МВР София / MVR BGR

4d. 7608010133 4e. Ж / F

4f. БЪЛГАРИЯ / BGR

8. гр.СОФИЯ 7.

5. **200003757**

9. \* **BC** \* \* \* \* \*

**\*\* Ткм М**




*I. Ivanova*

**S P E C I A L I Z I R A N**

9.	10.	11.	12.
A 			
B 	24.11.1998		01
C 	24.11.1998		01
D 			
BE 			
CE 			
DE 			
ТЪ 			
ТТМ 			
ТКТ 	24.11.1998		01
М 	24.11.1998		01
12.			

1. Фамилия  
2. Имена  
3. Дата и място на раждане  
4a. Дата на издаване  
4b. Дата на валидност  
4c. Издаващ орган, място  
4d. ЕГН / Личен номер  
4e. Пол 4f. Гражданство  
5. Номер на документа  
7. Подпис на притежателя  
8. Адрес-населено място



## Physical description

Size	54,0 x 85,6 mm
Format	ID-1
Material	Special synthetic material (teslin) without watermarks, laminated with clear plastic laminate
Colour	Blue/pink/blue
Particularities	Bilingual (Bulgarian/English)

## Categories

Category	Period of validity
M, A, B, C, CE, D, DE	10 years

## National categories

National category	Description of national category
Tkt	Agricultural or forestry tractor agricultural machines
Tkm	Tram

## Codes


National codes	Description
101	Eye-sight correction permitted only for a specific vehicle (chassis number) - a combination of restrictions 01 and 50
103	Driver authorised to drive vehicles in category D and trams

## Professional drivers


Certificate of professional competence is issued	NO
Code 95 is marked on the driving licence	NO

# Bulgaria - BG4

( 01/04/2010 - 18/01/2013 )



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DRIVING LICENCE**



**РЕПУБЛИКА БЪЛГАРИЯ  
REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**



1. **ИВАНОВА  
IVANOVA**

2. **МАРИЦА  
MARITSA  
РАДНЕВА  
RADNEVA**


3. **01.08.1985 СОФИЯ/SOFIA**

4a. **01.08.2009**      4b. **01.08.2019**

4c. **МВР/МoI BGR**

4d. **8508010133**      4e. **Ж/Ф**

4f. **БЪЛГАРИЯ/BGR**

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5. **2800000000**



8. **СОФИЯ/SOFIA**

9. **В,С,Ткт,М\*** 

SPECIMEN

13.	9.	10.	11.	12.
(14.)	A1 	-----		
	A 	-----		
	B1 	-----		
	B 		10.04.2000	05.01
	C1 		10.04.2000	05.01
	C 		10.04.2000	05.01
	D1 		-----	
	D 		-----	
	BE 		-----	
	C1E 		-----	
	CE 		-----	
	D1E 		-----	
	DE 		-----	
	ТТБ 		-----	
ТТМ 		-----		
ТКТ 		10.04.2000	05.01	
М 		10.04.2000	05.01	
12.	51:AC4728PK			

1. Фамилия 2. Имена 3. Дата и място на раждане 4a. Дата на издаване 4b. Дата на валидност 4c. Издаващ орган, място 4d. ЕГН/Личен номер/ЛНЧ 4e. Пол 4f. Гражданство 5. Номер на документа 7. Подпис на притежателя 8. Адрес-населено място 9. Категория 10. Дата на придобиване на категорията 11. Дата, до която е валидна категорията 12. Ограничения

1. Surname 2. Names 3. Date and place of birth 4a. Licence issuing date 4b. Administrative expiry date 4c. Issuing authority 4d. Personal No 4e. Sex 4f. Nationality 5. Licence number 7. Holder's signature 8. Address 9. Category 10. Category issuing date 11. Category expiry 12. Restrictions

## Physical description

Size	54,0 x 86,0 mm
Format	ID1
Material	Polycarbonate
Colour	Blue/rose/blue
Particularities	Bilingual (Bulgarian/English)

## Categories

Category	Period of validity
M, A, B, C, CE, D, DE	10 years

## National categories

National category	Description of national category
Tkt	Agriculture and forest tractor and agriculture machines.
Tkm	Tram

## Codes


National codes	Description
101	Eye-sight correction and permitted only for a specific vehicle (number of chassis) - a combination of restrictions 01 and 50
103	Driver who has the right to drive vehicle from category D and tram

## Professional drivers


Certificate of professional competence is issued	YES
Code 95 is marked on the driving licence	NO

# Bulgaria - BG5

( 19/01/2013 → )




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РЕПУБЛИКА БЪЛГАРИЯ  
REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA



1. ИВАНОВА  
IVANOVA
2. МАРИЦА  
MARITSA  
РАДНЕВА  
RADNEVA
3. 01.08.1985 СОФИЯ/SOFIA
- 4a. 19.01.2013                      4b. 19.01.2018
- 4c. МВР/Mol BGR
- 4d. 8508010133                      4e. Ж/Ф
- 4f. БЪЛГАРИЯ/BGR
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SPECIMEN

М II 

8. СОФИЯ/SOFIA

9. AM, A1, A2, A, B1, B, C1, C, D1, D, BE, C1E, CE, D1E, DE, Ttm, Tkt \*

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	A1 	02.02.02		01.01	
	A2 	02.02.02		01.01	
	A 	02.02.02		01.01	
(14.)	B1 	10.04.00		01.01	
	B 	10.04.00		01.01	
	C1 	15.03.03		01.01	
	C 	15.03.03		01.01	
	D1 	19.04.06		01.01	
	D 	19.04.06		01.01,103	
	BE 	22.05.07		01.01,70	
	C1E 	22.05.07		01.01	
	CE 	22.05.07		01.01	
	D1E 	22.05.07		01.01	
	DE 	22.05.07		01.01	
	Ttm 	23.05.09		01.01	
	Tkt 	15.03.03		01.01	

12. 70:AR251267-ARG

## Physical description

Size	54,0 x 86,0 mm
Format	ID-1
Material	Polycarbonate
Colour	Blue/rose/blue
Particularities	Bilingual (Bulgarian/English)

## Categories

Category	Period of validity
AM, A1, A2, A, B, B1	10 years
C1, C, CE, D1, D1E, D, DE	5 years

## National categories

National category	Description of national category
Tkt	Agriculture and forest tractor and agriculture machines.
Tkm	Tram

## Codes

National codes	Description
101	Eye-sight correction and permitted only for a specific vehicle (number of chassis) - a combination of restrictions 01 and 50
103	Driver who has the right to drive vehicle from category D and tram

## Professional drivers

Certificate of professional competence is issued	YES
Code 95 is marked on the driving licence	NO