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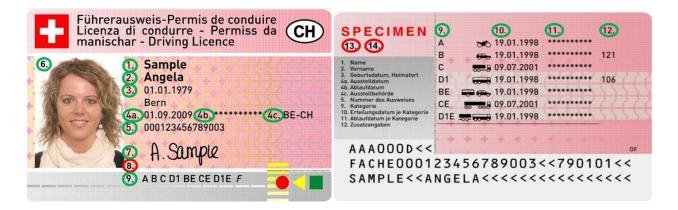
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# The Swiss driving licence in credit card format

The Swiss driving licence in credit card format is based on the corresponding EU specifications. All licence categories and technical specifications are compatible with the applicable EU requirements.

### 1. Details included in the driving licence

No.	Description	
1	Last name of licence holder	
2	First name of licence holder	
3	Date of birth and place of citizenship / place of birth of licence holder	
4a	Date of issue of driving licence	
4b	Date of expiry of driving licence, or for driving licence without expiry date, dash ( - )	
4c	Authority that issued the licence (cf. <u>list of abbreviations</u> and <u>address list</u> )	
5	Number of driving licence	
6	Photo of licence holder	
7	Signature of licence holder	
(8)	Place of residence, domicile or postal address (not entered in Swiss driving licences)	
9	Categories of vehicles the holder is licensed to drive	
10	Issue date per category	
11	Expiry date per category	
12	Additional details or restrictions	
(13)	Details for administration purposes (not included in Swiss driving licences)	
(14)	Details for administration purposes or with reference to traffic safety (not included in Swiss driving licences)	



## 2. Swiss categories

The Swiss categories correspond to the <u>3rd EU Directive on Driving Licences</u>, <u>2006/126/EC</u>, <u>20 December 2006 (consolidated version dated 22 July 2018)</u>. Exceptions:

- Category A does not authorise the holder to drive three-wheeled motor vehicles with an engine power exceeding 15 kW.
- If a trailer with a maximum weight exceeding 750 kilograms is attached to a category B motor vehicle, the total combined weight may not exceed 3,500 kilograms.
- In subcategory A1, a maximum of 0.1 kW/kilogram is not stipulated for the ratio between engine power and unladen weight and this subcategory does not authorise the holder to drive three-wheeled motor vehicles with an engine power of up to 15 kW.
- Subcategory C1E does not authorise the holder to drive a vehicle combination comprising a category B motor vehicle and a trailer with a maximum weight exceeding 3,500 kilograms, the total combined weight of which does not exceed 12,000 kilograms.
- In subcategory D1E, the total combined weight may not exceed 12,000 kilograms and the trailer may not be used for transporting passengers.
- Subcategory B1 also includes three-wheeled motor vehicles (L5e) with a maximum unladen weight (EU terminology: «effective vehicle mass») of 550 kilograms. Four-wheeled motor vehicles (L7e): Subcategory B1 only applies to category L7e motor vehicles with a maximum unladen weight of 550 kilograms.
- F, G and M are special national categories.

Α	>	Motorcycles
A 25kW	<b>&gt;</b>	Motorcycles with a maximum engine power of 25 kW and a maximum power to unladen weight ratio of 0.16 kW/kilogram
A 35kW	<b>ॐ</b>	Motorcycles with a maximum engine power of 35 kW and a maximum power to unladen weight ratio of 0.20 kW/kilogram
A1	<b>♂</b>	Motorcycles with a maximum cubic capacity of 125 cm³ and maximum engine power of 11 kW
В	•	Motor vehicles and three-wheeled vehicles with a maximum weight of 3,500 kilograms and a maximum of eight seats (excluding the driver's seat)  Vehicle combinations comprising a category B motor vehicle and a trailer with a maximum weight of 750 kilograms  Vehicle combinations comprising a category B motor vehicle and a trailer with a maximum weight of 750 kilograms, if the total combined weight does not exceed 3,500 kilograms
B1	<b>₹</b>	Small and three-wheeled motor vehicles with a maximum unladen weight of 550 kilograms
С	<b>∞</b> -9	Motor vehicles, other than those classified in category D, with a maximum weight of more than 3,500 kilograms  Vehicle combinations comprising a category C motor vehicle and a trailer with a maximum weight of 750 kilograms

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C1	<b>—</b> •	Motor vehicles, other than those classified in category D, with a maximum weight of more than 3,500 kilograms, but not exceeding 7,500 kilograms  Vehicle combinations comprising a subcategory C1 motor vehicle and a trailer with a maximum weight of 750 kilograms
D	<del></del>	Motor vehicles used for the transport of passengers and with more than eight seats (excluding the driver's seat)  Vehicle combinations comprising a category D motor vehicle and a trailer with a maximum weight of 750 kilograms
D1	<b>₩</b>	Motor vehicles used for passenger transport with more than eight but not more than sixteen seats (excluding the driver's seat) Vehicle combinations comprising a subcategory D1 motor vehicle and a trailer with a maximum weight of 750 kilograms
BE	₩	Vehicle combinations comprising a category B motor vehicle and a trailer and which, as a combination, do not fall under category B
CE	00 000	Vehicle combinations comprising a category C motor vehicle and a trailer with a maximum weight of more than 750 kilograms
C1E		Vehicle combinations comprising a subcategory C1 motor vehicle and a trailer with a maximum weight of more than 750 kilograms, if the total combined weight does not exceed 12,000 kilograms
DE	<b></b>	Vehicle combinations comprising a category D motor vehicle and a trailer with a maximum weight of more than 750 kilograms
D1E		Vehicle combinations comprising a subcategory D1 motor vehicle and a trailer with a maximum weight of more than 750 kilograms, if the total combined weight does not exceed 12,000 kilograms and the trailer is not used for carrying passengers
F	<del>5</del> 04	Motor vehicles, excluding motorcycles, with a maximum speed of 45 km/h
G	<del>∂\</del> 6	Agricultural and forestry motor vehicles with a maximum speed of 30 km/h, and commercially registered carts, traction engines and tractors with a maximum speed of 30 km/h in agricultural and forestry use, excluding exceptional vehicles
M	<b>∌</b> ⁄⁄o	Mopeds

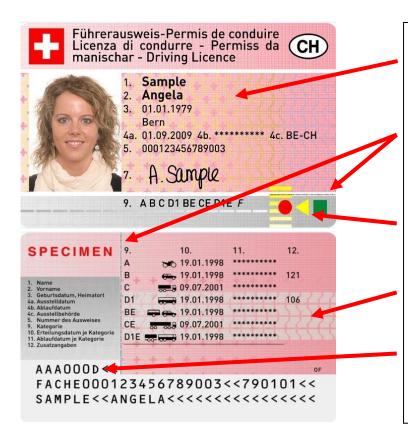
# 3. Codes

Codes are entered on the reverse side of the driving licence under no. 12. Codes 1 to 99 correspond to those of the EU. Codes above 100 concern additional national specifications and restrictions that generally only apply within Switzerland (exception: Code 109):

National code	Description
25 kW	Motorcycles with a maximum engine power of 25 kW and a maximum power to unladen weight ratio of 0.16 kW/kilogram
35 kW	Motorcycles with a maximum engine power of 35 kW and a maximum power to unladen weight ratio of 0.20 kW/kilogram
45km/h	Category A1 motor vehicles with a maximum speed of 45 km/h

G40	Operation of exceptional agricultural and forestry vehicles and agricultural and forestry tractors with a maximum speed of 40 km/h, and commercially registered tractors with a maximum speed of 40 km/h in agricultural and forestry use		
101	Specific stipulation (the detailed ruling is kept by the cantonal authority that issued the licence)		
3.5t 106	Operation of motor vehicles for the transport of passengers, with a maximum weight of 3,500 kilograms and more than 17 seats (including the driver's seat)		
106	Operation of motor vehicles for the transport of passengers, with a maximum weight of 3,500 kilograms and more than 17 seats (including the driver's seat)  Operation of motor vehicles for passenger transport, with a maximum weight of more than 3,500 kilograms and more than nine, but not more than 17 seats (including the driver's seat)		
107	Regional scheduled services		
108	Authorisation to display a «Doctor/Emergency» sticker		
109 (incl. motor homes > 7.5 t)	Operation of motor homes with a maximum weight of more than 7,500 kilograms (including outside Switzerland) and motorised fire brigade vehicles with a maximum weight exceeding 7,500 kilograms		
110	Operation of trolley buses		
111	Commercial operation by a holder of a foreign driving licence of vehicles in categories F, B1, B, BE, C1, C1E, C, CE, D1, D1E, D or DE with Swiss licence plates		
118	Operation of motorised fire brigade vehicles regardless of the number of seats and maximum weight  Operation of disaster response vehicles, regardless of the number of seats and maximum weight, within the scope of civil protection corps rescue operations and exercises		
121	Commercial passenger transport with vehicles in categories F, B1, B, C1 or C		
122	Commercial transport of schoolchildren, workers or people with disabilities with vehicles in categories F, B1, B, C1 or C		
	Commercial transport of sick or injured people in vehicles in categories C1 or C that have been fitted out for this purpose and are equipped with special warning devices  Commercial passenger transport in vehicles with a maximum design speed of 30 km/h		
201	Driving instructor for category B vehicles (motor cars)		
202	Driving instructor for category C vehicles (heavy goods vehicles and coaches)		
204	Driving instructor for category A vehicles (motorcycles)		
210	Instructor for trainee heavy goods vehicle drivers (trainee in the Vocational Education and Training «Driver of Heavyweight Trucks, Federal Diploma of Vocational Education and Training»)		
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#### 4. Authenticity characteristics



The symbol «CH» (for Switzerland) and the «Swiss cross» can be made visible by changing the angle of light incidence (holograms).

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