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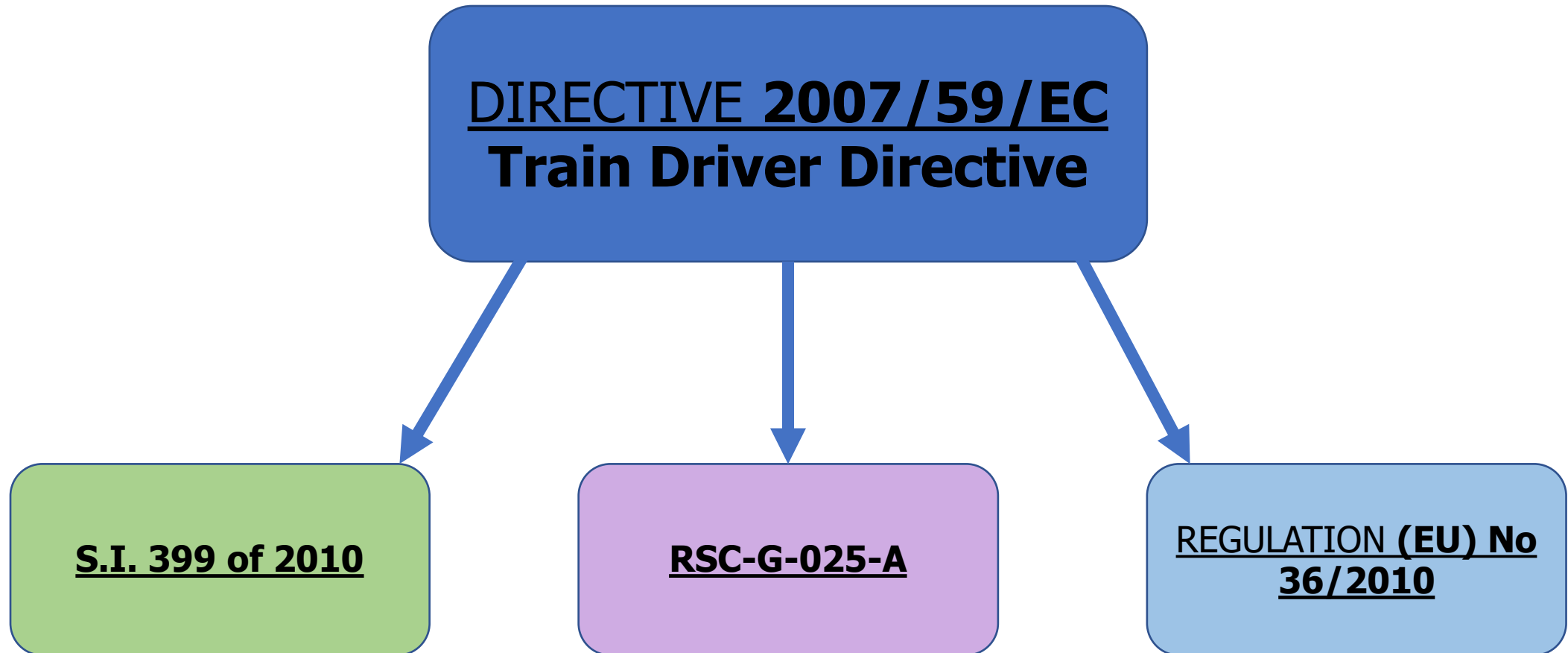
# Train Driver Licensing

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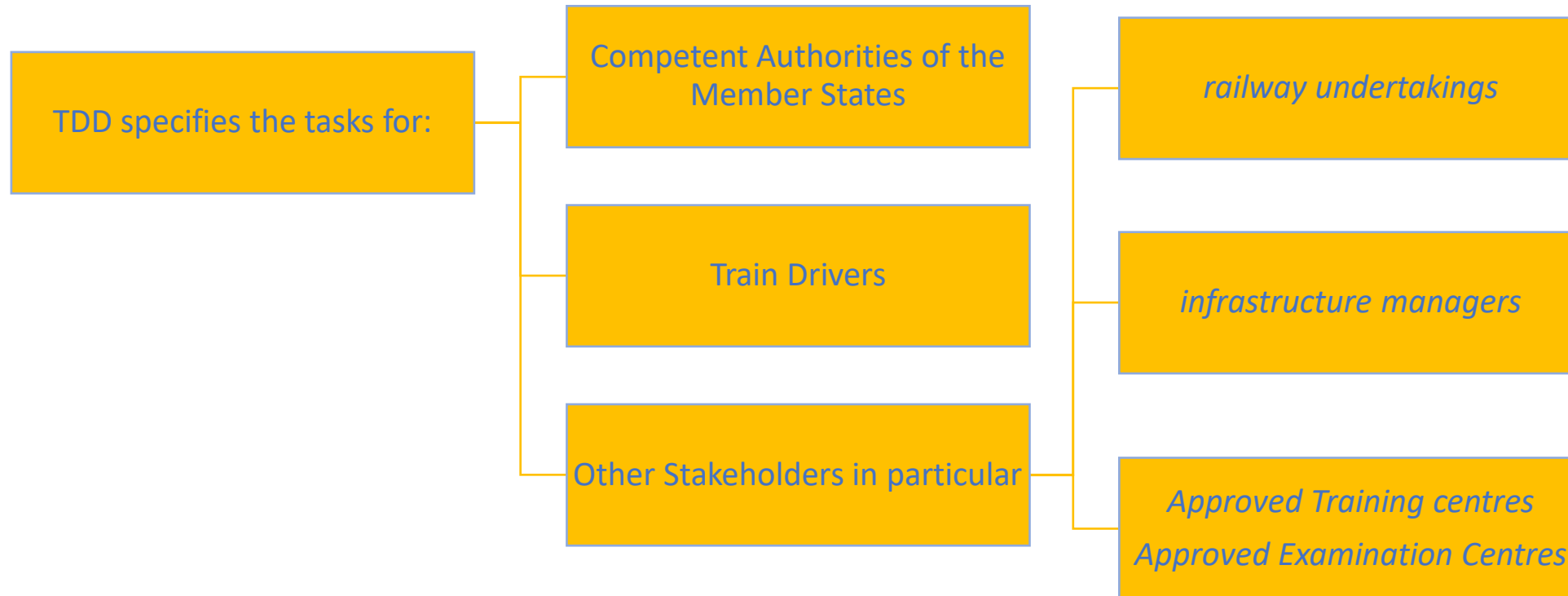
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# Applicable Legislation/ Guidelines



# Directive 2007/59/EC

This Directive lays down the conditions and procedures for the certification of train drivers operating locomotives and trains on the railway system in the Community



# Who needs a Train Driving Licence?



## **Statutory Instrument 399/2010;**

- 3.(1) These regulations apply to train driver operating locomotives and trains on the Iarnród Éireann-Irish Rail Network.

# Train Driver Requirements

The applicant must satisfy the minimum requirements for:



Age



Medical



Occupational  
Psychology



Basic Education



General Professional  
Knowledge

# Age Requirements

## **S.I. 399 of 2010**

6. (1) The competent authority shall issue a licence to an applicant if it is satisfied the applicant has-
- (a) attained the age of 20 years**

## **RSC-G-025-A**

- 9.1.2 Minimum age for obtaining a licence **valid across EU is 20 Years**

*2007/59/EC Art 7 + Art10*

# Medical Requirements

## 2007/59/EC - Art 11;

- Applicants shall provide **confirmation of their physical fitness** by passing a medical examination.
- conducted by a **medical doctor** accredited or recognised in accordance with Article 20.
- The examination shall cover at least the **criteria indicated Annex II.**

## RSC-G-025-A;

- Medicals to be passed every **3 years up to age 55**
- Medicals to be passed every **1 year from age of 55**



# Occupational Psychology

## 2007/59/EC - Art 11;

- Applicants shall demonstrate their occupational psychological fitness by passing an examination
- conducted by, or under the supervision of a **psychologist or a medical doctor** accredited or recognised in accordance with Article 20.
- The examination shall cover at least the criteria indicated in **Annex II**;

# Basic Education

## 2007/59/EC – Art 11;

1. “Applicants shall have successfully completed at least nine years’ education (primary and secondary) ...”

## S.I. 399 of 2010

6. (1) The competent authority shall issue a licence to an applicant if it is satisfied the applicant has—
  - (b) **completed 9 years education (primary and secondary)**

**(Junior Certificate)**

# General Professional Knowledge

**2007/59/EC - Art 11;**

4. Applicants shall have demonstrated their general professional competence by **passing an examination\*** covering at least the general subjects listed in Annex IV;

*\*Passing an exam from an approved examination centre*

Some examples of subjects covered are:

- safety rules
- rolling stock
- safety-critical responsibilities
- procedures applicable to accidents
- railway operations

# Application for Licence



All Licence applications shall be lodged with the CRR



Applicant shall use the form sheet (RSC-F-025-A), and attach required supporting documents



An application may be submitted by the applicant, or on behalf of the applicant, by their employer, or training centre



Applications are for a first issue, updating/amending, and renewal

# Documents needed



RSC-F-025-A (including passport photos attached)



Confirmation of physical fitness - Medical



General Professional Knowledge



Confirmation of Psychological Fitness



Copy of Identification (Passport, or Driving Licence front and back)



Proof of Education

# Issue of Licence



CRR shall issue licence no later than 1 month



Evidence of all exams/tests must be submitted



Licences are issued in a single original

# Licence Validity



A licence shall be valid for 10 years, subject to Article 16(1);



For a licence to remain valid, its holder shall undergo periodic examinations and/or tests relating to the requirements referred to in Article 11(2) and (3)



Article 11(2) - Basic requirements + (3) periodic medical

# Driver Leaving Employment



When a driver ceases to work for an RU or IM, the CRR must be informed without delay



The licence shall remain valid, provided all requirements for periodic tests/exams are complied with



The CRR will update the National Licence Register (NLR)



# Commission Regulation (EU) No 36/2010

- Community models for train driving licences
- Under Directive 2007/59/EC



# Train Driving Licence - Front



1 Surname

2 Name

3 Date of Birth & Place of Birth

4a Issue Date

4b Expiry Date

4c Issuing Authority

4d Reference number from Employee (*optional*)

5 Licence Number

6 Photograph

7 Signature

# Train Driving Licence - Rear



8 Permanent place of residence or postal address of the holder (optional)

9a.1 Native Language

9a.2 Space for Member States to give necessary information according to their national legislation

9b Codes for medical restrictions:  
(1) Mandatory use of glasses/lenses  
(2) Mandatory use of hearing/communication aid

# Directive 2007/59/EC – Under Revision

TDD is currently under revision;

- Medical and Psychological Fitness Requirements are being looked at
- Contents of training courses are under review

# Conclusion

- Train driving licence – Train/Locomotive - Irish Rail Network
- Meet requirements – provide all proof with application
- Licence Valid 10 years – keep current with medicals
- TDD being revised

# References

- DIRECTIVE 2007/59/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 23 October 2007
  - on the certification of train drivers operating locomotives and trains on the railway system in the Community
- S.I. 399 of 2010 European Communities (train driver certification) regulations 2010
- RSC-G-025-A Guideline on the application of EC Directive 2007/59/EC on Train Driver Certification in the State
- COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 36/2010
  - on **Community models for train driving licences**

