

Regulation (EU) 2020/698 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the extension of validity of certain certificates, licences and authorisations

EXTENSION OF DEADLINES CONCERNING THE DRIVER / DRIVER TRAINING, DRIVER LICENCE, DRIVER CARDS

Art. 2 / Directive 2003/59/EC (driver training)

(Member States can choose not to apply any of the extensions listed below)

Issue	Extension period / by 7 months	Further possible extensions / by 6 more months
Time limits for the completion of periodic training that expire between 1 February - 31 August 2020	Extended by 7 months in each case CPCs shall remain valid accordingly	Where a Member State considers that: 1) the completion of periodic training or certification thereof, 2) the marking of the harmonised Union code '95', 3) the renewal of driver qualification cards
Validity of code '95' marked either on the driving licence or on the driver qualification card on basis of the Certificates of Professional Competence (CPC) (Annex I)	Extended by 7 months from the date indicated on each such driving licence or driver qualification card	is likely to remain impracticable beyond 31 August 2020, due to measures related to COVID-19, it may submit a reasoned request for an extension of the periods 1 February - 31 August 2020 or the seven-month period, or both. The request must be submitted to the Commission by 1 August 2020.
Validity of driver qualification cards expiring between 1 February - 31 August 2020 (Annex II)	Extended by 7 months from the administrative expiry date indicated on each such card	EC will have the last say. The extension has to be limited to reflect the period during which the completion of the periodic training in question or the certification thereof, the marking of the harmonised Union code '95' or the renewal of driver qualification cards is likely to remain impracticable. The extension will not be longer than 6 months.

Art. 3 / Directive 2006/126/EC (driver licence)

Issue	Extension period / by 7 months	Further possible extensions / by 6 more months
Validity of driving licences expiring between 1 February - 31 August 2020	Extended by 7 months from the date of the individual driving licence	<p>Where a Member State considers that the renewal of driving licences is likely to remain impracticable beyond 31 August 2020, due to measures related to COVID-19, it may submit a reasoned request for an extension of the periods 1 February - 31 August 2020 or the seven-month period, or both.</p> <p>The request must be submitted to the Commission by 1 August 2020. EC will have the last say. The extension has to be limited to reflect the period during which the renewal of driving licence is likely to remain impracticable. The extension will not be longer than 6 months.</p>

Art. 4 / Regulation (EU) No 165/2014 (smart tachograph)

Issue	Extension period / by 2 months	Further possible extensions / by 6 more months
Renewal of a drivers' card to expire between 1 March - 31 August 2020 (Article 28, para 1)	No later than 2 months after the receipt of the request	<p>Where a Member State considers that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the regular inspections 2) the renewal of driver cards or 3) the replacement of driver cards <p>are likely to remain impracticable beyond 31 August 2020, due to measures relating to COVID-19, it may submit a reasoned request for the extension of the period 1 March - 31 August</p>
Replacement of stolen, lost or defective driver cards between 1 March - 31 August 2020 (Article 29(4))	<p>No Later than 2 months after the receipt of the request</p> <p>During this time, the driver can continue to drive provided that s/he can prove that the driver card was returned to the</p>	

	<p>competent authority when it was damaged or malfunctioning and that its replacement was requested.</p> <p>Until the driver receives a new card from the card issuing authorities, the driver will use printouts to mark his/her details, his/her activities i.e. driving time, other work, breaks, availability, rest periods, etc. as per Article 35(2)</p>	<p>2020, or the deadlines for issuance of a new driver card, or both.</p> <p>The request must be submitted to the Commission by 1 August 2020.</p> <p>EC will have the last say. The extension will be limited to reflect the period during which the regular inspections, the renewal or replacement of driver cards are likely to remain impracticable. The extension will not be longer than 6 months.</p>
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EXTENSION OF DEADLINES CONCERNING VEHICLE & OPERATOR (BUS COACH FREIGHT)

Art. 5 / Directive 2014/45/EU (vehicle technical inspection)

Issue	Extension period / by 7 months	Further possible extensions / possible; no limit
Time limits for the roadworthiness tests, due to be carried out between 1 February - 31 August 2020 (Article 5(1), Article 10(1), Annex II point 8)	Extended by 7 months	Member States can apply for an extension (no specific maximum period for additional extension). Same conditions as in the above cases
Validity of roadworthiness certificates with a date of expiry between 1 February - 31 August 2020 (Article 8, Annex II point 8)	Extended by 7 months	

Art. 6 / Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009 (access to occupation)

Issue	Extension period / by 12 months	Further possible extensions / by 12 months
Assessments carried out from 1 March - 30 September 2020 on the financial standing of a bus, coach, truck operators (Article 13(1)(c))	In case the assessment does not satisfy the requirement of financial standing, the operator benefits for maximum 12 more months to prove its compliance with the financial standing criteria of the regulation	Where the competent authority has established before 28 May 2020 that a transport undertaking does not satisfy the requirement of financial standing (Article 3(1), point (c)) and has set a time limit for the transport undertaking to rectify the situation, the competent authority may extend that time limit, provided that the time limit has not expired by 28 May 2020. The time limit thus extended may not exceed 12 months.

Art. 7 / Regulation (EC) No 1072/2009 (freight cabotage)

Issue	Extension period / by 6 months	Further possible extensions / by 6 months
Validity of the Community licences expiring between 1 March - 31 August 2020 (Article 4(2))	Extended by 6 months	<p>Where a Member State considers that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the renewal of Community licences 2) the renewal of the driver attestations <p>are likely to remain impracticable beyond 31 August 2020 due to measures relating to COVID-19, it may submit a reasoned request for an extension of the period 1 March – 31 August, or the 6 month period, or both.</p> <p>The request must be submitted to the Commission by 1 August 2020.</p> <p>EC will have the last say. The approved extension will be limited to reflect the period during which the renewal of the Community licence or of driver attestation is likely to remain impracticable. The extension will not be longer than 6 months.</p>
Validity of the driver attestations expiring between 1 March - 31 August 2020 (Article 5(7))	Extended by 6 months	

Art. 8 / Regulation (EC) No 1073/2009 (bus and coach access to the market)

Issue	Extension period / by 6 months respectively 3	Further possible extensions / by 6 months
Validity of the Community licences expiring between 1 March - 31 August 2020 (Article 4(4))	Extended by 6 months	Where a Member State finds that the renewal of Community licences is likely to remain impracticable beyond 31 August 2020, due to measures relating to COVID-19, it may submit a

<p>Decisions on applications submitted by carriers between 12 December 2019 and 31 August 2020 (Article 8(3))</p>	<p>Will be taken by the authorising authority within 6 months of the date of the submission of the application</p>	<p>reasoned request for an authorisation to apply an extension of the periods specified above.</p> <p>The request may concern the reference period or the 6 month period, or both.</p>
<p>Competent authorities of the Member States whose agreement has been requested in respect of the above application (Article 8(2), para 1)</p>	<p>Will notify the authorising authority of their decision on the application within 3 months</p>	<p>The request must be submitted to the Commission by 15 July 2020 at the latest.</p> <p>EC will have the last say. The approved extension will be limited to the period during which the renewal of Community licences is likely to remain impracticable.</p>