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Information: Redesign of the Swiss driving licence as of 15 April 2023

Dear Sir or Madam

From 15 April 2023, driving licences issued in Switzerland will have a new layout. They will be produced using a laser printing process, which is why the photograph now appears black and white. The new driving licence has up-to-date security features and meets the requirements for the European driving licence. We are pleased to provide you with an overview of the data field labels and appearance of the new Swiss driving licence in the enclosure.

Swiss driving licences currently in circulation, either on blue paper (issued until 31 March 2003) or in credit card format (issued between 1 April 2003 and 14 April 2023), will continue to be valid unless otherwise stated on the licence.

Further information will be available on the website of the Federal Roads Office (FEDRO) from 15 April 2023 (this notification in German, French, Italian and English at [Driving licence / Training \[admin.ch\]](#); detailed directives in German, French and Italian at [Documents concerning road traffic \[admin.ch\]](#)).

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Yours sincerely

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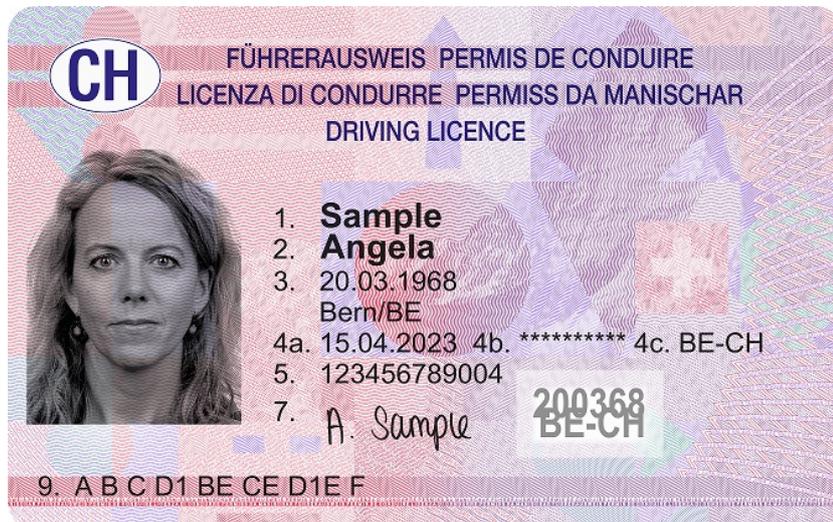
Enclosure: Data field labels and appearance

Enclosure**1. The new driving licence contains the following data fields:**

1	Surname of the holder
2	First name of the holder
3	Date of birth and place of origin or place of birth of the holder
4a	Date of issue of the licence
4b	Date of expiry of the licence (or a dash if the licence is valid indefinitely)
4c	Name of the issuing authority (see List of abbreviations and addresses)
5	Number of driving licence
6	Photograph of the holder
7	Signature of the holder
9	Categories of vehicles the holder is entitled to drive
10	Date of issue of each category
11	Date of expiry of each category
12	Additional details
14	QR code (contains the surname and first name, date of birth [format DDMMYYYY] and FABER PIN. This number consists of nine digits plus three consecutive numbers and is a separate identification number for administrative purposes).
Details <u>not</u> recorded on Swiss driving licences:	
– (8) Place of residence, domicile or postal address; and	
– (13) Information essential for administering the licence	

2. Appearance and visible security features:**Front:**

To the right of the signature is an MLI (multiple laser image) which, depending on the viewing angle, shows the date of birth in the format DDMMYY as well as the cantonal abbreviation of the issuing authority followed by -CH.



Reverse (all language versions):

- At the top left are 20 Swiss crosses printed with optically variable colour.
- The QR code is in the centre left.
- At the bottom left is a legend that varies depending on the language version.

Reverse (language: German):

9.	10.	11.	12.
A	02.06.1989	*****	
B	05.05.1990	*****	121
C	22.07.1991	*****	
D1	16.09.1993	*****	106
BE	05.05.1990	*****	
CE	16.03.1993	*****	
D1E	16.03.1993	*****	

1. Name
2. Vorname
3. Geburtsdatum, Heimatort
4a. Ausstelldatum
4b. Ablaufdatum
4c. Ausstellende Behörde
5. Nummer des Führerausweises
9. Kategorie
10. Erteilungsdatum je Kategorie
11. Ablaufdatum je Kategorie
12. Zusatzangaben

Reverse (language: French):

9.	10.	11.	12.
A	02.06.1989	*****	
B	05.05.1990	*****	121
C	22.07.1991	*****	
D1	16.09.1993	*****	106
BE	05.05.1990	*****	
CE	16.03.1993	*****	
D1E	16.03.1993	*****	

1. Nom
2. Prénom
3. Date de naissance, lieu d'origine
4a. Date de délivrance
4b. Date d'échéance
4c. Autorité d'émission
5. Numéro du permis
9. Catégorie
10. Date de délivrance, par catégorie
11. Date d'échéance, par catégorie
12. Indications complémentaires

Reverse (language: Italian):

9.	10.	11.	12.
A	02.06.1989	*****	
B	05.05.1990	*****	121
C	22.07.1991	*****	
D1	16.09.1993	*****	106
BE	05.05.1990	*****	
CE	16.03.1993	*****	
D1E	16.03.1993	*****	

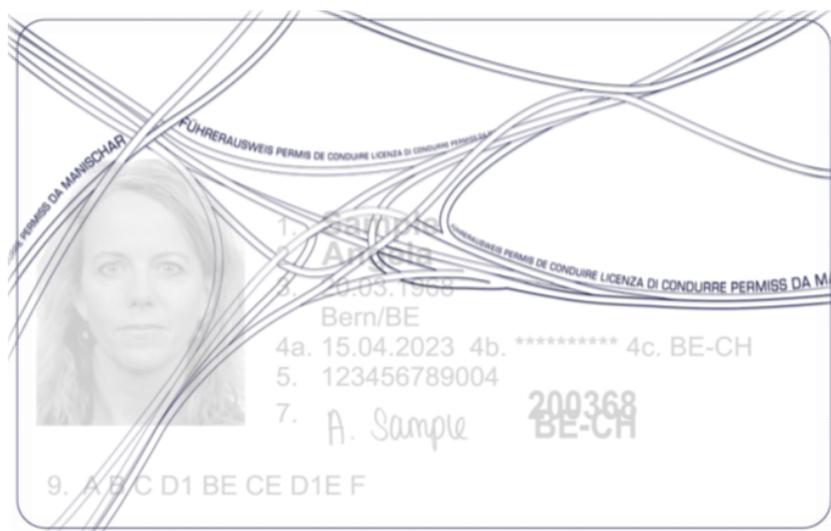
1. Cognome
 2. Nome
 3. Data di nascita, luogo d'origine
 4a. Data di rilascio
 4b. Data di scadenza
 4c. Autorità di rilascio
 5. Numero della licenza
 9. Categoria
 10. Data di rilascio, per categoria
 11. Data di scadenza, per categoria
 12. Dati supplementari

Reverse (language: Romansh):

9.	10.	11.	12.
A	02.06.1989	*****	
B	05.05.1990	*****	121
C	22.07.1991	*****	
D1	16.09.1993	*****	106
BE	05.05.1990	*****	
CE	16.03.1993	*****	
D1E	16.03.1993	*****	

1. Num
 2. Prenum
 3. Data da naschientscha, lieu d'origin
 4a. Data d'emissiun
 4b. Data da scadenza
 4c. Autoridad d'emissiun
 5. Numer dal permiss
 9. Categoria
 10. Data da concessiun, per categoria
 11. Data da scadenza, per categoria
 12. Indicaziuns supplementaras

Front; Tactile surface texture effects:

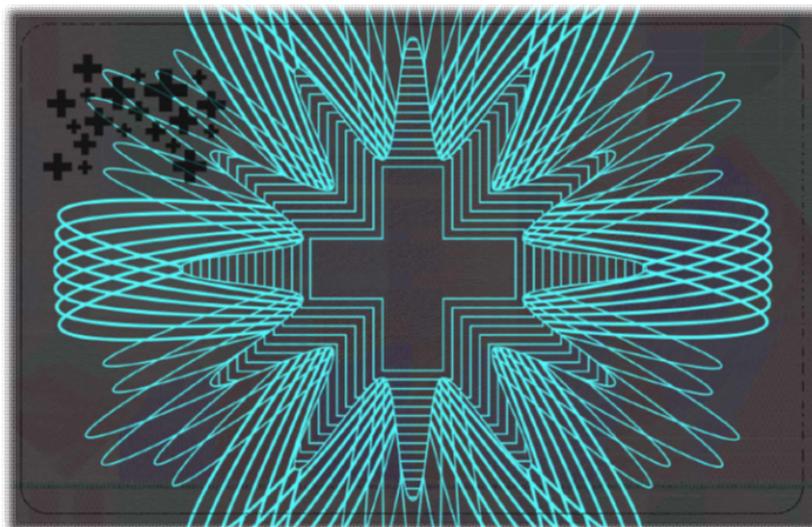


The data under point 5 is also tactile.

Front; view under UV illumination:



Reverse; view under UV illumination:



3. Swiss categories

The Swiss categories correspond to the [3rd EU Directive on Driving Licences, 2006/126/EC, 20 December 2006 \(consolidated version dated 22 July 2018\)](#). 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.

4. Visualization of the categories, subcategories and special categories on the driver's licence

A		Motorcycles
A 25kW		Motorcycles with a maximum engine power of 25 kW and a maximum power to unladen weight ratio of 0.16 kW/kilogram (issued until 31 March 2016)
A 35kW		Motorcycles with a maximum engine power of 35 kW and a maximum power to unladen weight ratio of 0.20 kW/kilogram
A1		Motorcycles with a maximum cubic capacity of 125 cm ³ and maximum engine power of 11 kW
B		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		Small and three-wheeled motor vehicles with a maximum unladen weight of 550 kilograms
C		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
C1		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		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		Motor vehicles used for passenger transport with more than eight but not more than 16 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		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		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		Motor vehicles, excluding motorcycles, with a maximum speed of 45 km/h
G		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		Mopeds

5. National restrictions and other additional information on certain categories, subcategories and special categories

Code	Description
101	Specific stipulation (the detailed ruling is kept by the cantonal authority that issued the licence)
25 kW	A: Motorcycles up to 25 kW and 0.16 kW/kg (issued until 31 March 2016)
35 kW	A: Motorcycles up to 35 kW and up to 0.20 kW/kg
45 km/h	A1: Subcategory A1 motorcycles with a maximum speed of 45 km/h
121	B, C, B1, C1 or F: Licence for professional transport of passengers
122	B, C, B1, C1 or F: Licence for professional transport of passengers (restricted to schoolchildren, workers, people with disabilities, ambulances and vehicles with a maximum design speed of 30 km/h)
3.5t 106	D1: When exchanging Cat. B/D2 (issued until 31 March 2003, transitional law): Operation of minibuses with more than 17 seats and carrying of trailers with a maximum weight exceeding 750 kg on minibuses in domestic traffic on a non-commercial basis.
106	D1: When exchanging Cat. B/D2 and C1 (issued until 31 March 2003, transitional law): Operation of minibuses with more than 17 seats and carrying of trailers with a maximum weight exceeding 750 kg on minibuses in domestic traffic on a non-commercial basis. Operation of coaches with no more than 17 seats, including the driver's seat, in domestic traffic on a non-commercial basis.
121 3.5t 106	B, D1: When exchanging Cat. D1 (issued until 31 March 2003, transitional law): Operation of minibuses with more than 17 seats and carrying of trailers with a maximum weight exceeding 750 kg on minibuses in domestic traffic on a commercial basis.
121 106	B, D1: When exchanging Cat. D1 and C1 (issued until 31 March 2003, transitional law): Operation of minibuses with more than 17 seats and carrying of trailers with a maximum weight exceeding 750 kg on minibuses in domestic traffic on a commercial basis. Operation of coaches with no more than 17 seats, including the driver's seat, in domestic traffic on a commercial basis.
107	D: Regional scheduled services (transitional law)
108	Authorisation to display a 'Doctor/Emergency' sticker. Entry only in (AUFLA).
109 (incl. motor homes > 7.5 t)	C1, C1E: When exchanging Cat. C1 (issued until 31 March 2003, transitional law): Operation of motor homes and, in domestic traffic, of fire brigade vehicles regardless of the number of seats and maximum weight. Entry under point 12 in licence. C1 (members of the police force): Operation of police vehicles in domestic traffic regardless of the number of seats and maximum weight C1 (members of a rescue service): Operation of disaster response vehicles of a rescue service in domestic traffic regardless of the number of seats and maximum weight C1 (members of civil protection): Operation of civil protection vehicles and vehicles requisitioned by the civil protection corps in domestic traffic, regardless of the number of seats and maximum weight

	C1 (carrying of trailers): Carrying of trailers used by the fire brigade, police, rescue services or civil protection to transport emergency equipment or required as part of an intervention. The driver of the vehicle does not have to belong to the organisation that is entered as the holder in the vehicle registration document.
110	Operation of trolley buses. Entry only in (AUFLA).
111	C, C1, D, D1 or licence for professional transport of passengers: (Entry at the level of Cat. B or in (AUFLA)). The valid foreign driving licence must be carried. The time limit for driving authorisations can be entered under point 11.
118	C1 (members of the fire brigade): Operation of motorised fire brigade vehicles in domestic traffic regardless of the number of seats and maximum weight C1 (members of the police force): Operation of police vehicles in domestic traffic regardless of the number of seats and maximum weight C1 (members of a rescue service): Operation of disaster response vehicles of a rescue service in domestic traffic regardless of the number of seats and maximum weight C1 (members of civil protection): Operation of civil protection vehicles and vehicles requisitioned by the civil protection corps in domestic traffic, regardless of the number of seats and maximum weight C1 (carrying of trailers): Carrying of trailers used by the fire brigade, police, rescue services or civil protection to transport emergency equipment or required as part of an intervention. The driver of the vehicle does not have to belong to the organisation that is entered as the holder in the vehicle registration document.
G40	G: 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 in domestic traffic.

Additional details that appear only on a provisional licence (legend on the back of the licence)

112	Learner driving only with a driving instructor or authorised instructor
113	Unaccompanied learner driving authorised <i>(only if an exception to mandatory accompaniment is granted)</i>
114	Valid only with a certificate of basic practical training for motorcycle learner drivers
118	Members of the fire brigade: Learner driving with motorised fire brigade vehicles with a maximum weight exceeding 7,500 kg and category C driving school trucks
	Members of the police force: Learner driving with police vehicles with a maximum weight exceeding 7,500 kg and category C driving school trucks
	Members of a rescue service: Learner driving with disaster response vehicles of a rescue service with a maximum weight exceeding 7,500 kg and category C driving school trucks
	Members of a civil protection organisation: Learner driving with civil protection vehicles with a maximum weight exceeding 7,500 kg and category C driving school trucks

Codes for driving instructors and authorised instructors on the driving licence

201	Driving instructor Cat. B
202	Driving instructor Cat. C

204	Driving instructor Cat. A
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')
211	Instructor for drivers with hearing impairments or disabilities

6. Details included in the driving licence (issued between 1 April 2003 and 14 April 2023)

1	Surname of the holder
2	First name of the holder
3	Date of birth and place of origin or place of birth of the holder
4a	Date of issue of the licence
4b	Date of expiry of the licence (or a dash if the licence is valid indefinitely)
4c	Name of the issuing authority (see List of abbreviations and addresses)
5	Number of driving licence
6	Photograph of the holder
7	Signature of the holder
(8)	Place of residence, domicile or postal address (not entered in Swiss driving licences)
9	Categories of vehicles the holder is entitled to drive
10	Date of issue of each category
11	Date of expiry of each category
12	Additional details
(13)	Information essential for administering the licence (not included in Swiss driving licences)
(14)	Information essential for administering the licence or related to road safety (not included in Swiss driving licences)

