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# Driving license: supervised driving from 18 years of age

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What is the **supervised driving** ? Who is she talking to? What are the **conditions** to start supervised driving? Who can be **companion** ? What **speed limits** ? We'll show you the **rules to know** on the **supervised driving**.

The **supervised driving** is to be distinguished from the other 2 driving formulas accompanied : Early Learning to Drive (AAFC)

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2826?lang=en>) and framed driving

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10036?lang=en>) .

## Who is the supervised driving directed at?

The **supervised driving** concerns you if you have **18 years or older** and that you prepare for the review of the

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2828?lang=en>) **permit B**.

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2828?lang=en>)

She **completes initial training** of driving school by a **driving experience** with a relative (escort).

You can choose supervised driving **upon signature of the contract with the auto school** or **at any time during the training**.

## To know what the initial training provided by the driving school consists of

The **initial training** is composed of a **theoretical part** and a **practical part**.

- The **theoretical part** prepared for code (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33694?lang=en>) (general theoretical test or ETG)
- The **practical part** prepared for the **practical test** of the examination of the (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2828?lang=en>) **permit B**. (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2828?lang=en>)

The driving school must offer you a **standard training contract** (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000041609995>) (program, rates, obligations of each...).

The driving school gives you access to a **digital learning booklet** (training objectives and monitoring your progress).

At the end of the practical training, or at any time at your request, a **assessment of your skills** is done.

If it is satisfactory, you will receive a **certificate of completion of initial training**.

Otherwise, another assessment is done afterwards.

## What conditions must be met to begin supervised driving?

You must complete **all conditions** following:

- Have **18 years or older**
- Pass the code (general theoretical test or ETG) (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33694?lang=en>) or hold a class of license for up to 5 years
- Have followed the **practical training in driving school**
- To have obtained the **certificate of completion of initial training (AFFI)**
- Have the **agreement of your car insurance** for driving the vehicle(s) used during supervised driving. The AFFI must be forwarded to your insurance company. One extension of warranty (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2662?lang=en>) may be necessary.

- Participate in a **date of Minimum 2 hours** as a **driving sequence**, with a **driving instructor** and **at least one accompanying person**. One **guide** on the accompanied driving shall be given to the accompanying person.

#### Please note

You must also **meet the requirements for passing the B-permit**

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2828?lang=en>)

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2828?lang=en>) .

## How long is practical driving school training? ^

The **duration of the practical part of the training** varies according to your situation.

### You are passing the license for the first time

The duration of the training is **20 hours minimum**, of which a minimum of 15 hours shall be spent on lanes open to traffic, or a minimum of 10 hours shall be spent when using a driving simulator.

### You have an AM or B1 license

The duration of the training is **20 hours minimum**, of which a minimum of 15 hours shall be spent on lanes open to traffic, or a minimum of 10 hours shall be spent when using a driving simulator.

### You have an A, A1 or A2 license

The duration of the training depends on your progress in learning.

### You pass the automatic gearbox license

The duration of the training is **13 hours minimum** of which a minimum of 10 hours shall be spent on lanes open to traffic, or a minimum of 7 hours shall be spent when using a driving simulator.

## Know the conditions for changing from an automatic gearbox to a manual gearbox license ^

If you obtain a B license limited to driving an automatic shift vehicle for non-medical reasons, it is mandatory to **take training** to be able to drive with a manual shift.

The training is of a **minimum duration of 7 hours**.

Ask for more information from a certified driving school.

#### Who shall I contact

**Licensed driving school (driving school, association)** [🔗 \(https://autoecoales.securite-routiere.gouv.fr/#/\)](https://autoecoales.securite-routiere.gouv.fr/#/)

## Which vehicle should I drive with under supervision? ^

You can drive a **light vehicle** (PTAC not exceeding 3,5 tons) of category B  
(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2828?lang=en>) .

The vehicle used may be at **manual gearbox** or **automatic**.

## Whether the vehicle can be coupled to a trailer ^

The vehicle may be coupled with a **trailer** with a PTAC of 750 kg or less.

If the PTAC of the trailer is greater than 750 kg, the sum of the PTAC (car + trailer) shall not exceed 3 500 kg.

## Who can be your escort for supervised driving? ^

Your escort may be a **member of your family** or a **friend**.

You can have **one or more accompanying persons**.

Each accompanying person must complete the **3 conditions** following:

- Have the **B license for 5 years or more**
- Have the **agreement of his car insurance** for driving the vehicle(s) used during accompanied driving. One extension of warranty (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2662?lang=en>) may be necessary.
- **Ne not having had cancelation period** (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F21774?lang=en>) or **invalidation** (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1704?lang=en>) of the permit within **Previous 5 years**

## What are the rules for supervised driving (where to drive, speed...)?

You must respect the **rules** following:

- Driving with your **companion**. It must be **seated at the front** from the vehicle next to you.
- Drive **in France**. Movement abroad is prohibited.
- Driving on the **road network** and **motorway** at different times in the **day** and the **night** and by **various weather conditions**
- Respect **specific speed limits**

## Know speed limits in supervised driving

You must not **not to exceed maximum speeds** following:

- **110 km/h** on sections of motorways where speed is limited to 130 km/h
- **100 km/h** on other sections of motorways
- **100 km/h** on roads with two carriageways separated by a median
- **80 km/h** on other roads
- **50 km/h** in built up areas

### Please note

Supervised driving does not require **nor minimum duration, nor minimum distance to be traveled**.

## How do I identify the vehicle while driving?

For **identify** the vehicle as **learning vehicle**, you must place a **distinguishing sign** self-adhesive or magnetized **at the rear left** (and on the trailer if necessary).

## In supervised driving, what papers should be presented in case of roadside checks?

In **supervised driving**, the **subsequent documents** the following shall be presented at a roadside check by the police:

- **Certificate of registration** carte grise () of the vehicle, and if necessary carte grise trailer's (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F21112?lang=en>)
- **Form** application for a driving license (printed or dematerialized version)
- **Driver's license**

## When does supervised driving end?

Supervised driving ends when you are **ready to go** (or to **iron**) the **practical test of the B-permit** (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2828?lang=en>) .

### Please note

If successful, supervised driving **does not reduce** the probationary period of the driving license (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2390?lang=en>) .

Driving license: find a certified school near you (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R60042?lang=en>).

## Who can help me?

Find who can answer your questions in your region

### Citizens Contact Center - Driving license

#### Online

<https://permisdeconduire.ants.gouv.fr/> (<https://permisdeconduire.ants.gouv.fr/>)

#### Online Contact Form

Access to contact form (<https://permisdeconduire.ants.gouv.fr/aide-et-contact>)

#### By telephone

**34,00** (no surtax)

09 70 83 07 07 from overseas and foreigner

Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

## Statute and miscellaneous references

Highway Code: Articles L211-1A to L211-7

([https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section\\_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006159511/#LEGISCTA000006159511?lang=en](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006159511/#LEGISCTA000006159511?lang=en))

Supervised driving (Article L211-4)

Highway Code: Articles R211-3 to R211-7

([https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section\\_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006177075?lang=en](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006177075?lang=en))

Supervised Driving (Rule R211-5-1)

Order of 19 December 2023 on the digital learning booklet for driving license training amending several ministerial orders

(<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000048669153?lang=en>)

Order of 29 July 2013 concerning the learning booklet of category B of the driving license

(<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000027899735/?lang=en>)

Order of 20 April 2012 laying down the conditions for the issue, issue and validity of driving licenses

(<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000025803494/?lang=en>)

Order of 22 December 2009 on the teaching of the driving of category B motor vehicles in an approved educational

establishment (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000021560658/?lang=en>)

## Online services and forms

Driving license: find a certified school near you (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R60042?lang=en>)

Search tools

## FAQ

What are the different ways to get a B driver's license? (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F31901?lang=en>)

What aid is available to finance the driving license? (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F13609?lang=en>)

Accompanied driving: what insurance for the accompanying person?

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2662?lang=en>)

Driving license: how to pass the code (common theoretical test or ETG)?

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33694?lang=en>)

What is a probationary driving license? (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2390?lang=en>)

Application for a driving license: what proof of residence?

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F31847?lang=en>)

Online application for a driving license: how to be helped in the process?

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F34762?lang=en>)

Which license for which category of vehicles? (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F12096?lang=en>)

Which vehicles can be driven with the B license? (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2827?lang=en>)  
What is the period of validity of a driving license? (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F31133?lang=en>)  
What vehicle documents are required during a roadside check?  
(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2794?lang=en>)

## Additional topics



Driving license (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N530?lang=en>)

Service Public

Traffic offenses (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N18918?lang=en>)

Service Public

B license: car or van (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2828?lang=en>)

Service Public

Supervised driving apprenticeship (road trades) (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10036?lang=en>)

Service Public

Early learning (AAFC) of driving from 15 years of age (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2826?lang=en>)

Service Public

Car insurance: young driver and premium (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2663?lang=en>)

Service Public

Compulsory car equipment: safety vest, triangle... (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F19459?lang=en>)

Service Public

Road Safety Site (<http://www.securite-routiere.gouv.fr?lang=en>)

Ministry of the Interior

Licensed driving school

(<https://www.securite-routiere.gouv.fr/passer-son-permis-de-conduire/inscription-et-formation/inscription-dans-une-ecole-de-conduite/les?lang=en>)

Ministry of the Interior