

# ► THE DRIVING LICENCE IN CREDIT-CARD FORMAT

A DRIVING LICENCE FOR EUROPE AND THE WORLD



► It has already been introduced in a number of countries: the driving licence in credit-card format. Thanks to various security features, this card warrants ultimate protection against forgery and manipulation. A microchip can be additionally integrated for other applications such as payment of traffic fines via the driving licence. The introduction of the EU driving licence card will definitely take place in Europe in 2013. According to applicable EU law, the European driving licence will replace the 110 different types of driving licences that have existed up to now. The introduction of a polycarbonate card with uniform security features is foreseen throughout Europe. Old documents will remain valid until 2032. After that time, they will have to be replaced with the new driving licence. ◀

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### ► Advantages of the EU driving licence

- The uniform EU driving licence sample and credit-card format create greater transparency for law enforcement officers, citizens and driving licence authorities
- Cross-border, mutual recognition of EU driving licences
- Greater protection against forgery and manipulation
- Optional integration of a microchip to store additional data and hence use the driving licence for other applications

### ► Mandatory security features for the EU driving licence

- Card material without optical brighteners
- Background security patterns (multi-colour rainbow printing, guilloches, microlettering, anti-copy elements)
- Special inks
- Optically variable components
- Laser engraving
- Security printing to protect the photo

### ► Additional security features for the EU driving licence

According to the EU Directive, each country must select another three security features in addition to the mandatory security features for the new EU driving licence. The following features can be selected:

- Colours that change depending on the angle of vision / optically variable colours
- Thermochromic ink
- Special holograms
- Variable laser images
- Visible and transparent UV fluorescent inks
- Iridescent printing
- Digital watermark in the substrate
- IR or phosphorescent pigments
- Tactile signs, symbols or patterns

### ► Supplementary services and security features

Systems supplier Bundesdruckerei offers the DIGANT® FS application platform, a solution to support digital data capture that has already been successfully tested for the German EU driving licence card.

Bundesdruckerei has been producing the German EU driving licence card since 1999. This card today already fulfils the EU requirements for the document and also meets with the current international security standards for electronic ID documents. Classical optical and machine-readable security features are combined to create the ultimate in protection against forgery.

