

ADAPTING DRIVING LICENCES TO ZERO EMISSION MOBILITY



THE SITUATION

The driving licence has not yet been adapted for the specific requirements of electric vehicles. As they do not have gear stick, electric vehicles are rarely used by driving schools. Indeed, licences acquired via a test on such a vehicle are restricted to cars with automatic gearboxes. As a result, novice drivers tend to avoid them. As a result, new drivers are less inclined to drive EVs.

OUR CONCERNS

The current restriction to automatic vehicles when the test is passed in such a vehicle equipped with an automatic gearbox is an obstacle to the use of alternatively fueled vehicles. The weight limit for category B vehicles has been raised up to 4.25t to account for the higher weight of alternatively fueled light commercial vehicles. The comparison to an ICE (internal combustion engine) equivalent artificially limits the payload if not all the extra weight allowance is due to the battery. This limits innovation in the market. Eventually, it only applies to goods transport and not other use cases.

OUR SOLUTIONS



The driving test must be adapted to new technologies progressively included in new vehicles.



The driver must have a basic understanding of these systems which should be included in the minimum requirements for driving tests.



The current restriction to automatic vehicles when the test is passed should be abandoned.



Remove comparison with “a vehicle of the same dimensions, which is equipped with a conventional internal combustion engine” used in article 6.4.



Possibility to drive an electric vehicle weighing up to 4.25t on a category B licence.

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