

Driver training - updates effective 1 July 2026

PREVENT, as part of its online driver training programs (INSTRUCTOR, EDUNIO), brings further practical information about new regulations related to driving motor vehicles, **effective from 1 January 2026**.

NO WAITING FOR THE "CARD"

Drivers may operate a vehicle for up to 1 month without a physically issued "card" immediately after the driving licence entitlement is entered into the Drivers Register in the case of:

- first issuance of a driving licence,
- extension of a driving licence entitlement.

Drivers are informed about the completed registration electronically (by email or SMS).

DRIVING LICENCE HANDLED ONLINE

Drivers can now submit an application online via the Transport Portal for:

- first issuance of a driving licence,
- replacement or renewal of a driving licence,
- extension of a driving licence entitlement.

An electronic application may only be submitted by a person who has permanent residence in the Czech Republic, whose medical certificate was issued digitally, and who passed the driving competence test after 1 January 2026.

An online application for extending a driving licence is additionally subject to the condition that the applicant must hold a driving licence issued by the Czech Republic.

YOUNG DRIVERS (L17) – ELECTRONIC MANAGEMENT OF MENTORS

Drivers aged 17 may, via the Transport Portal:

- apply to register up to 4 mentors,
- obtain mentors' consents,
- submit an application for a driving licence together with the consent of a legal guardian,
- cancel a mentor's registration.

SENIORS AND MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

The age limit for mandatory medical examinations is increased from 65 to 70 years.

Subsequent medical examinations continue to be carried out every 2 years.

If a medical certificate is recorded electronically (after 1 January 2026), it is not necessary to carry a printed version.

Medical certificates issued before 1 January 2026 must still be carried in paper form.

DIGITAL POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR A VEHICLE

Drivers and vehicle operators can now grant a digital power of attorney for a vehicle via the Transport Portal.

The power of attorney can also be modified or revoked online in the Transport Portal.

The digital power of attorney is valid both online and during dealings with authorities (the official can verify its validity directly in the representation register).

AUTONOMOUS DRIVING (VEHICLE AUTOMATION)

From 1 January 2026, automated driving of vehicles (Level 3 automation) is regulated by law.

- The vehicle may drive itself in defined situations.
- The driver does not have to continuously monitor traffic but must be able to take over control upon the system's request.
- When the vehicle is driving autonomously, responsibility for driving lies with the manufacturer, not the driver.
- During a roadside check, it may be verified whether autonomous mode was active.

MOTORWAY VIGNETTES – NEW PRICES

From 1 January 2026, the following prices apply for electronic motorway vignettes:

- annual: CZK 2,570
- monthly: CZK 480
- ten-day: CZK 300
- one-day: CZK 230

COMPULSORY INSURANCE – STRICTER PENALTIES

Operating a vehicle without valid compulsory liability insurance is subject to higher financial penalties.

Taking out compulsory insurance is the obligation of every driver operating a motor vehicle that is neither permanently nor temporarily deregistered. This obligation also applies to long-term parked vehicles, with the only exception being cases where the registration plates are deposited under official supervision.

Avoiding or attempting to save on compulsory insurance is definitely not worthwhile, as in addition to an on-the-spot fine of up to CZK 5,000 and up to CZK 50,000 in administrative proceedings, there is also the risk of having to pay a contribution to the Guarantee Fund of the Czech Insurers' Bureau.