

Driver's Certificate: Directives concerning article 2.2.035bis

Directives concerning the award of a "driver's certificate delivered by the UCI" in respect of article 2.2.035bis:

Explanations

Article 2.2.035bis entered into effect on 01.07.2013 and established the obligation for all holders of a "licence for a vehicle driver in a road event" to also be in possession of a "driver's certificate delivered by the UCI" if wishing to drive a vehicle in the race convoy during a UCI WorldTour event.

In particular, this provision affects members of the press who, following the amendment of Article 2.2.035, are no longer exempt from the requirement for a UCI licence in order to be allowed to drive a vehicle in the race convoy (passengers are not affected). Consequently, any individual who wants to drive a vehicle in the race convoy must hold a UCI licence. Furthermore, individuals who would not carry out any other role than that of vehicle driver must:

- (1) obtain a licence for a vehicle driver. In principle, this concerns members of the press and guests (by virtue of Art. 2.2.035);
- (2) also obtain the above-mentioned "driver's certificate" if they wish to drive in a UCI WorldTour event (by virtue of Art. 2.2.035bis).

Note: those individuals affected by the regulations described above are requested to consult the additional provisions stipulated by Article 2.2.053.

The holders of all other licences meet the requirements described in the first paragraph of Article 2.2.035 and are not obliged to apply for a "driver's certificate".

Finally, it is of course the case that all drivers in the race convoy must have a valid driving licence and respect the rules of the road.

Directives

The UCI in cooperation with the AIJC (International Association of Cycling Journalists) organises courses for the drivers of race convoy vehicles. These courses are held at various locations throughout the year, the day before some of the UCI WorldTour events. The course instructor is a UCI International Commissaire. The objective of the course is to educate the participants on the basic rules of driving a vehicle in a race convoy. Special emphasis is placed on safety and how to avoid behaviour that may hinder the progress of the event.

The dates of the courses and registration details are published in advance on the UCI website. If you wish to attend a course, please check the website for information or contact the UCI directly by e-mail at uciworldtour@uci.ch. The AIJC also provides information on the scheduled training courses.

When a participant passes the course, the UCI issues a "driver's certificate". This certificate is valid for four years, is strictly personal and non-transferable. The official list of UCI certified drivers is available for the Organisers via the UCI website. The recipient must however apply to his or her national federation for a licence each year.

As the expiry of the driver's certificate approaches, the holder may request the UCI for a renewal. This renewal, for a further period of four years, may be approved after a study of previous activities.