

ARE MEDICAL FITNESS TO DRIVE PROCEDURES FIT FOR PURPOSE?

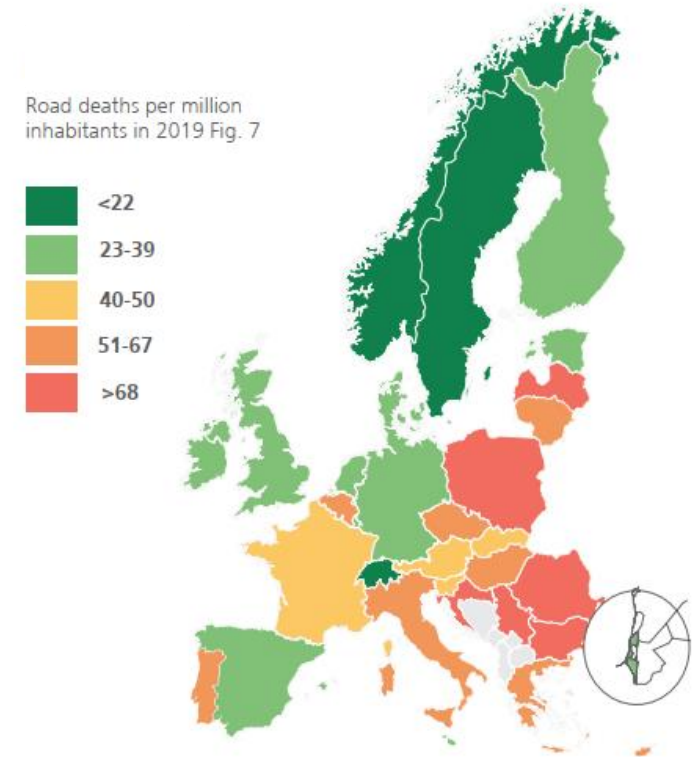
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Policy Context – EU Driving Licence Directive

- The EU Driving Licence Directive
 - Annex III minimum standards
 - No initial, nor periodic checks
 - Medical examination only if..... 'it becomes apparent' that they suffer from medical condition

Medical conditions affecting fitness to drive as listed in Annex III of the EU Driving Licence Directive

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- Poor eyesight
- Locomotor disability
- Cardiovascular diseases
- Diabetes
- Neurological diseases and obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome
- Epilepsy
- Mental disorders
- Alcohol issues
- Drugs and medicinal product dependency
- Kidney disorders

Applicants suffering from one of these conditions can only be granted or renewed a driving licence after approval from a medical professional and may be subject to regular medical check-ups. According to the EU Directive, people suffering from alcohol and drug (legal or illegal) dependency should not be allowed to drive.

What role do medical conditions play in road safety?

- Illnesses/conditions potentially affecting medical fitness to drive
15 Countries YES, 9 Countries NO
- In depth crash investigation (Finland)



Medical Fitness to Drive Testing

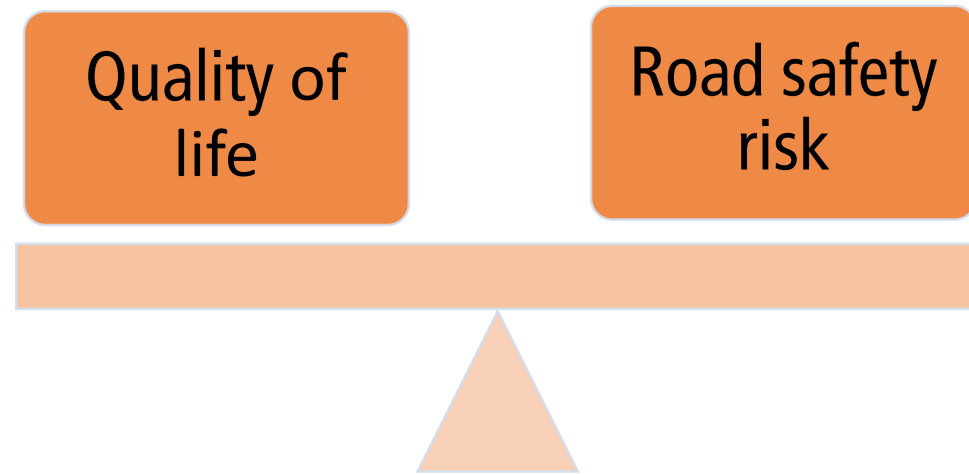
On obtaining a licence

- Self assessment (9), doctor (12), specialist doctor/centre (5), other (3)

After obtaining a licence

- Age-based testing (13), Regular testing not age-based (10), No regular testing (6)

Medical Fitness to Drive Testing



How are medical fitness to drive decisions taken?

What are the functional consequences of an illness?



How can driving be restricted?

- Conditional codes
- Alcohol interlocks



Key Recommendations – to National Governments

- Evidence-based screening tools and protocols
- Role of General Practitioners
- Alcohol dependency



Key Recommendations – to the EU

- Update minimum standards of physical and mental fitness
- Alcohol dependency
- Screening protocol based on international good practice
- Guidelines for all those assessing medical fitness to drive

THANK YOU!



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