

# Driving Regulation Comparisons

Germany · Austria · European Union

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# Accompanied Driving from Age 17

Germany BF17 · Austria L17 · EU model under Directive (EU) 2025/2205 · Part 1 of 2

| Feature                     | Germany – BF17                                                         | Austria – L17                                                                           | EU – Art. 17 / Code 98.02                                                          |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Basic concept</b>        | Driving test from age 17<br>Accompanied driving after passing the test | Accompanied training drives before the test<br>Driving test from age 17                 | Accompanied driving after passing the test                                         |
| <b>Age</b>                  | Training from age 16½;<br>BF17 driving entitlement from age 17         | Training from age 15½; test/driving entitlement from age 17                             | Category B from age 17 with Union code 98.02                                       |
| <b>Driving at age 17</b>    | Accompanying person required until age 18                              | After passing the test, generally permitted to drive unaccompanied                      | Accompanying person required until age 18                                          |
| <b>Accompanied practice</b> | After the test until age 18                                            | Before the test: at least 3,000 km                                                      | After the test until age 18; no EU minimum mileage                                 |
| <b>Training / mileage</b>   | No BF17 minimum mileage                                                | Training sessions after 1,000 and 2,000 km; perfection training after at least 3,000 km | No corresponding EU minimum requirements; additional national conditions permitted |

# Accompanied Driving from Age 17

Germany BF17 · Austria L17 · EU model under Directive (EU) 2025/2205 · Part 2 of 2

| Feature                              | Germany – BF17                                                                                                                                    | Austria – L17                                                                                                                                                                                                               | EU – Art. 17 / Code 98.02                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Requirements for accompanying person | At least 30 years old; category B for at least 5 years; no more than 1 point in the German Register of Driver Fitness at the time of application. | Category B for 7 years; experience driving category-B vehicles and no serious offences during the previous 3 years; max. 0.1‰ blood alcohol level; close relationship to the applicant; named in the authorisation decision | At least 24 years old; category B for 5 years; no withdrawal of driving entitlement during the previous five years; compliance with rules on alcohol and drugs; further requirements optional |
| Document / code                      | Test certificate; restriction ceases at age 18                                                                                                    | Austrian driving entitlement under L17                                                                                                                                                                                      | Driving licence with Union code 98.02 until age 18                                                                                                                                            |
| Legal character                      | National novice-driver model                                                                                                                      | National driver-training model                                                                                                                                                                                              | Harmonised EU framework; additional national conditions possible                                                                                                                              |
| Relationship to L17                  | —                                                                                                                                                 | May in principle continue to exist                                                                                                                                                                                          | Article 17(5) protects existing national options for lowering the minimum age                                                                                                                 |

**Key distinction: Austria's L17 is primarily a pre-test training model; BF17 and the EU model govern accompanied driving after the test.**

# Driving Disqualification

Concise comparison: Austria · Germany · European Union · Target EU model under Directives (EU) 2025/2205 and 2025/2206

| Comparison point    | Austria                                                                                                        | Germany                                                                                                                 | EU – new Directives                                                                                |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Basic model         | Time-limited withdrawal or restriction of the entitlement to drive.                                            | Withdrawal and temporary driving ban are separate instruments.                                                          | Functional umbrella model: withdrawal, suspension and restriction.                                 |
| Legal effect        | The entitlement cannot be used during the withdrawal period; a longer withdrawal may lead to lapse.            | Withdrawal: the driving entitlement ceases. Driving ban: entitlement remains, but driving is temporarily prohibited.    | The precise legal effect continues to depend on national law.                                      |
| Regaining the right | After a time-limited withdrawal, use generally resumes when the period expires; additional measures may apply. | After withdrawal, a new grant is generally required; after a driving ban, only the temporary prohibition ends.          | National re-grant conditions remain relevant, subject to EU-law limits.                            |
| Cross-border effect | National measures may restrict use in Austria; as issuing state, Austria may act following an EU notification. | Germany may withdraw the right to use a foreign entitlement in Germany; in covered cases it notifies the issuing state. | For certain serious cases: offence state → notification → issuing state → wider follow-up measure. |
| In one line         | Time-based withdrawal model                                                                                    | Lapse model + separate temporary driving ban                                                                            | Recognition and cooperation model                                                                  |

*The source table intentionally focuses on structural differences; detailed offences and minimum periods are omitted.*