

Ministry of Transports,  
Equipment,  
Tourism  
and Sea

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Road Safety  
Department

Minister of Transports, Equipment,  
Tourism and Sea

Section of Safety  
and Road Traffic

To

Sub-section of Road  
Education

Prefects of Mainland  
and overseas districts  
Chief of Police

Subject: Circular pertaining to affixing of identity photographs on driving licenses.

In conformity with article R 221-19 of the Highway Code, the Minister responsible for Transports determines the conditions in which the driving licenses have to be applied for, made and issued.

Such is the subject of the order issued on 8<sup>th</sup> February 1999 published in the Official Journal dated 20<sup>th</sup> February 1999.

A driving license can be applied for by a person by filling up a regulatory form and the attached file must contain, among other documents, "two photographs, corresponding to the norm NFZ 12010 or official technical norms in force in any of the member States of the European Union...".

Furthermore, a joint order issued by the Home Minister, the Minister of Transports and the Secretary of State for Overseas on 7<sup>th</sup> May 1999, applicable to all the identity documents, defined the technical norms to be followed for photographs affixed on these documents for the purpose of reinforcing their safety.

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A circular issued by the Home Ministry on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1999 states that on the photographs produced alongwith the application, the head of the person must be “uncovered and facing the camera”.

I request you to ensure that these clauses are followed for issuance of driving licenses, whether a fresh first time license or a duplicate. I would also request you to give me an account of eventual difficulties which could arise while enforcing these clauses.

For the Minister of Transports,  
Equipment, Tourism and Sea  
Director of Safety and road traffic  
Signature  
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