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**Personal identification — ISO-  
compliant driving licence —**

**Part 2:  
Machine-readable technologies**

*Identification des personnes — Permis de conduire conforme à l'ISO —  
Partie 2: Technologies lisibles par une machine*



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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/IEC 18013-2:2008), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Technical Corrigendum ISO/IEC 18013-2:2008/Cor 1:2011.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- following the revision of ISO/IEC 18013-3 and ISO/IEC 18013-1, magnetic stripe and optical memory machine-readable technologies are no longer supported by this document;
- the vehicle categories in respect of which driving licence may be issued have been updated to incorporate the contemplated amendments to the UN Conventions;
- the restrictions which may be applicable to a driving licence have been updated.

A list of all parts in the ISO/IEC 18013 series can be found on the ISO website.

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## Introduction

ISO/IEC 18013 (all parts) establishes guidelines for the design format and data content of an ISO-compliant driving licence (IDL) with regard to human-readable features (ISO/IEC 18013-1), ISO machine-readable technologies (ISO/IEC 18013-2), and access control, authentication and integrity validation (ISO/IEC 18013-3). It creates a common basis for international use and mutual recognition of the IDL without impeding individual countries/states in applying their privacy rules and national/community/regional motor vehicle authorities in taking care of their specific needs.

This document prescribes requirements for the implementation of machine-readable technology on an IDL.

One of the functions of an IDL is to facilitate international interchange. Storing IDL data in a machine-readable form supports this function by speeding up data input and eliminating transcription errors. Consequently, the automation and productivity of traffic law enforcement and other traffic safety processes can be improved.

This document allows issuing authorities to customise machine-readable data for domestic use. Apart from international interchange, the use of an IDL as a domestic driving licence thus provides for domestic standardisation and creates a domestic infrastructure capable of processing IDLs issued by other issuing authorities.

Provision is made for issuing authorities to validate the authenticity and integrity of the mandatory and optional data. In addition, the option of protecting access to optional data (beyond basic access protection) is provided for. The exact mechanism used to achieve such protection (e.g. encryption and/or additional access control) is specified in ISO/IEC 18013-3.



# Personal identification — ISO-compliant driving licence —

## Part 2: Machine-readable technologies

### 1 Scope

The purpose of storing IDL data on machine-readable media on the IDL is to:

- increase productivity (of data and IDL use),
- facilitate electronic data exchange, and
- assist in authenticity and integrity validation.

This document thus specifies the following:

- mandatory and optional machine-readable data;
- the logical data structure;
- encoding rules for the machine-readable technologies currently supported.

To prevent unauthorised access to the data contained on a contactless IC (e.g. by eavesdropping), the privacy of the licence holder is protected via basic access protection requiring a human-readable and/or machine-readable key/password on the IDL to access the data on the PIC (via protected-channel communication). The implementation details of this function are defined in ISO/IEC 18013-3.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3166-1, *Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions — Part 1: Country codes*

ISO/IEC 5218, *Information technology — Codes for the representation of human sexes*

ISO/IEC 7812-1, *Identification cards — Identification of issuers — Part 1: Numbering system*

ISO/IEC 7816-1, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 1: Cards with contacts — Physical characteristics*

ISO/IEC 7816-2, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 2: Cards with contacts — Dimensions and location of the contacts*

ISO/IEC 7816-3, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 3: Cards with contacts — Electrical interface and transmission protocols*

ISO/IEC 7816-4, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 4: Organization, security and commands for interchange*

ISO/IEC 7816-5, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 5: Registration of application providers*

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ISO/IEC 7816-6, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 6: Interindustry data elements for interchange*

ISO/IEC 7816-11:2017, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 11: Personal verification through biometric methods*

ISO/IEC 8825-1, *Information technology — ASN.1 encoding rules: Specification of Basic Encoding Rules (BER), Canonical Encoding Rules (CER) and Distinguished Encoding Rules (DER) — Part 1*

ISO/IEC 8859-1, *Information technology — 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets — Part 1: Latin alphabet No. 1*

ISO/IEC 10918-1, *Information technology — Digital compression and coding of continuous-tone still images: Requirements and guidelines — Part 1*

ISO/IEC 14443-1, *Cards and security devices for personal identification — Contactless proximity objects — Part 1: Physical characteristics*

ISO/IEC 14443-2, *Identification cards — Contactless integrated circuit(s) cards — Proximity cards — Part 2: Radio frequency power and signal interface*

ISO/IEC 14443-3, *Cards and security devices for personal identification — Contactless proximity objects — Part 3: Initialization and anticollision*

ISO/IEC 14443-4, *Cards and security devices for personal identification — Contactless proximity objects — Part 4: Transmission protocol*

ISO/IEC 15444-1, *Information technology — JPEG 2000 image coding system: Core coding system*

ISO/IEC 15948, *Information technology — Computer graphics and image processing — Portable Network Graphics (PNG): Functional specification*

ISO/IEC 18013 (all parts), *Information technology — Personal identification — ISO-compliant driving licence*

ISO/IEC 19785-1:2015, *Information technology — Common Biometric Exchange Formats Framework — Part 1: Data element specification*

ISO/IEC 19785-3:2015, *Information technology — Common Biometric Exchange Formats Framework — Part 3: Patron format specifications*

ISO/IEC 19794-2:2005, *Information technology — Biometric data interchange formats — Part 2: Finger minutiae data*

ISO/IEC 19794-3:2006, *Information technology — Biometric data interchange formats — Part 3: Finger pattern spectral data*

ISO/IEC 19794-4:2005, *Information technology — Biometric data interchange formats — Part 4: Finger image data*

ISO/IEC 19794-5:2005, *Information technology — Biometric data interchange formats — Part 5: Face image data*

ISO/IEC 19794-6:2005, *Information technology — Biometric data interchange formats — Part 6: Iris image data*

IEC 61966-2-1, *Multimedia systems and equipment — Colour measurement and management — Part 2-1: Colour management — Default RGB colour space — sRGB*

IAFIS-IC-0110(v3), *WSQ Gray-scale Fingerprint Image Compression Specification*, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services Division (1997)

ICAO Doc 9303, *Machine Readable Travel Documents*, Seventh Edition 2015