



The Finnish Defence Forces
Defence Command

Regulations on military drivers / instructors and road safety

FINLAND





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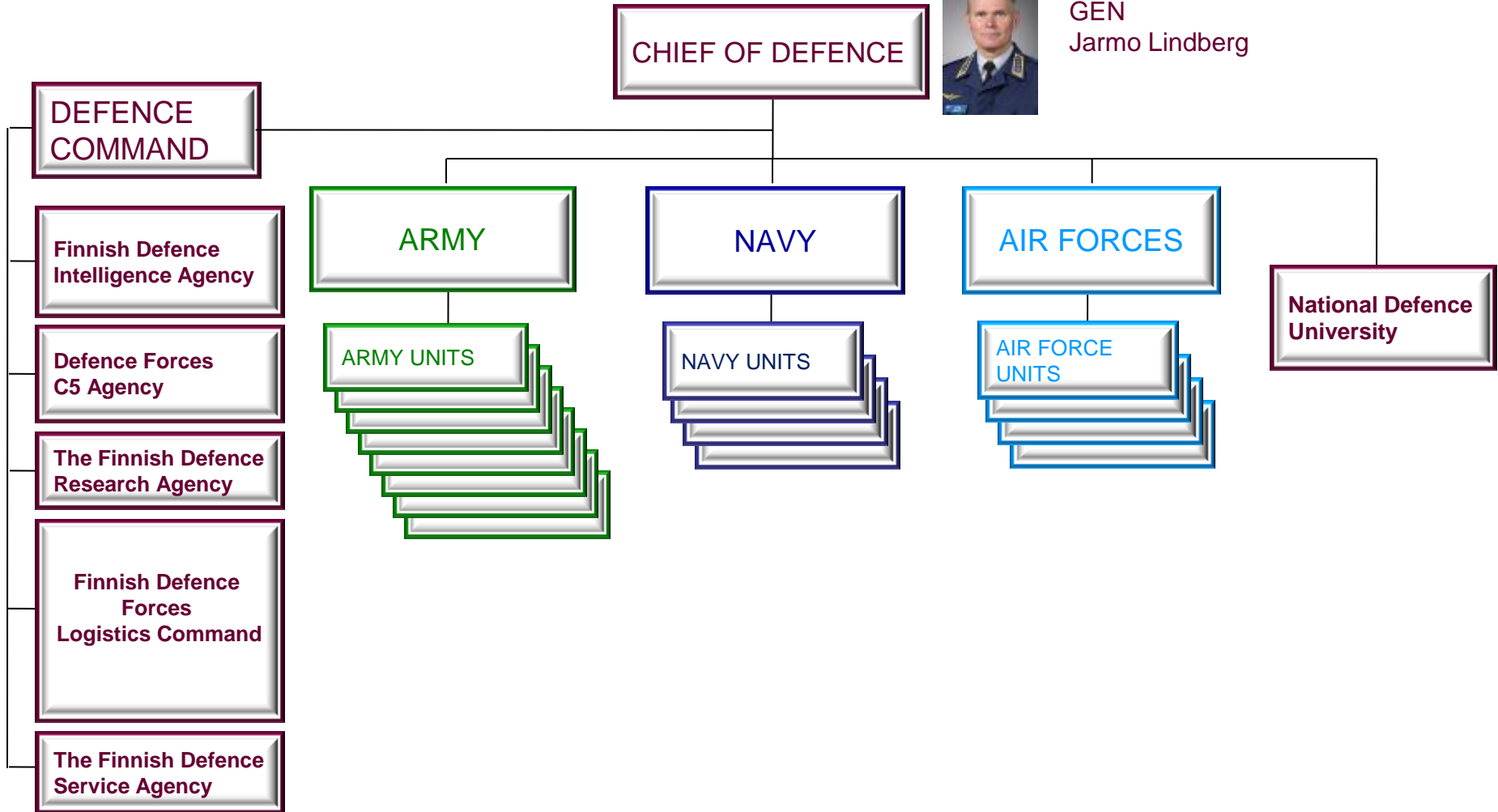




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ORGANIZATION

- The Defence Forces employs about 12,300 soldiers and civilians, and trains a further 25,000 conscripts and 18,000 reservists annually.
- Personnel are deployed on operations and exercises in Finland and overseas, including Lebanon, Afghanistan, Kosovo and Somalia.
- Finland's maximum wartime capacity is 230,000, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Logistics Command and other Agencies.





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~230,000

Army
150 000

Navy
20 000

Air Forces
26 000

**Operational
Troops**
30 000

**Regional and
Local Troops**
120 000



Logistics Command
20 000

Other Agencies
(Intelligence, C5, Research, Service...)
14000





Drivers selection 1 (before duty)

1. Upcoming conscripts are on their call of duty at age 18 years
2. Own hopes and plans are taken into account
3. If that is OK also for FDF, he will get the order to the unit he wanted





Drivers selection 2 (on duty)

1. Own hopes and plans are taken into account
2. Volunteer's background will be checked, also his/her health situation for driver education
3. If everything is OK, they will be ordered to driver education by Company commander





Drivers selection 3 (Air Forces)

1. Volunteers send applications before the call of duty
2. Volunteer's background will be checked, also his/her health situation for driver education
3. If everything is OK, they will be ordered to duty in AF units
4. They will be educated to drive tank trucks for F/A 18 Hornet and other airplanes and NH90 Helicopters





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DRIVING LICENCE TRAINING

- based on civilian B-licence
- service time 347 days

C-class (included C1E)

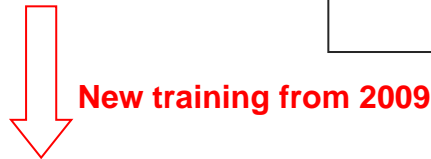
- theory, 26 hours
- min driving 5+5+10 h

CE-class

- theory, 35 hours
- min driving 10+30 h

Army's driving licence C- or CE-class

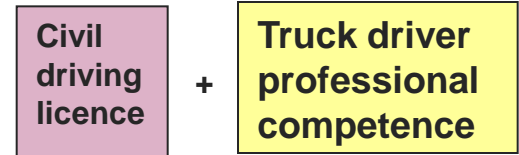
- Directive 2003/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2003 on the initial qualification and periodic training of drivers of certain road vehicles for the carriage of goods or passengers shall apply from 10 September 2008 as regards the initial qualification required to drive vehicles in licence categories D1, D1+E, D and D+E and from 10 September 2009 as regards the initial qualification required to drive vehicles in licence categories C1, C1+E, C and C+E
- The significant influence on the military is the change of age limits from 18 to 21 years for C- and CE-class drivers
- The change in present practice
 - The separation of training of a licence from professional competence



PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE TRAINING

- training 280 hrs
- CE-class licence
- age under 21 years
- accelerated training 140 hrs
- C-class licence
- age under 21 years

After Service in Defence Forces





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1. **Supports troop production**
 - C-class drivers available longer period
 - reserve drivers in refresher training and exceptional circumstances (mainly civilian vehicles)
 - safer service environment and service in general
 - better capability for drivers in international crisis management operations
2. **Great social impact**
 - capable, motivated drivers for the needs of the society
 - secured national logistical capability in exceptional circumstances
3. **Increased driver training**
 - better roadsafety -> less accidents
 - economical driving decreases fuel consumption
 - right handling decreases damages to vehicles
4. **Personal benefits**
 - driving licence, truck driver professional competence
 - opportunity to benefit the driver training while aiming at studying logistics





FIELD TRAINING / TRUCK DRIVERS

- Part of professional competence training
 - Off-road driving
 - From step to step – from easy to hard
 - Vehicle recovery
 - Vehicle maintenance
 - Carrying of personnel
 - Transporting dangerous goods
 - Economical driving
 - Proactive driving skills with heavy vehicles





CERTIFICATION

- Our certification is valid for changing military driving license to civil license
- Drivers professional competence training license is achieved also after conscript service





MONITORING

- No electric / automatic monitoring
- RFID / mobile / GPS system has been tested, but not generally used yet
- Scania trucks send data of usage to the factory during service and maintenance
 - Way of car usage can be monitored
 - Consumption
 - Brake usage
 - Car standing and motor running





EVALUATION

- There are some exams for conscripts in the end of the service.
- Bigger system is under construction





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VERY MANY**

