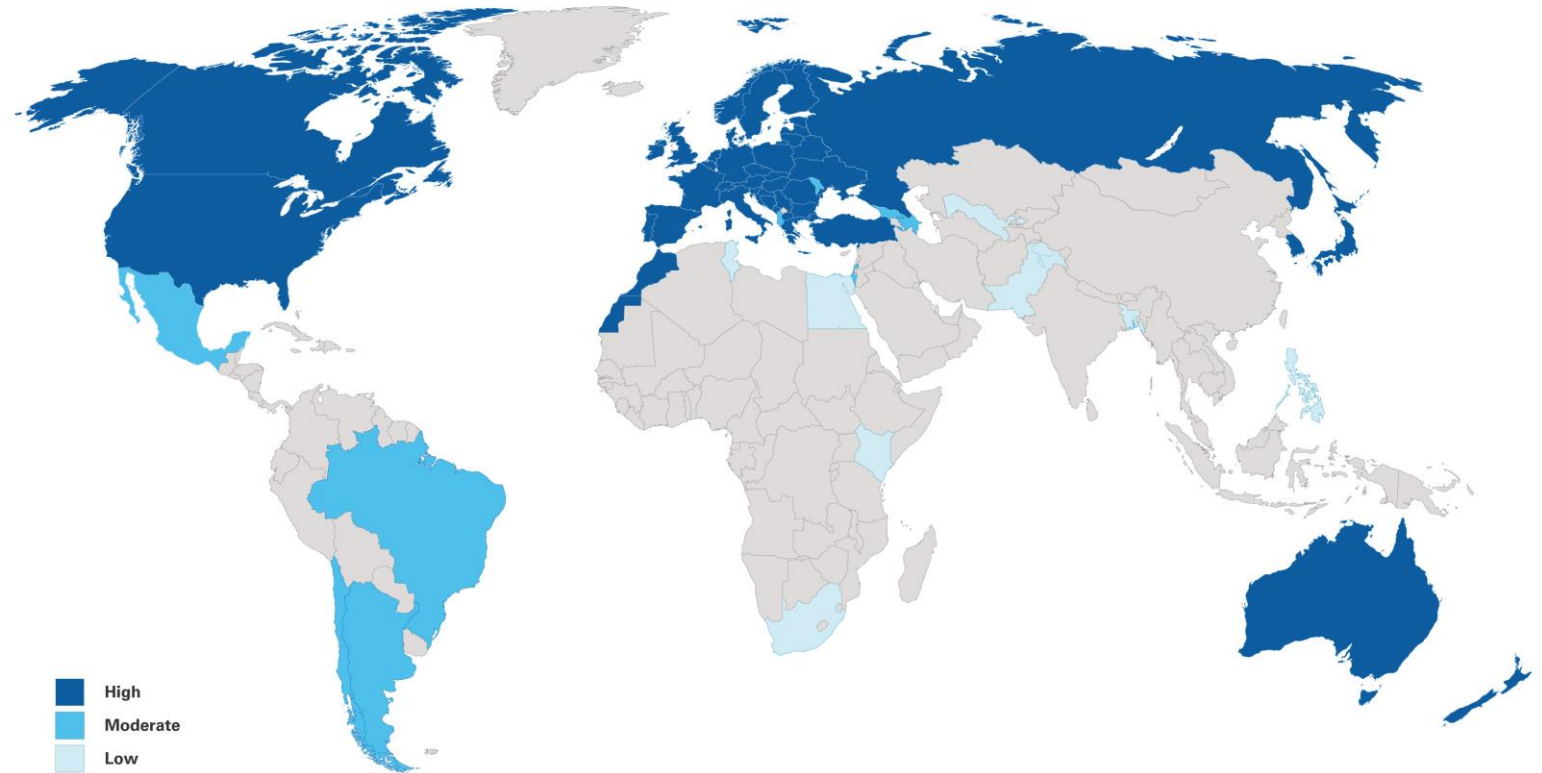


PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORKS

Many countries have built strong foundations in operational and safety training—drivers learn vehicle control, safe cargo handling, risk anticipation, and compliance with national rules. Yet critical areas remain underdeveloped. International transport law is complex and often omitted from professional qualification frameworks; candidates for the transport-manager qualification find it particularly challenging. Training on the use of digital tachographs is not universally available despite new regulations making them mandatory. Eco-driving, which can cut fuel consumption and emissions, is widely recognised as effective but is not consistently taught. Awareness of crime-prevention, including recognising and reporting human-trafficking attempts, has only recently been incorporated in some regions.

The map visualises where professional qualification frameworks are robust and where they are lacking. Policymakers, operators and partners can use this tool to target harmonisation and capacity-building efforts where they will yield the greatest safety gains. By investing in comprehensive training, regular refresher courses and professional management qualifications—and by addressing gaps in international law, digital technology, eco-driving and crime prevention—we can build a truly professional road-transport sector that protects lives, promotes efficiency and upholds the dignity of drivers across the globe



High – Countries with well-established, fully regulated professional qualification systems for commercial drivers. These systems include structured initial training, mandatory periodic refresher modules, and formal requirements for transport managers, covering a wide range of operational, safety, and compliance competencies.

Moderate – Countries with organised training and qualification structures, but where important components of a full professional framework are only partially developed. Core elements are in place, yet some competencies or regulatory requirements remain incomplete or inconsistently applied.

Low – Countries where driver licensing exists but professional qualification standards are minimal. Training obligations are limited, and several essential competencies — such as advanced safety skills, compliance training, or management-level qualification requirements — are underrepresented or absent.

No formal system / Not applicable – Countries without a formalised professional qualification framework for commercial drivers, or where such a system is not applicable or no reliable information is available.