

**Question for written answer E-004651/2013
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Exclusion from work on the grounds of age

According to EU and Member State provisions, it is not permitted to exercise certain professions, such as those of aircraft pilot or motor vehicle driver, after reaching a certain age, even if proven to be fit in terms of mental and physical health and aptitude, unlike other professions that carry particular duty and responsibility, such as those of judge or surgeon.

Does the Commission think that these provisions comply with the provisions of Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, which prohibits any kind of discrimination based on age?