

Tolls / Road use charge, goods transport Bulgaria

A vignette system replaced motorway tolls in Bulgaria on 1 April 2004. The vignette is compulsory throughout the national road network, with the exception of municipal roads in built-up areas.

Vehicle categories and tariffs are as follows:

category 1 : all goods vehicles with more than 2 axles, including combined vehicles, construction equipment, motorised cranes, special trailers for the transport of abnormal loads and other special motor vehicles

category 2 : all goods vehicles with 2 axles, including construction equipment, motorised cranes, special trailers for the transport of abnormal loads and other special motor vehicles

Tariffs from 1.1.08:

<i>category 1</i>	day	€ 7
	week	€ 31
	month	€ 88
	year	€ 537
<i>category 2</i>	day	€ 7
	week	€ 18
	month	€ 49
	year	€ 281

Competent authority :

Special units (“Road charges and permits”) of the “Republic Road Infrastructure” and officers of the traffic police are responsible for checking payment of the vignette by foreign drivers.

Distribution and sale of vignettes :

Vignettes may be purchased from the central Directorate and the regional offices of the “Republic Road Infrastructure” body as well as from its distributors such as OMV, Petrol and Shell petrol stations, post offices and offices of the CZI bank. They are also available 24 hours a day at border crossing sales points indicated by the sign “Road Charging Point”.

Vignettes must be paid in BGN in the interior of the country but may be paid in BGN, EUR or USD at all border crossing points, as listed below:

- Kalotina tel: (+359 72) 741 15
- Vrashka Tchuka tel: (+359 938) 20 23
- Bregovo tel: (+359 9312) 23 31
- Vidin, ferry terminal tel: (+359 94) 60 20 23
- Oriahovo tel: (+359 917) 142 84
- Rousse, Danube bridge tel: (+359 82) 84 59 93
- Rousse, ferry terminal tel: (+359 82) 84 37 85
- Silistra tel: (+359 86) 82 04 57
- Kardam tel: (+359 57) 332 35
- Durankulak tel: (+359 57) 482 77
- Varna, ferry terminal tel: (+359 51) 12 24 56
- Bourgas, ferry terminal tel: (+359 56) 84 51 09
- Malko Tarnovo tel: (+359 59) 52 42 23

- Kapitan Andreevo tel: (+359 379) 714 32
- Novo selo tel: (+359 379) 716 79
- Kulata tel: (+359 745) 610 70
- Zlatarevo tel: (+359 745) 610 80
- Stanke Lissitchkovo tel: (+359 7415) 40 01
- Gyueshevo tel: (+359 78) 509 81
- Strezimirovtzi tel: (+359 77) 342 81
- Oltomantzi tel: (+359 78) 509 83

The vignette :

The vignette consists of two parts. The first part, the adhesive sticker, should be fixed to the bottom right hand corner of the windscreen, and the second part should be kept by the driver. When the vignette expires, the sticker should be removed immediately from the windscreen.

Validity of the vignette :

- daily vignette - valid for the day indicated on the vignette;
- weekly vignette - valid for seven consecutive days including the day of issuance;
- monthly vignette - valid until the same day of the following month. If this day is non-existent (e.g. 31), the vignette is valid until the last day of the following month.
- annual vignette - valid from 1 January of the current year to 31 January of the following year (i.e. 13 months).

Special cases :

- If, on leaving the country, it is found that the vignette has expired, the driver must buy a vignette to cover the period since expiry of the vignette (but no less than the value of a vignette for the minimum period for the relevant vehicle category).
- Tractors designed for towing semi-trailers are considered road vehicles designed for the carriage of goods with more than two axles (regardless of the actual number of axles). For such vehicles, vignettes for vehicles of Category 1 should be purchased, whether or not the tractor is towing a semi-trailer.
- If a lorry with two axles is towing a trailer, the user is obliged to buy an additional vignette for the same category of road vehicle (Category 2) regardless of the number of axles on the trailer. The validity of this additional vignette must be the same as that of the motor vehicle.

Danube Bridge (tariffs at 1.1.08)

The tolls levied for the bridge across the Danube between the towns of Rousse (Bulgaria) and Giurgiu (Romania) are as follows:

goods vehicles with a MPW of

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| · 5t or less | € 15 |
| · over 5t up to 16t | € 35 |
| · more than 16t | € 52 |

NB: tolls are levied before crossing the bridge in the direction of Giurgiu; they are levied on all vehicles, regardless of their country of registration.

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