



Road  
transport

### New vignette charges

As of 1st January 2007 will be implemented a new vignette charges for motor vehicles with foreign registration using the Bulgarian road network for specified periods of time. The vignettes can be purchased at the border crossing points (for more details see [www.aebtri.com](http://www.aebtri.com) - freight transport - fiscal charges).

The vignette consists of two parts. The first one - called a vignette sticker - should be stuck in a prominent place to the bottom right corner of the front window of the road vehicle and the second one is kept by the driver of the vehicle.

As the validity of the vignette expires the driver of the road vehicle is obliged to immediately take off the vignette sticker from the window. The vignette charges, as well as the road sign, indicating that the using of the road is charged, are given below:

Vignette charges (EUR)		Year 2007
Motor vehicle 1st category	daily	10
	weekly	56
	monthly	153
	yearly	485
Motor vehicle 2nd category	daily	10
	weekly	33
	monthly	87
	yearly	256
Motor vehicle 3rd category	weekly	5
	monthly	13
	yearly	34

Road sign D25



◇ **Motor vehicle 1st category:** all freight vehicles with more than two axles, road trains, special construction equipment, autocranes, special trailers for transport of heavy or oversized cargo and other special motor vehicles.

◇ **Motor vehicle 2nd category:** all passenger transport vehicles with more than 8 seats excluding the driver's seat and all freight vehicles with two axles, as well as construction equipment, autocranes, special trailers for transport of heavy or oversized cargo and other special motor vehicles, all of them with two axles.

◇ **Motor vehicle 3rd category:** all passenger transport vehicles with not more than 8 seats.

Merry Christmas



Happy New Year



## Special cases

### 1. If the validity of the vignette expires

If on leaving the country it was found that the term of the vignette has expired, the foreign driver should buy a vignette with validity covering the exceeded period (but no less than the value of vignette charge for the minimal period for the relevant vehicle category).

### 2. Type of vignette for tractors designed for towing semi-trailers

Road vehicles designed for towing semi-trailers (tractors) are considered road vehicles designed for carriage of goods with more than two axles (no matter of the actual number of the axles). For such kind of vehicles vignettes for motor vehicle first category should be used no matter whether the tractor is with semi-trailer or not.

### 3. Additional vignette for lorries with two axles towing a trailer

If a freight vehicle (lorry) with two axles (as well as construction equipment, autocranes and other special motor vehicles - all of them with two axles) is towing a trailer, the user is obliged to buy an additional vignette for the same category road vehicle (2nd category) no matter of the number of axles of the trailer. The term of this additional vignette is equal to the relevant period of using the national road network by the freight vehicle towing the trailer.

### 4. Damage or destruction of the vignette sticker

In case of damage or destruction of the vignette sticker the payment of the vignette charge is to be proved by means of the other part of the vignette which must be kept by the driver of the vehicle.

## Danube Bridge tolls

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

#### - freight vehicles with a load capacity of:

5 t or less	EUR 13.00
over 5t up to 16 t	EUR 30.00
more than 16 t	EUR 46.00

#### - trailers with a load capacity of:

up to 750 kg	EUR 7.00
over 750 kg	EUR 13.00

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.

## Permits

In accordance with traffic laws and the rules for their implementation, heavy and/or bulky convoys using the Bulgarian road network, having total mass over 45 tones or weight per axle, exceeding with more than 30% the allowable axle loading for the respective road category, as well as oversized vehicles with dimensions: width – over 3.30m, height – over 4.30m and length over 22m, must obtain a permit from National Road Infrastructure Fund.

The price of a permit for a vehicle exceeding the maximum permitted weights and dimensions is EUR 36. The sum, which must be paid for all foreign-registered vehicles, regardless of the country of registration, is payable on application for the authorisation. The administration managing the road issues the permit within 5 working days or gives a motivated refusal. An additional charge is levied for rapid delivery of the permit: the supplement amounts to EUR 36 for delivery in three working days, and to EUR 72 in case of urgent elaboration of the document within one working day.



## New charges for excess vehicle dimensions and weight

On 29 December were changed some of the charges in Tariff 12 for excess vehicle dimensions and weight. They are in force as from 1 January 2007 and are as follows:

### 1. Excess weight

Exceeding the gross vehicle weight	EUR/km
from 0.10 t to 5.00 t incl.	0.25
from 5.00 t to 10.00 t incl.	0.50
from 10.00 t to 20.00 t incl.	0.83
from 20.00 t to 30.00 t incl.	1.32
from 30.00 t to 40.00 t incl.	2.05
from 40.00 t to 50.00 t incl.	2.76
from 50.00 t to 60.00 t incl.	3.68
over 60.00 t	3.68 + 3.28 per each additional 10 t over 60 t

### 2. Excess size

Exceeding the maximum authorised width	EUR/km
from 0.01 m to 0.50 m incl.	0.18
from 0.50 m to 1.00 m incl.	0.26
from 1.00 m to 1.50 m incl.	0.41
from 1.50 m to 2.00 m incl.	0.59
from 2.00 m to 2.50 m incl.	0.77
from 2.50 m to 3.50 m incl.	1.14
over 3.50 m	1.14 + 1.00 per each additional metre over 3.50 m
Exceeding the maximum authorised height	EUR/km
from 0.01 m to 0.50 m incl.	0.14
from 0.50 m to 1.00 m incl.	0.44
over 1.00 m	0.44 + 1.8 per each additional metre over 1.00 m
Exceeding the maximum authorised length	EUR/km
from 0.01 m to 3.00 m incl.	0.30
from 3.00 m to 10.00 m incl.	0.44
from 10.00 m to 15.00 m incl.	0.81
over 15.00 m	1.62

### 3. Excess axle load

Exceeding the maximum load per axle	EUR/km
from 0.10 t to 0.50 t per axle	0.11
from 0.50 t to 1.00 t per axle	0.30
from 1.00 t to 1.50 t per axle	0.44
from 1.50 t to 2.00 t per axle	0.83
from 2.00 t to 3.00 t per axle	1.63
from 3.00 t to 4.00 t per axle	2.36
over 4.00 t per axle	2.36 + 1.18 per each additional tone over 4.00 t

NB: If, at the same time, a vehicle exceeds the norms for weight, width, height, length or axle load taxes are levied separately for each of the parameters exceeding the norms.

Vehicle weighing fee, payable only in case of exceeding of the maximum permitted weight and/or axle load or if the weighing is upon request of the vehicle's owners or of the persons carrying out the transport - EUR 5.00 per truck.



## Driving restrictions - 2007

I. Movement of vehicles with total laden weight over 10 t is prohibited along road I-5, section Tchernootchene – Kardjali. The traffic is diverted along to following routes:

- direction Haskovo – Kardjali: road I-5 – road III-505 – Manastir – road III-507 – Voyvodino – Most – Tchiflik – Kardjali;
- direction Assenovgrad – Kardjali: road II-58 – road I-5 direction Haskovo – road III-505 – Manastir – road III-507 – Voyvodino – Most – Tchiflik – Kardjali;
- direction Mineralni Bani – Kardjali: road III-506 – III-806 – road I-5 – road III-505 – Manastir – road III-507 – Voyvodino – Most – Tchiflik – Kardjali.

### II. SUMMER RESTRICTION

During the summer period there is a prohibition on movement of trucks with a total laden weight of over 20 t in the period from 12h00 to 19h00 when temperatures exceed 35°.

### III. RESTRICTIONS FOR OVERSIZED AND OVERLOADED VEHICLES:

Movement of oversized and overloaded vehicles is prohibited throughout the year in case of visibility under 50 m due to mist, heavy rain or snow, black ice, during the hours of darkness and at rush hours during the day except in cases of emergency or natural disaster.

### IV. ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

During the summer period from 1.7.2007 till 5.9.2007 all vehicles over 3.5 t, travelling from Sofia to Burgas and vice versa, have to use the following routes:

- direction Sofia - Burgas: “Trakia” motorway - road II-66 - Stara Zagora bypass - road I-5 (Zmejovo - Iagoda - Tulovo) - road I-6 – crossing “Petolychkata” - road III-707 (Straldzha – Vodenichane – Pyrvnec) - road II-53 (Iambol – Sredec) - road II-79 (Sredec – Burgas);

- for Lukoil refinery - road II-79 (Sredec – Konstantinovo) - road IV-53904 (Konstantinovo – Trystikovo) - road III-7907 (Trystikovo – overpass Bratovo) - road III-7909 (overpass Bratovo - Bratovo)- road III-5392 - road III-5393;

- direction Burgas - Sofia diverting from roundabout at roads I-6 and I-9 (Metro store) – road II-79 (direction Sredec) - road II-53 - road III-707 (crossing “Petolychkata”) - road I-6 (Sliven – Kazanlyk) - direction Sofia;

- direction Burgas - Plovdiv diverting from roundabout at roads I-6 and I-9 (Metro store) – road II-79 (direction Sredec) - road II-53 - road III-707 (crossing “Petolychkata”) - road I-6 (Sliven – Kazanlyk) km 319+600 – road I-5 (Tulovo - Iagoda – Zmejovo) - Stara Zagora bypass - road II-66 (connection with “Trakia” motorway) - “Trakia” motorway.

### Bulgaria: Public holidays for the year 2006

<b>1 January</b>	- <b>New Year’s Day</b>
<b>3 March</b>	- <b>National holiday</b>
<b>8 April</b>	- <b>Easter (Orthodox)</b>
<b>9 April</b>	- <b>Easter Monday</b>
<b>1 May</b>	- <b>Labour Day</b>
<b>6 May</b>	- <b>Day of Bulgarian Army</b>
<b>24 May</b>	- <b>Day of Slavonic Alphabet</b>
<b>6 September</b>	- <b>Union Day</b>
<b>22 September</b>	- <b>Independence Day</b>
<b>24 December</b>	- <b>Christmas Eve</b>
<b>25 December</b>	- <b>Christmas Day</b>
<b>26 December</b>	- <b>Christmas Day</b>

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