

Tolls / Road Use Charge, Goods Transport Bulgaria

The vignette is compulsory throughout the national road network, with the exception of municipal roads in built-up areas. Tariffs depend on the vehicle category as well as on the Euro category. There are three categories which are as follows:

category 1 : all goods vehicles with 2 or more axles, including combined vehicles, construction equipment, motorised cranes, special trailers for the transport of abnormal loads and other special motor vehicles, with a MPW $\geq 12t$.

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 with a MPW $< 12t$.

category 3: all goods vehicles with a MPW $\leq 3.5t$.

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.

Tariffs valid since 01.01.2013 (in euro):

Euro 0, 1 and 2 vehicles				
\	<i>Day</i>	<i>Week</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Year</i>
Category 1	10	33	66	665
Category 2	10	17	35	350
Category 3	-	5	13	34

Euro 3, 4, 5, EEV* and future Euro category vehicles				
\	<i>Day</i>	<i>Week</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Year</i>
Category 1	10	26	51	511
Category 2	10	13	27	269
Category 3	-	5	13	34

* *Enhanced environmental vehicle*

Tariffs from 01.01.2016 (in euro):

Euro 0, 1 and 2 vehicles				
	Day	Week	Month	Year
Category 1	11	45	89	891
Category 2	11	27	54	537
Category 3	-	8	15	50

Euro 3, 4, 5, EEV* and future Euro category vehicles				
	Day	Week	Month	Year
Category 1	11	34	69	685
Category 2	11	21	41	413
Category 3	-	8	15	50

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Competent authority:

The “Road Infrastructure Agency” and officers of the traffic police are responsible for checking payment of the vignette by foreign drivers.

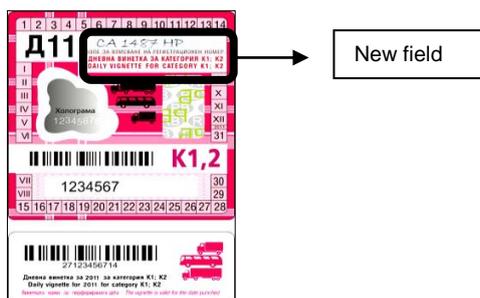
Distribution and sale of vignettes:

Vignettes may be purchased from the central Directorate and the regional offices of the “Road Infrastructure Agency” body as well as from its distributors such as OMV, Petrol, Rompetrol, Eco and Shell petrol stations, Bulgarian post offices, Picadilly, offices of FastPay, EasyPay and others. 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 or EUR at all border crossing points.

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.



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).
- 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).
- If the adhesive sticker is damaged owing to a fault on the sticker or if the windscreen has been broken, the driver may be issued with a new annual vignette, free of charge, upon presentation of the second part of the vignette. The validity of the vignette is the same as the original.

Danube Bridge: tariffs valid since 1.1.2009

The tariffs (VAT included) for the bridge across the Danube river between the towns of Rousse (Bulgaria) and Giurgiu (Romania) are as follows:

Type of vehicle	For one crossing (in Euro)	For one crossing (in BGN)
MPW of 3.5t or less	€ 6	BGN 12
MPW > 3.5t to < 7.5t	€ 12	BGN 23
MPW ≥ 7.5t to < 12t	€ 18	BGN 35
MPW ≥ 12t max. 3 axles	€ 25	BGN 49
MPW ≥ 12t 4 axles or more	€ 37	BGN 72

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.

Danube Bridge: tariffs valid since 01.07.2013

The tariffs (VAT included) for the bridge across the Danube river between the towns of Vidin (Bulgaria) and Calafat (Romania) are as follows:

Type of vehicle	For one crossing (in Euro)	For one crossing (in BGN)
MPW of 3.5t or less, including trailer	€ 6	BGN 12
MPW > 3.5t to < 7.5t	€ 12	BGN 23
MPW ≥ 7.5t to < 12t	€ 18	BGN 35
MPW ≥ 12t max. 3 axles	€ 25	BGN 49
MPW ≥ 12t 4 axles or more (min. 4 axles)	€ 37	BGN 72

As of 1 December 2015, the payment of road charges and vignettes at the border crossing point Danube bridge – Rousse (border Bulgaria-Romania) for heavy vehicles will **only** be possible through debit/credit cards VISA, Visa Electron, V Pay, MasterCard, Maestro and Borika.

Such a system of payment already exists at the border crossing point Kapitan Andreevo (border Bulgaria–Turkey) and will be introduced at the border crossing points Lessovo (Turkey), Kalotina (Serbia) and Kulata (Greece).

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