

## NEW TOLL SYSTEM IN BULGARIA

On 1 March 2020 Bulgarian competent authorities will put into operation an electronic toll system for vehicles and vehicle's combinations with total permissible maximum weight over 3.5 t (both for passengers and goods). The basic rights and obligations of road users are set out in the Roads Act as amended.

The tariff is determined by Decree No. 24 from 20.02.2020 of the Council of Ministers (published in State Gazette No. 16/24.02.2020). The charge due depends on the distance travelled, technical characteristics of the vehicle (weight category, number of axles, emission class) and the road category.

**The toll rates BGN/km are as follows:**

Vehicles*		Toll road network		
		Motorways	1st class roads	2nd class roads
Goods vehicles over 3.5 t – up to 12 t	EBPO VI, EEV	0.03	0.04	0.00
	EBPO V	0.03	0.04	0.00
	EBPO III and IV	0.04	0.05	0.00
	EBPO 0, I, II	0.06	0.07	0.00
Goods vehicles over 12 t with 2 or 3 axles	EBPO VI, EEV	0.06	0.05	0.00
	EBPO V	0.07	0.06	0.00
	EBPO III and IV	0.08	0.07	0.00
	EBPO 0, I, II	0.11	0.10	0.00
Goods vehicles over 12 t with 4 and more axles	EBPO VI, EEV	0.11	0.10	0.00
	EBPO V	0.12	0.11	0.00
	EBPO III and IV	0.16	0.15	0.00
	EBPO 0, I, II	0.20	0.19	0.00
Passengers vehicles with more than 8 seats for passengers (driver's seat not included) up to 12 t	EBPO VI, EEV	0.01	0.01	0.00
	EBPO V	0.01	0.01	0.00
	EBPO III and IV	0.02	0.02	0.00
	EBPO 0, I, II	0.02	0.02	0.00
Passengers vehicles with more than 8 seats for passengers (driver's seat not included) over 12 t	EBPO VI, EEV	0.02	0.01	0.00
	EBPO V	0.02	0.01	0.00
	EBPO III and IV	0.03	0.02	0.00
	EBPO 0, I, II	0.04	0.02	0.00

\* For vehicles over 3.5 t, with purely alternative fuel's drive the toll rate will be 50 % of the value, determined for the corresponding vehicle's class EURO VI, EEV.

The list of road sections subject to toll payment is determined by Decision No. 101 (published in State Gazette No. 16/24.02.2020). The total length of the tolled roads as from 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2020 is 3115 km (803 km motorways and 2312 km 1<sup>st</sup> class roads outside urban areas). The 2<sup>nd</sup> class roads are formal not excluded, but the toll rate is 0.00 BGN.

If it is not possible to determine the distance actually traveled for reasons not related to a technical malfunction of the Electronic Toll Collection System, a **maximum charge** should be paid.

**Maximum charge**

<b>Vehicles</b>		<b>EUR</b>	<b>BGN</b>
Goods vehicles over 3.5 t – up to 12 t	EBPO VI, EEV	14.00	27.00
	EBPO V	14.00	27.00
	EBPO III and IV	17.00	34.00
	EBPO 0, I, II	25.00	48.00
Goods vehicles over 12 t whit 2 or 3 axles	EBPO VI, EEV	36.00	71.00
	EBPO V	42.00	82.00
	EBPO III and IV	52.00	102.00
	EBPO 0, I, II	75.00	146.00
Goods vehicles over 12 t whit 4 and more axles	EBPO VI, EEV	61.00	119.00
	EBPO V	68.00	133.00
	EBPO III and IV	85.00	167.00
	EBPO 0, I, II	124.00	242.00
Passengers vehicles with more than 8 seats for passengers (driver's seat not included) up to 12 t	EBPO VI, EEV	12.00	24.00
	EBPO V	16.00	31.00
	EBPO III and IV	19.00	38.00
	EBPO 0, I, II	25.00	49.00
Passengers vehicles with more than 8 seats for passengers (driver's seat not included) over 12 t	EBPO VI, EEV	12.00	24.00
	EBPO V	16.00	31.00
	EBPO III and IV	19.00	38.00
	EBPO 0, I, II	25.00	49.00

The maximum charge for foreign vehicles may be paid also in BGN.

Until the launch of the toll system, the users of the toll road network will continue to pay vignette (currently only daily – till 29<sup>th</sup> of February) for vehicles with total permissible maximum weight over 3.5 t.

## **Toll calculating options**

### **Route pass**

Owners and users of a vehicle with permissible maximum weight over 3.5 tons which have no on-board units or GPS devices may use the toll network upon purchasing a route pass. For purchasing of a route pass is necessary to designate the points of departure and destination and maximum four points en-route and the basic data of the vehicle (plate number, country of registration, weight category, emission class and number of axles). The route pass is a prepaid service and is valid only for a single trip on the declared route. It will be valid 24 hours from the moment of its activation and can be purchased up to 7 days in advance by registered users (the registration is made by e-mail through the route pass' purchasing platform) or up to 2 days in advance – by non-registered users.

Route passes can be purchased from RIA:

- at the pay-desks of the regional road administrations – payment possible in cash or with bank or fuel card
- at a self-service terminal – payment possible with bank or fuel card (see the list in the attached excel file)
- electronically – on the web site [www.bgtoll.bg](http://www.bgtoll.bg) and through the mobile application.

You can test the purchase of a route pass on this web address:  
<https://trcbo.bgtoll.bg/RoutePass/Create?weightClass=2>

### **GNSS on-board unit**

Determination of toll charge due will be made through an on-board unit installed in the vehicle which generates data (toll declarations) necessary for the calculation of the due toll. The data is processed by the National toll service providers (NSPs) or by the European electronic toll service providers (EETS providers) with which both the user and the toll charger – Road Infrastructure Agency (RIA), have signed contracts. After processing the data, the service providers (NSPs and EETS) send them to RIA. RIA calculates the due charge for the relevant vehicle and the service providers guarantee its payment by the end user.

### **GPS device**

In the case the user of the toll network has decided to use a GPS device, it is necessary that he/she has signed a contract with a Toll declaration data provider, entered in the public list of RIA. The Toll declaration data providers should have a contract with a NSP to whom they should send the generated “raw” data from the GPS device. After processing the data, the NSPs send them to RIA. RIA calculates the due charge for the relevant vehicle and the service providers guarantee its payment by the end user.

### **Payment methods:**

- pre-payment;
- post-payment – under the terms and conditions of the respective service provider.

### **There are no registered EETS providers yet.**

### **Registered National toll service providers (NSPs) (to 25.02.2020):**

1. Intelligent Traffic System

[www.tollpass.bg](http://www.tollpass.bg); email: [info@tollpass.bg](mailto:info@tollpass.bg); tel.: +359 877885953

The online customer portal for registration and activation of service contract is launched.

2. Concord Smart Infrastructure AD

[www.digitoll.bg](http://www.digitoll.bg), email: [info@digitoll.bg](mailto:info@digitoll.bg), tel.: +359 895210030, +359 70035033

3. Teletoll AD

<http://teletoll.bg/>, email: [info@teletoll.bg](mailto:info@teletoll.bg), tel.: +359 886 159 060

4. Icom

[www.viasattech.com](http://www.viasattech.com), email: [office@viasattech.com](mailto:office@viasattech.com), tel.: +359 2 979 4949

### **Registered Toll declaration data providers (GPS providers) (to 25.02.2020):**

1. TOLL BG Ltd.

[www.tollbg.eu](http://www.tollbg.eu), [info@tollbg.eu](mailto:info@tollbg.eu), tel.: +359 885 122 722, 0800 18 600

2. DAK-22 Ltd.

[www.dak-22.com](http://www.dak-22.com), [toll@dak-22.com](mailto:toll@dak-22.com), tel.: +359 32 398 965

3. Locator BG Ltd.

[www.locatorbg.com](http://www.locatorbg.com), [support@locatorbg.com](mailto:support@locatorbg.com), tel.: +359 879409046

4. Cast Engineering Ltd.

[www.fuelmonitoring.org](http://www.fuelmonitoring.org), office@fuelmonitoring.org, tel.: +359 888285830

5. Icom Ltd.

[www.viasattech.com](http://www.viasattech.com), email: office@viasattech.com, tel.: +359 2 9794949

6. iTrack Ltd.

[www.itrack.bg](http://www.itrack.bg), email: office@itrack.bg, tel.: +359 887799898

7. Alan Telecom Ltd.

[www.alan.bg](http://www.alan.bg), email: office@alan.bg, tel.: +359 70011550

8. "ST Innovation" Ltd.

[www.waysgps.com](http://www.waysgps.com), email: office@waysgps.com, tel.: +359 885 080 256

9. "GPS Systems Bulgaria" Ltd.

[www.gpsbg.eu](http://www.gpsbg.eu), email: office@gpsbg.eu, tel.: +359 887376336

10. „Ravena“ Ltd.

[www.skywatch.bg](http://www.skywatch.bg), email: office@skywatch.bg, tel.: +359 887069238

11. „Advanced GPS Technology“ Ltd.

[www.gpslogistic.net](http://www.gpslogistic.net), email: bgtoll@gpslogistic.net, tel.: +359 899999080

12. I-CELL KFT

[www.icell.hu](http://www.icell.hu), email: office@icell.hu, tel.: +36205621268

13. "DIL-SOFT" Ltd.

[www.easytracking.bg](http://www.easytracking.bg), email: info@dil-soft.com, tel.: +359 878 200 118

14. „GPS Bulgaria“ AD

[www.gps.bg](http://www.gps.bg), email: customercare@gps.bg, tel.: +359 700 20 789

### **Administrative sanctions**

1. A driver who drives a vehicle, subject to toll charge, on a toll road, for which the respective obligations for determination of the distance traveled, have not been fulfilled or has not purchased a route pass for this road section, according to the category of the vehicle, shall be sanctioned with a fine of 1800 BGN.

2. Owner of a vehicle over 3.5 t maximum permissible weight, for which the toll due has not been fully or partially paid, including as a result of incorrectly declared data, shall be sanctioned with a fine of 2500 BGN. If there is a user indicated in the vehicles registration certificate, this fine shall be imposed on the user.

For infringements under points 1 or 2, in cases where the registration number of the vehicle is illegible or covered in any way, the driver shall be fined 3000 BGN.

In case of infringements under points 1 or 2 the movement on a toll road of the same vehicle within the same calendar day shall be considered as one infringement and shall be subject to one penalty (depending on the respective infringement). Movement on a toll road by the same vehicle from 00h00 to 23h59 on the next calendar day is considered as a separate administrative infringement for which a separate penalty is imposed.

When the same vehicle moves on the toll roads within one calendar day, and infringements both under points 1 and 2 are committed, sanction shall be imposed only under point 1 (to the driver).

3. The vehicle, for which the obligations to determine the amount and to pay the respective toll charge have not been fulfilled, will be temporarily immobilized - until the toll payment (up to one month).

In the case of movement on the toll road network without payment of the respective toll, the driver of a vehicle, its owner or a third party may pay a **compensatory charge**. This will release them from administrative liability with regard to this infringement (no fines will be imposed).

#### **Compensatory charge:**

<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>BGN</b>
Goods vehicles over 3.5 t – up to 12 t	77.00	150.00
	230.00	450.00
Goods vehicles over 12 t whit 4 and more axles	383.00	750.00
Passengers vehicles with more than 8 seats for passengers (driver's seat not included) up to 12 t	77.00	150.00
Passengers vehicles with more than 8 seats for passengers (driver's seat not included) over 12 t	77.00	150.00

The compensatory charge for foreign vehicles may be paid also in BGN.

#### **Control authorities**

Control on the payment of toll charges will be performed by the bodies of the National Toll Directorate (part of Road Infrastructure Agency), the Ministry of Interior, as well as the National Customs Agency in the cases where the vehicle leaves the territory of Bulgaria through the border crossing points.

#### **Competent authority:**

National Toll Administration  
Road Infrastructure Agency (RIA)  
3 Macedonia Blvd. 1606 Sofia, Bulgaria

**Tel.:** +359 70010876

(from other countries)

Mon-Sun: 08:00 - 20:00

**Working hours of the regional road administrations:** Mon-Fri: 09:00 - 18:00

**Email:** info@bgtoll.bg

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