

Bulgaria: Changes in the vignette system as from 1.01.2018

- For the first time the Bulgarian annual vignette for all vehicles will be valid for a period of one year from the date of its validation (this date is indicated on the vignette), i.e. if 2 March 2018 is indicated on the vignette, it will be valid until 1 March 2019. (The annual vignette for 2017 is valid until 31 January, regardless of the date of purchase.)
- The change regarding the vignette price for trucks over 3.5 tons is that the daily vignette in 2018 will cost 12 EUR (currently, its price is 11 EUR).
- For 2018 a quarterly vignette for private cars is introduced. Its price is 28 EUR.

Vignette prices in EUR

	Category 1		Category 2		Category 3
	Euro 0, I, II	Euro III, IV, V, EEV and Euro VI	Euro 0, I, II	Euro III, IV, V, EEV and Euro VI	
Daily	12	12	12	12	-
Weekly	45	34	27	21	8
Monthly	89	69	54	41	15
Quarterly	0	0	0	0	28
Annual	891	685	537	413	50

Validity of the vignette:

- daily vignette - valid for the day indicated on the vignette;
- weekly vignette - valid for seven consecutive days from the day indicated on the vignette;
- monthly vignette - valid for one month from the day indicated on the vignette;
- quarterly vignette - valid for 3 months from the day indicated on the vignette;
- annual vignette - valid for one year from the day indicated on the vignette.
- 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, a new annual vignette may be issued free of charge, upon presentation of the second part of the vignette. The validity of the new vignette is the same as this of the original.

Vehicle categories (remaining unchanged):

- **Category 1:** all freight vehicles with two or more axles, road trains, special construction equipment, autocranes, special trailers for transport of heavy or oversized cargo and other special motor vehicles with maximum permitted gross weight 12 t or more.
- **Category 2:** 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 and with maximum permitted gross weight less than 12 t.

- **Category 3:** all passenger transport vehicles with not more than 8 seats; freight vehicles and/or vehicles for transport of passengers and goods with maximum permitted gross weight up to 3,5 t.

Drivers can buy vignettes in over 3 000 distribution points - big petrol stations and shopping centers, the Bulgarian Post Offices, the Regional Road Administrations and the bordercrossing points, 372 of them working round the clock. When purchasing a vignette, the drivers should request a cash register receipt, containing the registration number of the motor vehicle.