

Road Transport

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Sectoral policies of the road transport sector are developed, organized, coordinated by the Ministry of Transport.

The road transport sector includes subdivisions of road infrastructure, road transport, and road traffic safety.

Matters concerning road transport are handled by the Road Transport Department of the Ministry of Transport.

The development of the road transport system and a number of its subdivisions - road infrastructure, road transport and road traffic safety systems, is carried out in accordance with the "*National Development Plan for 2021-2027*" and the "*Guidelines for the Development of the Transport System for 2021-2027*".

Road infrastructure 



The development, construction, repair and reconstruction of state owned road infrastructure is handled by [State-Owned Limited Liability Company "Latvian State Roads"](#).

SLLC "Latvian State Roads" performs the management of the state road network, administration of the State Road Fund and organisation of public procurement in order to provide the public with profitable, durable, safe and environmentally friendly state road network in accordance with the rules and standards of road safety. SLLC "Latvian State Roads" also issue permits for the transportation of oversized and overweight cargo.

Road transport and public transport



Matters concerning road transport and public transport are handled by the Public Transport Services Department of the Ministry of Transport.

The development of the road transport and road traffic safety systems, is carried out in accordance with the “National Development Plan for 2021-2027” and the “Guidelines for the Development of the Transport System for 2021-2027”.

The road transportation sector provides freight and passenger transportation in Latvia and abroad; expands internal and external transport and economic relations; cooperates with foreign partners in the development of international road transport. Experts of road transportation sector takes part in Joint Committee Meetings on International Road Transport Issues on the allocation of quotas for permits for international road transport and discuss current road transport issues.

[State limited liability company](#) “Road Transport Administration” is the executor of a unified state policy in the field of international transport and licensing of commercial road transport.

The holder of the “Road Transport Administration” state capital is the Ministry of Transport.

The “Road Transport Administration” co-ordinates the access to the road transport market (issues licenses for commercial road transport and license cards for vehicles for transportation of goods within the territory of Latvia and abroad, issues permits for international road transport) and monitors the compliance with requirements regulating road transport operations; takes part in interstate meetings on the allocation of quotas for permits for international road transport and performs an interstate exchange of permit forms; develops and maintains an effective, safe, competitive, environment friendly and flexible public transport system.

Road traffic safety



In order to increase road traffic safety and to reduce the number of fatalities and severe injuries in road traffic accidents in 2030 by 50% compared to 2020, the Ministry of Transport has developed the “Road Safety Plan for 2021–2027”.

The implementation of the plan is monitored by the Road Traffic Safety Council.

The plan provides actions to be implemented in order to improve road safety, such as implementation of different preventive measures, informing of road users, implementing infrastructure solutions to improve road traffic safety on the road and street networks, responding to accidents and mitigating the consequences of accidents.

Road user charges (vignette)



As from July 1, 2014 a road user charge, the so called vignette,, has been introduced in Latvia for heavy goods vehicles. The road user charge is paid for the use of the main state road network and sections of regional roads (except for crossing them, including on roundabouts and intersections) by heavy goods vehicles with permissible total weight over 3000 kilograms and by heavy goods vehicles and combinations thereof with permissible total weight over 3500 kilograms.

The vignette" in Latvia is electronical and it is possible to purchase it [online](#) by a credit card or at certain [gas stations](#) in cash. Daily, weekly, monthly and annual vignettes are available for purchase, the price of the vignette is differentiated by taking into account ecological standards of the vehicle, total number of axles of the vehicle and maximum total permissible laden weight of said vehicle. More detailed information is available in the [informative leaflet](#) (link below) and on the website www.lvignette.eu

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Parking lots



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