

# Driving in Austria

To facilitate your safe journey through Austria, the Austrian Automobile, Motorcycle and Touring Club (ÖAMTC) provides this overview of Austrian traffic rules.



## Driving License

Foreign travellers residing in the European Union entering Austria with a motor vehicle require their national driving licence and vehicle registration certificate. Travellers from other countries require a German translation or an international driving license.

## Speed Limits

	Built-up areas	Outside built-up areas	Expressway	Motorway
▶ Motorcycle ▶ Vehicles up to 3.5t (including camper vans)	50 km/h	100 km/h	100 km/h	130 km/h
Vehicles up to 3.5t towing a trailer not exceeding 750 kg	50 km/h	100 km/h	100 km/h	100 km/h
Camper vans and vehicles over 3.5t	50 km/h	70 km/h	80 km/h	80 km/h

## Tolls

A Vignette is mandatory for all vehicles with a permissible maximum weight of up to 3.5t on motorways and expressways. The Vignette can either be obtained:

- ▶ in the form of a sticker available at e.g. ÖAMTC stores, gas stations, tobacconist
- ▶ in the form of a „Digital Vignette“ by registering the license plate at [www.asfinag.at/toll/vignette](http://www.asfinag.at/toll/vignette) or at ÖAMTC stores

## Seat belts

All occupants of a motor vehicle are required to wear a seat belt.



### **Child restraints**

Every child has to have a seat of its own. Children under the age of 14 who are shorter than 135 cm need to be secured with a suitable restraint system such as a baby or child seat, or a booster seat. Children who are taller than 135 cm must wear a seat belt.

### **Use of mobile devices**

The use of a mobile device while driving is strictly prohibited. Telephoning is only allowed with a hands-free kit. If the device is to be used as a navigation system, it needs to be fastened in the car.

### **Safety equipment**

All motor vehicles must be equipped with a warning triangle, a first-aid kit and a reflective vest.

### **Pedestrian Crossing**

Motorists must approach a pedestrian crossing at low speed or stop in time to allow pedestrians the unhindered and safe crossing.

### **Emergency lane**

In case traffic jam is imminent all drivers of vehicles are required to clear a lane for emergency vehicles. On a motorway or expressway with two lanes an emergency lane must be cleared between the two existing lanes. On a motorway or expressway with more than two lanes drivers on the far left lane are required to drive to the left as far as possible while all other drivers must drive to the right to clear a lane for emergency vehicles.

### **Blood alcohol level**

The legal blood alcohol limit is 0.05%

### **Driving in winter**

Before departure snow and ice has to be removed from the entire vehicle including windscreen and other windows, lights, number plates and the vehicle's roof to ensure safe driving.

For driving a motor vehicle with a permissible maximum weight of up to 3.5t during winter conditions between 1 November and 15 April it is mandatory to install winter tyres on all wheels.

### **Fuel**

Larger gas filling stations accept international credit cards. In cities and on main roads, gas filling stations are open from 8:00 to 20:00. Service stations on motorways are generally open around the clock.

To find a gas filling station in your area visit the ÖAMTC website: [www.oeamtc.at/thema/tanken/](http://www.oeamtc.at/thema/tanken/)

### **Traffic information**

For information about current traffic and roadworks visit [maps.oeamtc.at](http://maps.oeamtc.at)

### **Emergency numbers**

- ▶ Police: +43 133
- ▶ Ambulance: +43 144
- ▶ Fire brigade: +43 122

**For more information about driving in Austria** visit the ÖAMTC website: [www.oeamtc.at/laenderinfo/austria](http://www.oeamtc.at/laenderinfo/austria)

**For more information about sights and activities** in Austria visit the Austrian National Tourist

Office: [www.austria.info/uk](http://www.austria.info/uk)

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