

1) Entry into force of the road user charge

Road user charge was implemented in Estonia starting from January 1, 2018.

2) The road network covered by the road user charge and its changes

The road user charge covers all public roads with a total length of 40 439 km, including national roads (16 679 km) and local roads (23,760 km) (Traffic Act § 190¹ subsection 1).

The road network covered by the road user charge has remained unchanged since its implementation

3) Category of vehicles subject to road user charge obligation and their changes

The charge applies only to heavy goods vehicle maximum laden mass exceeding 3,5 tonnes (Traffic Act § 190²).

The categories of vehicles subject to road user charge obligation have remained unchanged since the start of the road user charge implementation.

4) Exemption from the obligation to pay road user charge and their changes

Exemption from the obligation to pay road user charge (Traffic Act § 190⁵) have:

- 1) a heavy goods vehicle and its trailer, which belong to the Defence Forces, the Defence League, foreign armed forces, the Police and Border Guard Board or a Rescue Service Agency;
- 2) a heavy goods vehicle and its trailer, which belong to a provider of international aid;
- 3) a heavy goods vehicle and its trailer, which belong to a municipality, non-profit association, foundation or undertaking and which are used mainly for rescue work;
- 4) a vintage heavy goods vehicle, which is at least 35 years old and has been recognized as a classic vehicle (Traffic Act § 83 subsection 2).

The list of vehicles exempt from obligation to pay road user charge has remained unchanged since the implementation of the road user charge.

5) Road user charge rates by emission class and their changes

01.01.2018-31.12.2023						
Vehicle weight	Emission class	Number of axles	Price (EUR)			
			1 day	7 days	30 days	365 days
3500-12000 kg	All	All	9	25	50	500
12000 kg ja more	EURO 0 EURO I EURO II	Kuni 3	12	45	90	900
		4 ja rohkem	12	65	130	1300
	EURO III	Kuni 3	11	40	80	800
		4 ja rohkem	12	60	120	1200
	EURO IV EURO V EEV	Kuni 3	10	35	70	700
		4 ja rohkem	12	55	110	1100
	EURO VI and less polluting	Kuni 3	10	30	60	600
		4 ja rohkem	12	50	100	1000

Since 01.01.2024						
Vehicle weight	Emission class	Number of axles	Price (EUR)			
			1 day	7 days	30 days	365 days
3500-12000 kg	All	All	13	34	68	680
12000 kg ja more	EURO 0 EURO I EURO II	Kuni 3	24	60	120	1 200
		4 ja rohkem	40	100	200	2 000
	EURO III	Kuni 3	18	45	90	900
		4 ja rohkem	30	75	150	1 500
	EURO IV EURO V EEV	Kuni 3	16	40	80	800
		4 ja rohkem	26	65	130	1 300
	EURO VI and less polluting	Kuni 3	14	35	70	700
		4 ja rohkem	22	55	110	1 100

6) Total revenue raised through road user charge and its use

Year	Total revenue (€)
2018	20 174 667
2019	19 903 684
2020	20 117 993
2021	21 330 652
2022	21 538 615
2023	21 018 402
2024	26 398 875
2025	25 479 520

The funds received from the road user charge to the state budget are used 100% for the maintenance of transport infrastructure (Traffic Act § 190⁷). The state allocates at least 140 million euros annually to maintain public roads, improve road safety and develop sustainable mobility.

7) The share of heavy goods vehicle belonging to different emission classes and their changes

Share of heavy goods vehicles using the road network covered by road user charge and their change by emission class:

Emission class	2018 (%)	2019 (%)	2020 (%)	2021 (%)	2022 (%)	2023 (%)	2024 (%)	2025 (%)
EURO 0	14,94	13,53	12,58	12,58	13,02	9,94	7,13	6,60
EURO I	0,18	0,18	0,16	0,12	0,08	0,06	0,04	0,04
EURO II	2,82	2,47	2,16	1,79	1,31	1,38	1,06	1,04
EURO III	14,97	13,16	11,08	9,79	7,24	6,09	5,64	4,90
EURO IV	10,65	9,96	9,16	8,31	6,85	6,85	5,83	5,08
EURO V	33,51	32,61	33,07	32,89	31,69	27,11	20,15	16,42
EEV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,02	0,04
EURO VI	22,93	28,09	31,78	34,52	39,81	48,57	60,13	65,89

Since the implementation of the road user charge in 2018, the share of vehicles in the most polluting emission class (EURO 0) has decreased year on year from 14.9% to 6.6% , and the share of less polluting vehicles (EURO VI) has consistently increased from 22.9% to 65.9%.