



# Ghana Driver's Guide



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The Motor Transport and Traffic Directorate (MTTD) of the Ghana Police Service

Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) – Customs Division

Ghana Immigration Service (GIS)

The Ghana Highway Authority

The National Road Safety Authority



Ghana Shippers Authority

Borderless Alliance

SIC Insurance PLC

Veterinary Services Directorate (VSD)

ECOWAS Brown Card Insurance Scheme

Conseil Burkinabe des Chargeurs-Burkina Shippers' Council (CBC)

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CD	Customs Division
DVLA	Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EU	European Union
GHA	Ghana Highway Authority
GIS	Ghana Immigration Service
GRA	Ghana Revenue Authority
GSA	Ghana Shippers Authority
ISRT	Inter-State Road Transit
LMCC	Log Measurement Conveyance Certificate
MTTD	Motor Traffic and Transport Department
NRSA	National Road Safety Authority
NRTTFC	National Road Transport & Transit Facilitation Committee
PIPBS	Police Intelligence and Professional Standards Bureau
PNDC	Provisional National Defence Council
PPRSD	Plant Protection and Regulatory Services Directorate
RTR	Road Traffic Regulations
VAT	Value Added Tax
VSD	Veterinary Services Directorate

## INTRODUCTION

Ghana is the gateway to West Africa and welcomes your business!

As a driver, you need to know what the laws say and how the rules are implemented by the uniformed services along the route. This guide presents the most important information about Ghana's traffic laws and enforcement.

### It includes:

- ✓ The rules for using Ghana's roads and highways
- ✓ How Customs and Police Officers enforce the law
- ✓ What to do in case of an accident
- ✓ What documents you must carry
- ✓ The new axle load regulation
- ✓ Telephone numbers to call when you need help

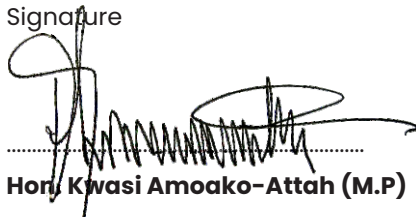
Ghana's roads and highways carry hundreds of thousands of tons of cargo from ports to destinations across the region every day. Uniformed services personnel protect and serve the millions of people using the routes. Facilitating the efficient and low-cost movement of goods and passengers makes Ghana an ideal place to do business and epitomizes the ideals of the ECOWAS Protocols on the Free Movement of People, Goods and Services.

In order to ensure the effective implementation of Regional Integration Programmes, a convention was adopted on 9th January, 2005 by ECOWAS Heads of state known as the "Decision A/DEC.9/01/05" to create Road Transport and Transit Facilitation and Cross Border Management Committees in West Africa. This decision called for each member state to establish National Road Transport and Transit Facilitation Committee (NRTTFC) to coordinate transit facilitation programmes. Ghana's NRTTFC was hence established in 2006.

The objective of NRTTFC is to ensure the smooth flow of interstate road transport within the corridors of Ghana specifically to support the removal of road obstacles along the road transit corridors. The NRTTFC is a twenty-two (22) member committee made up of Public and Private Institutions within Ghana.

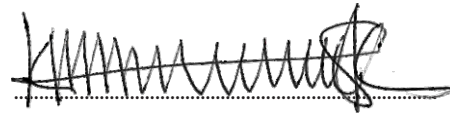
Ghana's NRTTFC seeks to improve the level of awareness on the laws and regulations regarding Road Transport and Transit Facilitation. Violations can lead to accidents therefore, every driver has a responsibility to know and respect the Road Traffic Regulations. We hope your travels along Ghana's roads and highways are "stress-free" and safe!

Signature



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## KEY RULES AND ROAD REGULATIONS FOR SAFETY

### General Speed Limits (Road Traffic Regulation 2012, LI 2180)

The following road speed limits are to be observed if there are no road signs indicating otherwise:

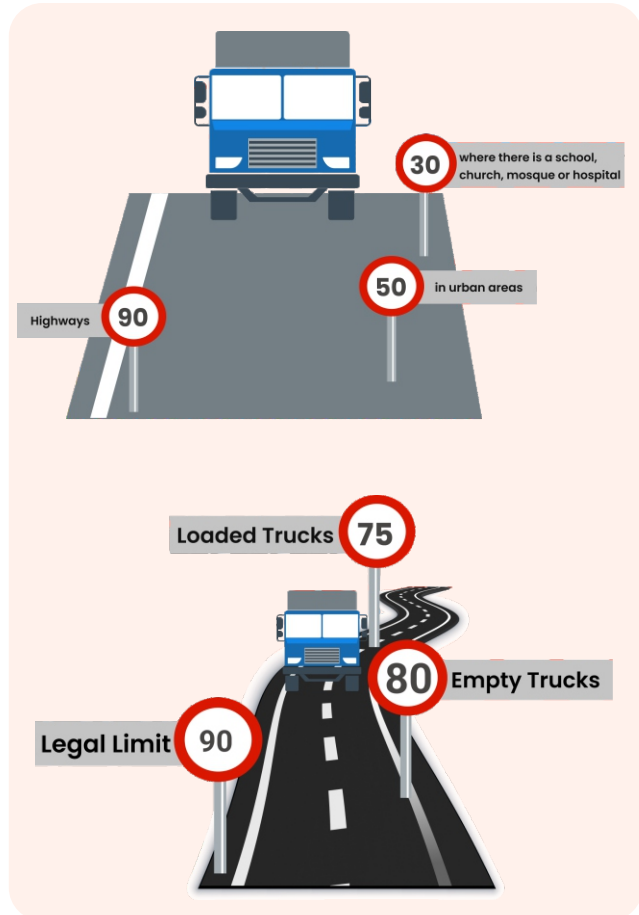
- ✓ 30km/h on a road
  - within a school, a playground or health facility
  - a church, mosque, market or shopping centre
  - procession or where human activity is dominant
- ✓ 50km/h on a road or a section of the road situated within an urban area
- ✓ 90km/h on a road or section of the road other than a motorway, situated outside an urban or a built area
- ✓ 100km/h on a motorway

### Specific Speed Limit for Truck Drivers

Maximum speed limits for trucks are:

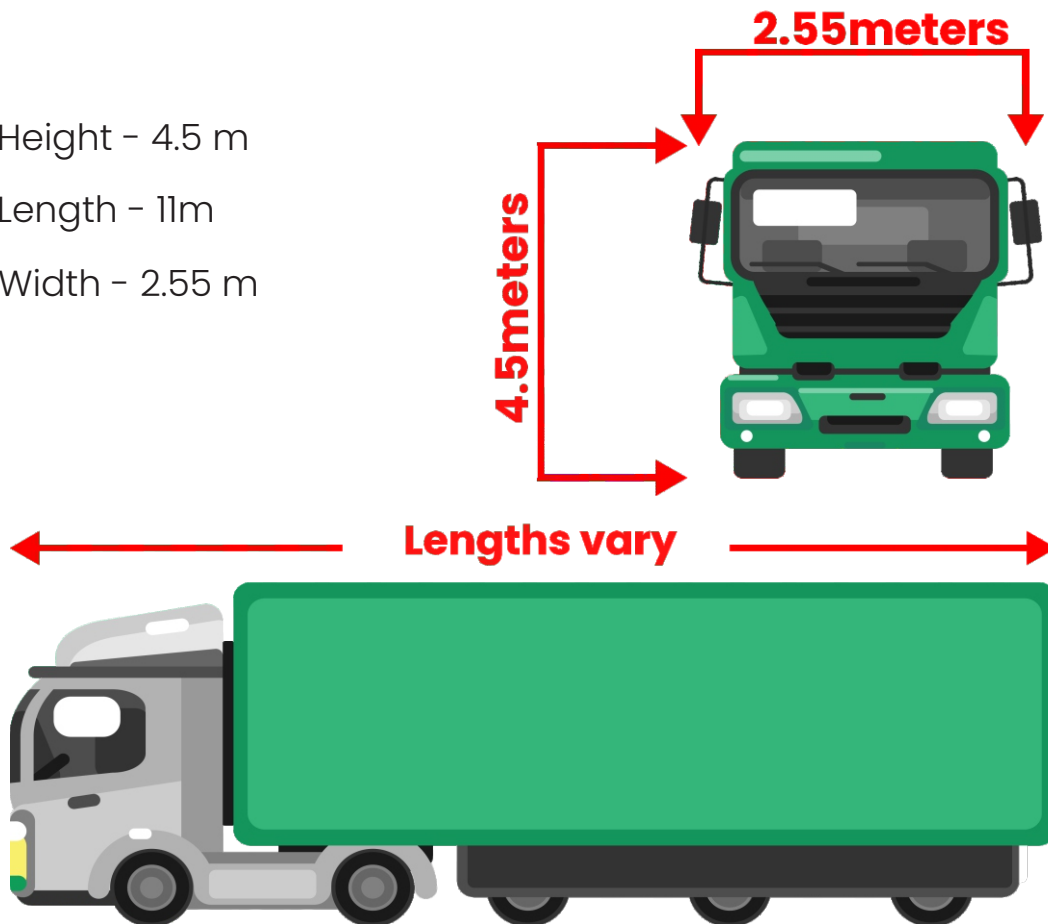
- ✓ 75km/h for a loaded truck
- ✓ 80km/h for an unloaded truck

Despite the general and specific speed limits, drivers are expected to drive at lesser speed taking into consideration the actual and potential dangers on the road.



## Vehicle Measurements Limits for Cargo Trucks

- ✓ Height - 4.5 m
- ✓ Length - 11m
- ✓ Width - 2.55 m



## Required Safety Equipment

### General Equipment

- ✓ 2 standard advance warning triangles
- ✓ First aid box with basic components
- ✓ Fire extinguisher (recharged after every six months)
- ✓ Spare tire in good condition (minimum one)
- ✓ Reflectors at the back and front bumpers
- ✓ Flashlights specific equipment for trucks and trailers
- ✓ Retro-reflective tape (for vehicles with gross vehicle weight of 3.5t and above, trailer should be fitted with retro-reflective tapes on the sides and rear)
- ✓ A trailer carrying a load with a width exceeding 2.55m requires a police escort, or should signal appropriately to road users
- ✓ A trailer carrying a load which extends beyond the length of the trailer should signal appropriately to road users
- ✓ Side trailer lights



## KEY RULES AND ROAD REGULATIONS FOR SAFETY

### Maximum Driving Periods

Drivers need good rest to be effective on the road. The Road Traffic Regulations 2012 does not allow a person to drive a car for:

- ✓ more than 4 hours without rest or
- ✓ more than 8 hours in a 24 hour period without rest or
- ✓ more than 500km without rest or whichever comes first

The regulations requires drivers to take compulsory rest of at least 30 minutes after each continuous period of four hours driving; or at least eight consecutive hours of rest in a period of twenty-four hours calculated from the commencement of the period of driving.

### Regulations for Foreign Drivers

Foreign cargo vehicles upon entry into Ghana will be required to obtain a temporary importation permit (laissez passer/ C59) for their vehicles from the Customs Division at the border of entry into Ghana.





## Required Driver Documents

Drivers will be required to produce the following documents:

- ✓ A valid international driver's license
- ✓ A valid vehicle registration and trailer registration
- ✓ ECOWAS Brown Card Insurance

For trucks entering Ghana for the first time, a 30-day permit is given.

If the permit expires, drivers must return with the vehicle to the point of entry for renewal.

On subsequent entry into Ghana, the permit may be granted for up to 90 days.



## Road Regulations

All foreign and local drivers are bound by law to observe the rules and regulations governing road use. The most common offenses and associated fines are shown below.

- ✓ The current regulations are the Road Traffic Regulations (RTR) 2012, L.I. 2180
- ✓ Offences and maximum penalties can be reviewed by the Motor Traffic and Transport Directorate (MTTD).



## Road Offenses and Penalties (Road Traffic Regulations 2012, LI 2180)

Offense	Fine
Regulation 7-Refusal to renew road use certificate	5-25 penalty units
Regulation 11-Refusal to register number plates	5-25 penalty units
Regulation 12-Renewal of number plates	10-25 penalty units
Regulation 24(6)-False entry into trade license log book	10 penalty units
Regulation 26(20)-Learner driver to be accompanied by an experienced driver	5 penalty units
Regulation 33-Failure to renew driving license	10-25 penalty units
Regulation 37-Disqualification of under aged persons	10 penalty units
Regulation 50-Non-conformity to restrictions on width and length of vehicles	25 penalty units
Regulation 51-Non-conformity to restrictions on vehicle height	25 penalty units
Regulation 52-Non-conformity to restrictions on carriage of loads	10 penalty units
Regulation 60-Offences and penalties for LPG fitted vehicles	10-25 penalty units
Regulation 66-Mirror, windscreen and glass regulation	5 penalty units

## Road Offenses and Penalties (Road Traffic Regulations 2012, LI 2180)

Offense	Fine
Regulation 67 & 68-Use of unspecified tinted glass	25-50, 10-50 penalty units
Regulation 69-Failure to carry fire extinguisher	10-25 penalty units
Regulation 74-Non conformity with restrictions on horns and sirens	25 penalty units
Regulation 12-Renewal of number plates	10-25 penalty units
Regulation 79-Driving motor vehicles without reflectors (front and back)	5 penalty units
Regulation 83-Failure to carry advance warning devices	25-50 penalty units
Regulation 84-Failure to wear reflective clothing and helmet	25-50 penalty units
Regulation 100-Non-compliance with regulation on carriage of persons and goods	50 penalty units
Regulation 106-Driving on the shoulder of the road	10-50 penalty units
Regulation 107-Prohibition on use of communication device	50 penalty units
Regulation 188-Non-compliance with maximum driver periods	25 penalty units
Regulation 119-Failure to use seat belts	10-50 penalty units
Regulation 66-Mirror, windscreen and glass regulation	5 penalty units
Regulation 123-Operating commercial vehicle without commercial vehicle license	25 penalty units



## Road Offenses and Penalties (Road Traffic Regulations 2012, LI 2180)

Offence	Fine
Regulation 128-Prohibition of use of motorcycle or tricycle for commercial passenger services	25 penalty units
Regulation 135-Non-compliance with regulation on speed limiters, logbooks and tachographs	25 penalty units
Regulation 74-Non conformity with restrictions on horns and sirens	25 penalty units
Regulation 137-Exceeding the prescribed number of persons to be carried	10-25 penalty units
Regulation 138-Particulars to be written on Commercial vehicles	5 penalty units
Regulation 147-Failure to comply with regulations on visitors driving permit	20-25 penalty units
Regulation 148-Use of Foreign Drivers License	25-50 penalty units
Regulation 150-Non-Compliance with rules of the road	10-25 penalty units
Regulation 156-A person being an excess passenger on a vehicle	5 penalty units
Regulation 165-Non-compliance with regulations on speed limits	10 penalty units
Regulation 170-Obedience to Police and Fire Service Officials	10 penalty units
Regulation 170-Obstructing intersections and pedestrian crossing	10-25 penalty units
Regulation 171-Disregarding signs and barricades	5 penalty units
Regulation 183-Stopping and parking buses and taxis regulated	10-25 penalty units
Regulation 187-Parking on Highway and Town Road	10-25 penalty units

## **Powers of the Police on the Road (Source: Road Act, 2004 (Act 683))**

- ✓ To stop a motor vehicle travelling on the road by discretion
- ✓ To arrest without warrant for dangerous or careless driving
- ✓ To require production of drivers' licenses immediately or within 24 hours –failure to do so may result in a fine of 25 penalty units and up to 8 months imprisonment.
- ✓ To obtain particulars of drivers and to require production of evidence of insurance and road use certificates – failure to do so may result in a fine of 10 penalty units and up to 4 months imprisonment
- ✓ Impounding vehicles

Drivers have the right to report the misconduct of an officer in uniform to the Police Intelligence and Professional Standards Bureau (PIPBS) of the Ghana Police Service. The report should include the officer's number and rank on his/her uniform.



### How to Identify an MTTD Officer

- ✓ Always in white tunic with blue/blue black trousers
- ✓ A traffic police officer should always affix his/her name tag, the MTTD badge and police badge of authority on his right chest, with service number embossed on it.
- ✓ It is the duty of any traffic officer to be civil to the public

### Driver's License

- ✓ All drivers are required to carry their ORIGINAL driver's license whilst driving any vehicle according to Regulation 47 (1-5) of Road Traffic Regulation 2012 (L I 2180)
- ✓ A police officer in uniform shall request a person to produce the driver's license that authorizes a driver to drive a vehicle for inspection.

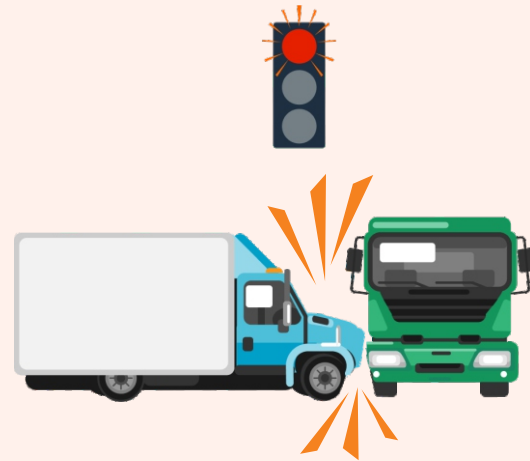
Where a person driving a vehicle is to produce a driver's license, that person shall produce it immediately or within 24 hours at the behest of the Police.



## Responsibilities of Drivers

Drivers should ensure that the following are done:

- ✓ Maintain your vehicle before you drive on the roads
- ✓ Plan your journey
- ✓ Have in your possession all the necessary vehicle documents
- ✓ Carry your original driver's license
- ✓ Concentrate on the road
- ✓ Be very observant whilst you drive
- ✓ Drive with due care and attention
- ✓ Always be alert on the road
- ✓ Tolerate others whilst you use the road
- ✓ Observe the rules of the road
- ✓ Communicate effectively
- ✓ Always be disciplined on the use of the road
- ✓ Ensure that passengers wear their seat belts





### Drivers Should Avoid

- ✓ Drunk driving
- ✓ Driving tired
- ✓ Over speeding
- ✓ Driving in a stormy weather
- ✓ Driving with poor vision
- ✓ Parking and stopping on the road way or on the shoulders of the road
- ✓ Unnecessary honking
- ✓ Tailgating



## Duties of the Driver in Case of Accidents

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This section refers to accidents in which personal injury occurs to anyone other than the driver of the vehicle, or damage is caused to another vehicle, trailer or property

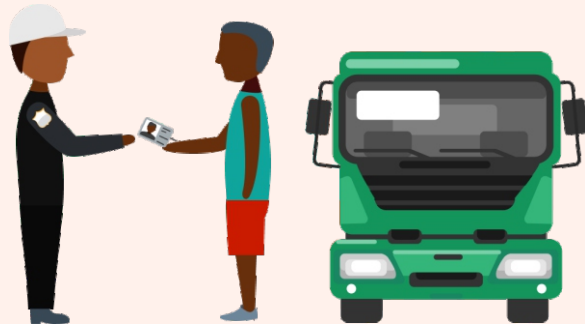
- ✓ Attend to injured persons (if any). Where needed, arrange for the movement of injured persons to a hospital or call the National Accident Emergency Line – 192
- ✓ Make a formal report to the Police
- ✓ Give a statement to the police
- ✓ The police will visit the accident scene for measurements and on the spot enquires

In a case of breakdown of a loaded transit cargo truck, the driver must quickly contact the nearest customs check point or any other law enforcement agency to secure the cargo. The driver must desist from tampering with the cargo seal.



### Duties of the Driver in Case of Accidents

- ✓ Where the accident obstructs traffic, put reflective triangles at least 50 yards before and behind the vehicle to warn approaching drivers
- ✓ Report the accident at the nearest police station as soon as possible
- ✓ Foreign drivers should report the accident immediately to the ECOWAS Brown Card Secretariat in Ghana. (Contact details are found behind the ID cards)
- ✓ Provide the name and address of the driver, owner, and other information and documents as required by authorities



## Accident Investigations – Police Procedures

- ✓ Make a formal report to the Police
- ✓ Give a statement to the police
- ✓ The police will visit the accident scene for measurements and on the spot enquires
- ✓ Inform your insurers
- ✓ The police may process the case for prosecution
- ✓ Never negotiate with a party involved in an accident for out-of-court settlement when you have not reported the accident to the police
- ✓ Never pay any money to any police officer for the closure of accident cases. It is illegal and is tantamount to bribery and corruption.



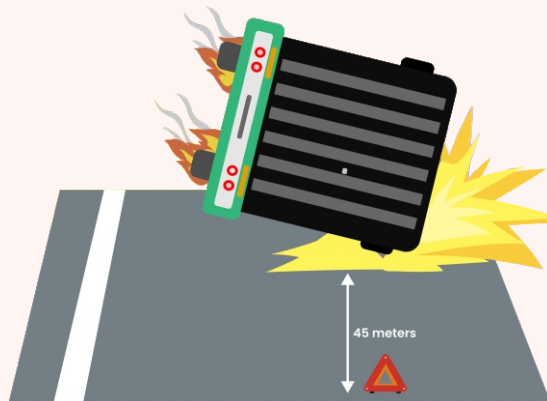
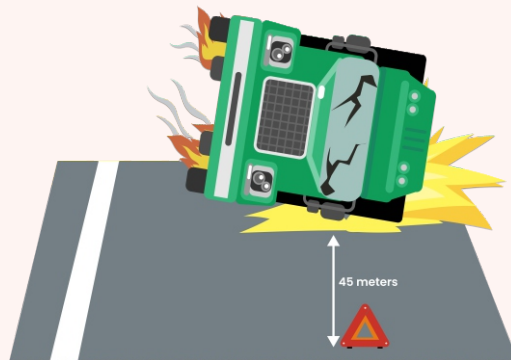
## Accident Investigations – Police Procedures

- ✓ Vehicles involved in the accident will be tested by the Drivers and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA)
- ✓ On no occasion should any driver pay any money to the police for the testing of accident vehicles.
- ✓ The statutory fee for the testing of an accident vehicle is 85 Ghana cedis



### Duties of the Driver in Case of Breakdowns

- ✓ Where the breakdown obstructs traffic, reflective triangles should be placed 45m or 50 yards before and behind the vehicle to warn approaching drivers.
- ✓ When the nature of the breakdown is such that the vehicle is expected to obstruct traffic for more than 1 hour in an urban area, or more than 2 hours in a rural area, the name and address of the driver should be left with the police or the Road Authority within whose jurisdiction the road is situated.
- ✓ The penalty for failure to do so is removal/ towing by authorities who will recover the cost of removal from the vehicle owner.

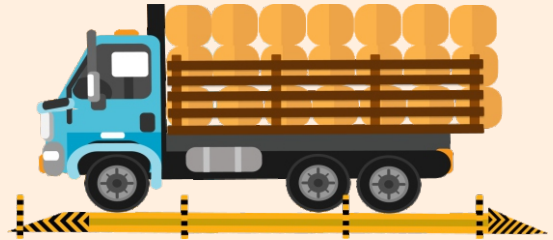


## AXLE LOAD REGULATIONS

### Ghana Road Traffic Regulations, 2012, (LI 2180)

Ghana's Road Traffic Regulations, 2012 (L.I.2180) is in tandem with the ECOWAS Supplementary Act and UEMOA Regulation 14.

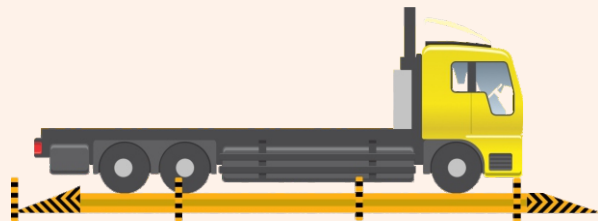
- ✔ Makes it an offense for a person to drive on a road, a motor vehicle and or a trailer which has a net maximum weight of more than 16 metric tons. (Regulation 86)
- ✔ Allows for the setting up of weigh bridges and other devices for checking the weight of trucks. (Regulation 87)
- ✔ Requires anyone engaged in transporting bulk goods to provide and install a weighbridge or other approved devices for weighing of loaded vehicles leaving the company premise. (Regulation 87)



### Weighing of Empty Trucks

- ✓ The weight of the empty truck should always be known by the truck operator or driver.
- ✓ Empty trucks can be weighed at no charge at any of the Ghana Highway Authority (GHA) weighbridges. Empty weights should always be confirmed after the truck undergoes maintenance.

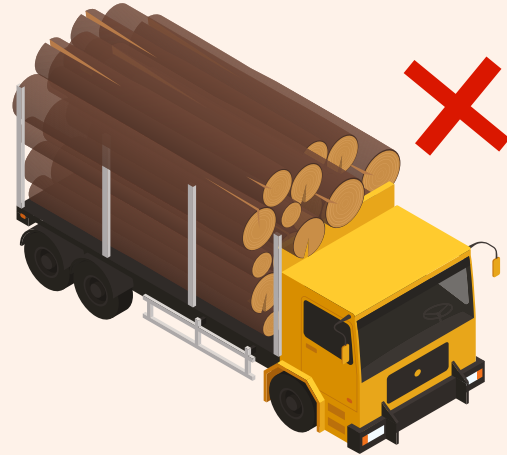
**Weighing of empty vehicles is FREE and no money is to be collected at the weighbridge for trucks within permissible weight limits.**





## Overloaded Vehicles

- ✔ A vehicle is overloaded when its weight is over the allowed weight by law.
- ✔ Overloaded vehicles must offload (shed off) or redistribute excess load and reweighed to ensure compliance before the vehicle continues its journey. Regulation 92 (7a &b)
- ✔ It is an offense to drive an overloaded vehicle.
- ✔ The Penalty for driving such a vehicle is a summary conviction to a fine of not less than 25 or not more than 50 penalty units or a term of imprisonment not more than 3 months or both. Regulation 93 (1)
- ✔ The Road Authority will also add a fine to recover the cost of damage to roads and bridges by overloaded vehicles. These fees are payable on the spot. (Regulation 93 (2) & (3))

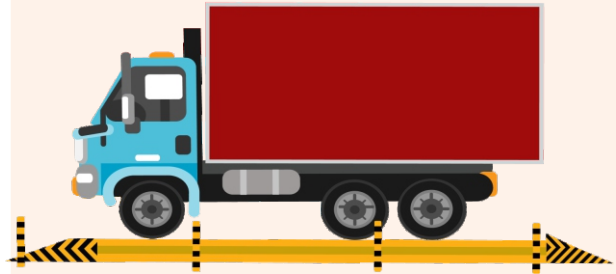


### Indicators of an Overloaded Vehicle

- ✓ Hard to control
- ✓ Brakes poorly
- ✓ Poor steering ability
- ✓ Slow to gain speed
- ✓ Take long to stop

### Weighing Protocols

- ✓ Trucks directed by police officer / an authorized officer to the axle load station.
- ✓ Driver submits waybill and moves the truck onto the weighing scale.
- ✓ The gross weight of the truck shows on the external display device.
- ✓ Weighing certificate issued to driver.
- ✓ In the event of an overload, excess cargo is shed off, fine paid and payment receipt issued.
- ✓ If the weighed truck is within the required limits, it proceeds on its journey
- ✓ Unauthorized payment should not be made at the axle load station



### What Should Happen at Weighbridges?

All weighbridges are operated by a Ghana Highway Authority (GHA) official, and a police officer.

It is mandatory to stop and submit for weighing at all weighbridge stations on your route.

Vehicles and trailers that refuse to be weighed will attract a penalty of 25 units or 8 months imprisonment or both) (Act 761).

### Role of the GHA Official

- ✓ The GHA official is expected to weigh the truck, and provide the driver with a printout showing his recorded weight.
- ✓ If the truck is found to be overweight, the original logbook and waybill will be collected by the GHA official, copied and returned to the truck driver.



### Role of the Police Officer

- ✓ A police officer is stationed at the weighbridge to signal trucks off the road to the weighbridge location.
- ✓ Overweight trucks are referred to the police officer for processing. This includes scheduling a court date where the truck will be liable to pay a fine not exceeding 300 GHC. The truck will be required to offload the extra weight carried before being allowed to proceed.



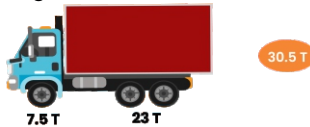
## CURRENT PERMISSIBLE AXLE LOAD LIMITS

### Current Limit

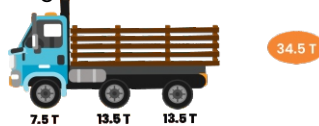
Single vehicle with 2 axles



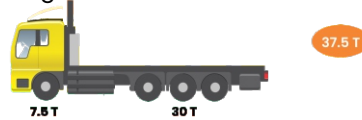
Single vehicle with 3 axles



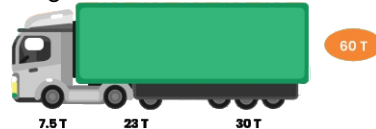
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Single vehicle with 4 axles



Single vehicle with 6 axles



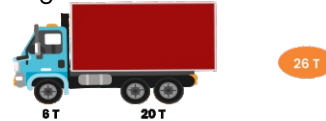
Allowable Height - 4.5 metres  
Allowable Width - 2.55 metres  
Maximum Length of Articulator - 2.55 metres

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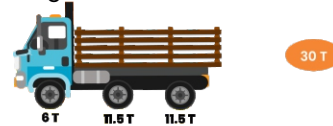
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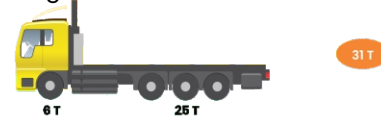
Single vehicle with 3 axles



Single vehicle with 3 axles



Single vehicle with 4 axles



Single vehicle with 6 axles



Allowable Height - 4.5 metres  
Allowable Width - 2.55 metres  
Maximum Length of Articulator - 2.55 metres

## OVERLOADING FINES

**Current Overloading Fines**

Axle Load (Tonnes)	Excess of Total Weights of Vehicle on the Road (Tonnes)	Fines (Gh )
11.5	0	Legal
12	0.5	Tolerance Margin
12.5	1.0	100
13	1.5	200
14	2.5	500
15	3.5	1000.00
16	4.5	1500.00
17	5.5	2000.00
18	6.5	3000.00
19	7.5	4000.00
20	8.5	5000.00
Unauthorised out gauge load		65.12
Unauthorised transformation of gauge		293.04
Refusal to pass through weighbridge station		293.04

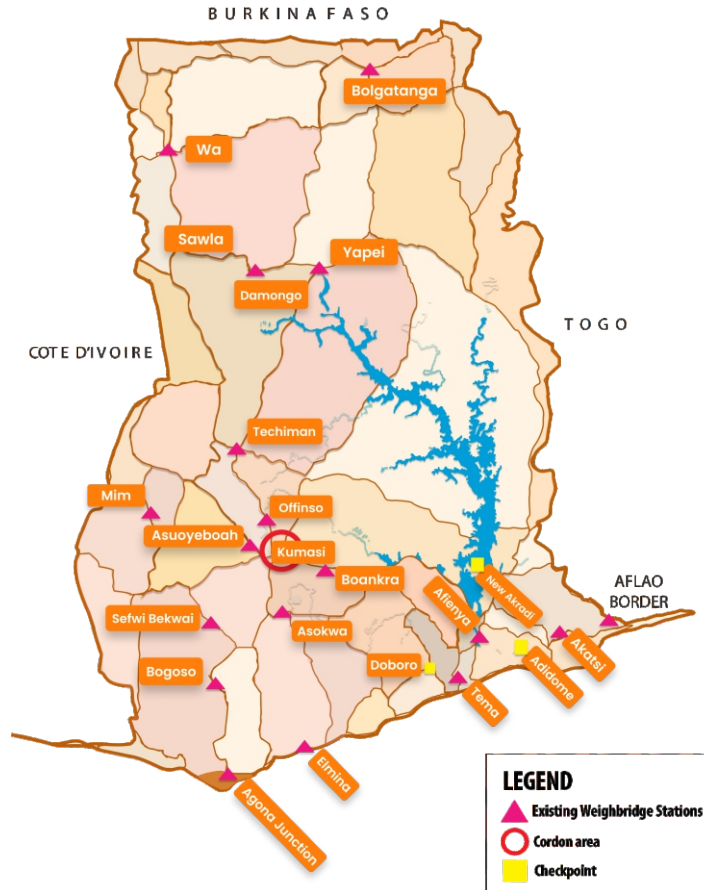


**New Overloading Fines**

Axle Load (Tonnes)	Excess of Total Weights of Vehicle on the Road (Tonnes)	Fines (Gh )
11.5	0	Legal
12	0.5	Tolerance Margin
12.5	1.0	150
13	1.5	300
14	2.5	750
15	3.5	1,500.00
16	4.5	2,250.00
17	5.5	2,500.00
18	6.5	4,500.00
19	7.5	6,000.00
20	8.5	7,500.00
Unauthorised out gauge load		130.24
Unauthorised transformation of gauge		439.56
Refusal to pass through weighbridge station		439.56

## Current Weighbridge Locations

### Status and Locations of Existing Permanent Weighbridge Stations



## Current Weighbridge Locations

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No.	Name of Station	Route Name	Region	Location/Coordinates
1.	Tema	Aflao – Elubo Road (Coastal Corridor N1)	Tema Motorway/Greater Accra	(5.6701740, -0.0533470)
2.	Elmina	Aflao – Elubo Road (Coastal Corridor N1)	Atabaadze/ Mpaesem Central	(5.102942, -1.402503)
3.	Akatsi	Aflao – Elubo Road (Coastal Corridor N1)	Torve – Akatsi/Volta	(6.099586, 0.763959)
4.	Agona Nkwanta	Aflao – Elubo Road (Coastal Corridor N1)	Agona Nkwanta/Western	(4.9096970, -1.9736560)
5.	Afiencya	Akosombo – Tema Road (Eastern Corridor N2)	Afiencya/Greater Accra	(5.787205, 0.001975)
6.	Bogoso	Apimanim – Nkonya Road (Western Corridor Ir06)	Bogoso/Western	(5.568278, -2.024806)
7.	Sefwi Bekwai	Sefwi Bekwai – Sefwi Wiawso Road (R125)	Sefwi Bekwai/Western North	(6.193859, -2.332290)
8.	Boankra	Accra – Kumasi Road (Central Corridor N6)	Boankra/Ashanti	(6.682159, -1.389291)
9.	Asuoyeboah	Kumasi – Gonokrom Road (N6)	Tanoso-Asuoyeboah/Ashanti	(6.695628, -1.679555)



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### Status and Locations of Existing Permanent Weighbridge Stations

No.	Name of Station	Route Name	Region	Location/Coordinates
10.	Adansi-Asokwa	Yamoransa–Anwiankwanta Road (N8)	Asokwa/Ashanti	(6.243047, -1.503558)
11.	Akom	Kumasi – Techiman Road (Central Corridor N10)	Offinso/Ashanti	(6.855917, -1.646222)
12.	Bolgatanga	Tamale – Navrongo Road (Central Corridor N10)	Bolgatanga/Upper East	(10.756110, - 0.861381)
13.	Sawla	Wa – Bole Road (N12)	Sawla/Savannah	(9.319217, -2.426504)
14.	Yapei	Techiman – Tamale Road (Central Corridor N10)	Yapei/Savannah	(9.1538642, -1.141086)
15.	Damango	Fufulso – Sawla Road (N7)	Damango/Savannah	(9.109705, -1.828122)
16.	Mim	Goaso – Kyeremasu Road	Alikrom-Mim/Ahafo	(6.913360, -2.573663)
17.	Jema	Techiman – Tamale (Central Corridor N10)	Jema/Bono East	(7.909630, - 1.763516)
18.	Aflao	Aflao – Elubo Road (Coastal Corridor N1)	Aflao Border/Volta	(6.113625, - 1.198916)

## TOWING SERVICES IN GHANA



Location	Organization / Towing Company	Phone Number
NATIONWIDE	The National Road Safety Authority (NRSA)	(toll free) MTN – 18008  VODAFONE 0800 – 10800
Accra	Adom Towing Services	027 743 3167
	Big Brain Towing Services	024 536 4047
	Joshua Towing Services	024 642 2444
	Rybrand'd Courya	054 309 8235
	191 Towing Services	024 519 9619
	Abenfo Towing Services	024 472 1643

	Truth Towing Services	027 063 8725
	Odimanfo Nyame Towing	027 138 3611
	Highway Emergency Local Patrol Services-(HELPS)	050 533 4703
	Acostar Towing Services	024 226 3605
	FirstCall Breakdown Assistance and Towing Services	024 226 3605
	Excoban Car Rentals and Towing services	020 835 0083
	Excoban Car and Towing Services Ashaiman/Tema Towing Service	026 530 2511
Kumasi	Avros Ltd. <a href="http://www.avrossales.com">http://www.avrossales.com</a>	032 202 5058 055 460 5097
Tema/Ashaiman	Rybrand'd Courya-Open 24 hours	054 309 8235
	Abenfo Towing Services-Open 24 hours	024 472 1643
	Odimanfo Nyame Towing-Open 24 hours	027 138 3611
	FirstCall Breakdown Assistance and Towing Services-Open 24 hours	030 277 9618
	191 Towing Services-Open 24 hours	024 519 9619
	Oheneba Towing Services-Open 24 hours	054 245 0514
	Acostar Towing Services-Open 24 hours	024 226 3605
	Akwasi Nyarko Towing Services-Open 24 hours	020 454 9117
	Auto Machine Shop	030 291 3461
	Highway Emergency Local Patrol Services-(HELPS)	050 533 4703

	Open till 10:00pm	
	Excoban Rentals – Open till 5:00pm	020 835 0083
	Ace Risk Services	030 330 8338
	Tema Lube Oil Company Limited	
	Puresight Car Rental Services Limited Tema-Open 24 hours	024 358 8287
Koforidua	Adom Towing Services-Open 24 hours	027 743 3167
	D.F.A Dzigbodi Motor	050 163 9899
Tamale	Umarib Ghana Ltd.	024 431 9458
Bolgatanga	Umarib Ghana Ltd.	024 431 9458
	A & SK Ltd.	024 459 5428
Aflao/Ho	Highway Emergency Local Patrol Services-(HELPS) Sarkozy Ltd.(Zone 2 : Accra – Ho, Accra – Aflao)	050 533 4703 024 444 4824
Techiman	Umarib Ghana Ltd.	024 431 9458
Sunyani	Kwasi Gyamfi Towing Services	020 814 8039
Wa	The National Road Safety Authority (NRSA)	(toll free) MTN – 18008 VODAFONE 0800 – 10800
	A & SK Ltd.	024 459 5428

## SECURITY AND TRANSIT FACILITATION

### Checkpoints

Ghana Police Service, Immigration and Customs operate checkpoints – fixed and mobile – to guard against road crime and enforce customs and immigration laws.

### Police Checkpoints

At authorized checkpoints, the police may check any of the following documents:

- ✓ International Driving License
- ✓ International Driving Permit
- ✓ National ID Card/Passport to establish citizenship
- ✓ ECOWAS Brown Card
- ✓ Roadworthiness Certificate



## SECURITY AND TRANSIT FACILITATION

### Custom Checkpoints

Customs Officers on duty patrol transit corridors checking for prohibited or restricted goods and verify if transit cargo has relevant customs certification and documentation such as:

- ✓ Inter-State Road Transit Logbook  
(ECOWAS ISRT Logbook)
- ✓ Inter-State Waybill
- ✓ Customs Declaration
- ✓ Letter of Guarantee (for imported vehicles)

In case these documents are not available, Customs Officials have the right to impound the vehicle until proper documentation is provided.

If you have problems at a checkpoint or the border when clearing or moving your cargo, send a text with your name, problem, where and when you had the problem to +233 547 383 875 (Ghana), +226 800 011 39 (Burkina Faso) and the problem will be reported to the appropriate country authorities for action.



You can also send a complaint to the following e-platform:  
[http://www.tradebarrierswa.org/register\\_complaint](http://www.tradebarrierswa.org/register_complaint)

Your complaint will be:

1. Reported to the appropriate country representatives
2. Published on this website

## SECURITY AND TRANSIT FACILITATION

### Immigration Checkpoints

At inland and international border posts, immigration officials may check any of the following valid travel documents:

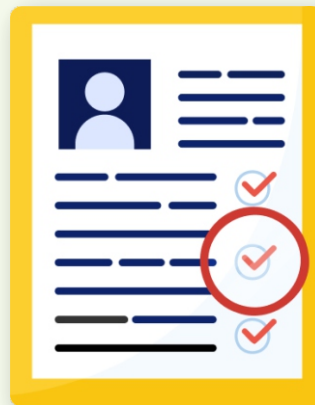
- ✓ Passport
- ✓ International Driving License
- ✓ Other services at checkpoints

### Forestry Checkpoints

- ✓ Log Measurement Conveyance Certificate (LMCC)
- ✓ Form C (Property Mark)
- ✓ Waybill from the seller
- ✓ VAT Receipt

### Ghana Health Services

- ✓ International Yellow Card
- ✓ Ghana Sanitary Phyto-sanitary & Zoo Sanitary Services
- ✓ Quality Certificate (for exports)



## WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

### The Motor Transport and Traffic Department (MTTD) of the Ghana Police Service



The Motor Transport and Traffic Directorate (MTTD) is an agency under the Ghana Police Service responsible for road safety in Ghana. The functions of the MTTD include (i) traffic control and management; (ii) enforcement of all road traffic laws and regulations; (iii) investigation on road traffic accident crash cases reported; (iv) processing and prosecution of traffic offenders among others. MTTD educates road users on accident-free road practices through training of motorists and pedestrians. Members of the unit are trained to spot, warn and arrest offending motorists, record all accidents and educate the public on preventive measures. Officers of the MTTD control traffic and enforce traffic regulations

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+233 3027793025

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info@police.gov.gh  
<https://police.gov.gh/en/>



## The National Road Safety Authority (NRSA)



**GRA**

The Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) was established in 2009 as a merger of the three revenue agencies, i.e. the Customs, Excise and Preventive Service (CEPS), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Value Added Tax Service (VATS) and the Revenue Agencies Governing Board (RAGB) in accordance with the Ghana Revenue Authority Act 2009, (Act 791). The core mandate of the GRA is to ensure maximum compliance with all relevant tax laws in order to ensure a sustainable revenue stream for government, trade facilitation and a controlled and safe flow of goods across the country's borders. The GRA also administers a number of international agreements that govern its relations with other tax jurisdictions and institutions such as World Customs Organization Protocols, World Trade Organization Protocols, Double Taxation and Exchange of Information Agreements.

### Telephone:

(+233) 20 926 7047

### Location:

GP-GPS GA-144-3422

<https://gra.gov.gh/customs/>

## Ghana Immigration Service (GIS)



The Ghana Immigration Service is the agency that advises on and ensures the effective implementation of all laws and regulations pertaining to immigration and related issues. Established under PNDC Law 226 in 1989, the Ghana Immigration Service remains the sole institution with the statutory mandate to regulate and monitor the entry, residence, employment and the exit of foreigners in the country. The passage of Immigration Act 2000, Act 573 expanded the functions and roles of the service. Prominent among these are the Indefinite Residence and Right of Abode facilities.

Ghana Immigration Service,  
Headquarters – Accra

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+233 302 224 445 /  
+233 302 213 401  
+233 302 226 731

**Email:**

[info@immigration.gov.gh](mailto:info@immigration.gov.gh)

## The Ghana Highway Authority (GHA)



The Ghana Highway Authority (GHA) was established under the National Redemption Council Decree (NRCD 298) of December 1974 with responsibility for the administration, control, development, and maintenance of all public highways and related facilities in Ghana. NRCD 298 was repealed by GHA Act 1997 (Act 540) which, however, continued the existence of the GHA to ensure the effective and efficient management of trunk roads and related matters. GHA's 13,367 km trunk roads make about 33% of Ghana's total road network of 40,186 km. The mission of GHA is to provide a safe and reliable trunk road network at optimal cost, taking advantage of modern technology in road building and new income-generating methods to facilitate socio-economic development in the country.

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## The National Road Safety Authority (NRSA)



The National Road Safety Authority was established by an Act of Parliament (NRSA Act 993) to develop and promote road safety in the country; co-ordinate and regulate activities, procedures and standards related to road safety; and provide for related matters.

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Ghana Football Association  
(GFA)  
Post Office Box OS1683,  
Osu - Accra.  
**Phone:** +233 (0)302-661-117

**Email:** [info@nrsc.gov.gh](mailto:info@nrsc.gov.gh)  
[www.nrsa.gov.gh](http://www.nrsa.gov.gh)

## Ghana Shippers Authority (GSA)



The Ghana Shippers' Authority (GSA) has been at the frontline of Ghana's maritime industry since its establishment in 1974 by NRCD 254. It has over the years collaborated with private and public organizations in the maritime industry to pursue its primary objective of protecting and promoting the interests of shippers in Ghana, in relation to port, ship and inland transport problems in order to ensure safe, reliable and cost-effective cargo handling. The Authority is one of the focal agencies championing the facilitation of transit trade through Ghana's corridors.

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7th Floor, Ghana Shippers'  
House

No. 12 Cruickshank Street  
Ambassadorial Enclave,  
West Ridge  
P.O Box GP 1321, Accra  
<https://shippers.org.gh/>

## The Ghana Road Transport Coordinating Council



The Ghana Road Transport Coordinating Council (GRTCC) was established in 2001, as an umbrella organization for all private road transport operators as well as corporate road transport bodies. Our core functions is the coordination of welfare related issues, in collaboration with the National Road Safety Authority and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority. We organize on the job training and we also play public education for the commercial vehicles drivers, we also play advocacy role to try and shape policy decisions. We are currently housed on the 2nd Floor, Power Plaza Building, opposite the kotobabi police station.

### Telephone:

+233 (0) 205444177

### Email:

grtcc.transport@gmail.com

## SIC Insurance PLC



SIC was appointed by the Government of Ghana as the National Guarantor for Ghana under the ISRT scheme to provide the needed cover against diversion of transit goods. A gazette was issued in February 2006 to that effect.

SIC Head Office Building  
(Nyemitei House)  
28/29 Ring Road East, Osu,  
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sicinfo@sic-gh.com

<https://www.sic-gh.com>

## Veterinary Services Directorate (VSD)



The Veterinary Services Directorate of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture was established to ensure a stable animal health situation through the provision of quality animal health care services by both public and private sector veterinary practitioners to enhance livestock, poultry and companion animals' production and productivity. The directorate provides animal health services for the national livestock in order to further the expansion of the livestock and poultry industries in the country. It protects public health by controlling animal diseases communicable to human beings. The directorate also seeks to alleviate suffering among animals and protects the health and safety of pet and zoological animals.

Veterinary Services  
Department Hospital  
Ring Road East, La  
030 277 5377

<https://mofa.gov.gh/site/directorates/technicaldirectorates/veterinaryservice>

## Borderless Alliance



Created in 2012, Borderless Alliance is an initiative of the West African private sector to promote the free movement of people and goods, by removing barriers to trade and transport through the simplification and harmonization of procedures. Therefore, it envisions a West Africa, where a truck can transport goods across the region quickly, efficiently and inexpensively, from Abidjan to Lagos or from Cotonou to Timbuktu.

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Street, Ako Agyei - Osu  
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[www.borderlesswa.com](http://www.borderlesswa.com) or  
[www.tradebarrierswa.org](http://www.tradebarrierswa.org)

## Conseil Burkinabé des Chargeurs



The Ghana National Bureau, ECOWAS Brown Card Insurance Scheme is an ECOWAS agency responsible for the implementation of the Brown Card Insurance Scheme in Ghana.

The Brown Card Insurance Scheme serves as a common insurance cover against Third Party liabilities that visiting motorists from other member states may incur while they drive across various national boundaries of ECOWAS. The Brown Card Insurance provides cover for property damage, death of, or bodily injury to, a person caused by, or arising out of the use of a motor vehicle from another country of ECOWAS.

The main objective of the Scheme is to ensure prompt and fair payment of compensation to victims of motor accidents caused by motorists visiting territories of other ECOWAS Member States

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### **Email :**

ghbrowncard@cartebrune.org

### **Website :**

<https://browncardghana.com>

### Conseil Burkinabe des Chargeurs



Burkina Shippers' Council (CBC) Ghana Office

Phone:  
030 320 2392

### Entrepôts Maliens Au Ghana – EMAGHA



Dedicated warehouses and open space within the port of Tema for the allotment of Malian goods for import and export.

Phone:  
030 321 1822

### Conseil Nigérien des Utilisateurs des Transport Publics (CNUT)–Niger Shipper Council – Ghana



The Nigerien Council of Public Transport Users (CNUT) exists to: (i) represent and protect the interests of public transport users; (ii) research, study and implement all measures to improve the efficiency and speed of public transport and control the evolution of costs ; (iii)supervise importers and exporters in the field of transport and also international trade, with a view to better management of their business; and (iv) enhance and manage spaces allocated to Niger in transit ports.

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030 321 1822

## CONTRIBUTING AGENCIES

The following institutions and departments under the coordination of the Ghana National Road Transport and Transit Facilitation Committee (NRTTFC) provides the necessary information needed for truck drivers, truck owners, freight forwarders and traders to safely ply the transit corridors in Ghana. This work forms part of the key roles the committee plays in the free flow of movement of cargo and services in Ghana.

-  Borderless Alliance
-  Conseil Nigérien des Utilisateurs des Transport Publics (CNUT)-Niger Shipper Council -Ghana
-  Conseil Burkinabe des Chargeurs-Burkina Shippers' Council (CBC)
-  ECOWAS Brown Card Secretariat
-  Entrepôts Maliens Au Ghana - EMAGHA
-  Ghana Immigration Service (GIS)
-  Ghana Revenue Authority - Customs Division (GRA)
-  Ghana Shippers Authority (GSA)
-  Plant Protection and Regulatory Services Directorate (PPRSD) of Ministry of Food and Agriculture
-  State Insurance Company (SIC)
-  The Ghana Police Service: Motor Traffic and Transport Department (MTTD)
-  The Ghana Highway Authority (GHA)
-  Veterinary services Directorate (VSD) of Ministry of Food and Agriculture





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REPUBLIC OF GHANA



**GRA**



**BROWN CARD**  
ECOWAS INSURANCE



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