

Information for owners of toll-exempt vehicles

Toll-exempt vehicles

In accordance with § 1 subsections 1 and 2 of the German Federal Trunk Road Toll Act (BFStrMG), certain vehicles and vehicle combinations are exempt from the toll.

This includes the following toll-exempt vehicles:

- Buses and coaches,
- Military vehicles,
- Police vehicles,
- Civil defence and emergency rescue vehicles,
- Vehicles used by non-profit-making or charitable organisations to transport emergency aid in serious humanitarian crises,
- Fire brigade vehicles,
- Vehicles used by other emergency services,
- Federal government vehicles,
- Vehicles used exclusively for road maintenance and road operation, including road cleaning and winter services,
- Vehicles used exclusively for the purposes of showmen and circuses, agricultural or forestry vehicles designed to have a maximum speed of 40 km/h, which are being used by agricultural or forestry businesses and appropriate contractors to transport agricultural and forestry products or consumer goods as usual,
- Zero-emission vehicles with a Technically Permissible Maximum Laden Mass of up to 4.25 tonnes,
- Zero-emission vehicles with a Technically Permissible Maximum Laden Mass of over 4.25 tonnes (until 30 June 2031).

Fahrzeuge, die weder für den Güterkraftverkehr bestimmt sind noch für den Transport von Waren bestimmt sind, sind tollfrei.

For the toll-exempt vehicles, it must be clearly recognisable that the motor vehicles are intended for the specified purpose. This excludes buses, coaches, vehicles for transporting humanitarian aid, agricultural vehicles designed to have a maximum speed of 40 km/h, and zero-emission vehicles.

Registration

Buses and coaches belonging to the armed forces are automatically recognised by the toll system. Owners of other vehicles that are not subject to toll can register them with Toll Collect to avoid unnecessary diversions, checks and retrospective charging notices.

In order to qualify for registration the vehicle must permanently (rather than just temporarily) meet the exemp-

tion requirements during the selected registration period. The owner of a motor vehicle is eligible to apply. For vehicles used to transport humanitarian aid supplies, third-party vehicles can also be registered with the owner's consent. It is not possible for a trailer to be registered separately without a motor vehicle.

Registration is not mandatory. Exemptions from the toll obligation apply irrespective of any registration. Registration is simply an additional option provided by Toll Collect GmbH and is voluntary.

Registration is based on the principle of self-declaration, i.e. the applicant is

- responsible for the factual and legal accuracy of the information provided and
- is obliged to inform Toll Collect immediately in writing of any changes affecting this information (e.g. deregistration or a change to the registration).

The registration of vehicles or vehicle combinations implies no recognition of toll exemption by Toll Collect or the Federal Logistics and Mobility Office.

Registration is valid for a maximum of two years. It can then be extended. Any registration that is not extended by the date of expiry automatically lapses.

Online toll exemption

You will find a link to the online toll exemption on the Toll Collect website. You can use this for

- Online registration
- Online renewal
- Online deregistration

for toll-exempt vehicles.

Please complete the relevant online form in full. Please upload your vehicle registration certificate Part I and the supporting documents for the selected registration reason.

A simplified procedure is used for registration extensions: if the content of the vehicle documents has not changed since the initial registration, you do not need to regularly resubmit a copy.