



## WELCOME TO MOZAMBIQUE

This is a country with a great deal to offer. Our agricultural potential is immense; our vast mineral and energy resources growing; the natural beauty of our long coastline and the rich fauna and flora of the interior are idyllic secrets to share with our visitors. Our arts, culture and culinary add to the hospitality that motivates you to come back. With this in mind, we wish to assist you in a safe and stress free journey by sharing with you Mozambique's travel regulations.



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**T**here are different officials on the road performing specific functions and controlling various elements.

The information contained herein will provide for a more friendly and courteous interaction between officials and road users.

When stopping for an official, please indicate, stop and turn on your hazard lights. Kindly turn down the music and remove your sunglasses. The officer will appreciate this small token of respect.

- **Officers in White Shirt and Blue Trousers - Traffic Police** - shall carry identification, with their name and number visible on their uniform - are permitted to fine you for any traffic violations as listed in this table. Please insist on the written fine and do not initiate a bribe. This will ensure that you are not extorted from and pay the correct fine. Help stamp out corruption.
- **Officers in Light Grey Shirt and Dark Grey Trousers - Protection Police** - are NOT permitted to fine you for any violations. They are allowed to take you to the police station for arrest only if you are found carrying stolen goods or illegal substances or contraband, or for theft or assault. They normally work together with the traffic police.
- **Officers in Dark Green - Rapid Intervention Police** - similar to duties to Protection Police
- **Officers in Light Green Shirt and Green Trousers with Red Armband - Taxi Police** - are only permitted to check taxis.
- **Officers in Light Blue Shirt and Blue Trousers - Algodaga/Customs** - permitted to search vehicles for undeclared items.
- **Military** - Allowed to search vehicle at roadblocks or border posts.

Below are telephone numbers if you find yourself in any trouble. If you are treated unfairly call the number below and/or write down all details and hand in at your tourism destination.

Do not be intimidated - use this document to your benefit.  
 Anti-corruption: +258 82 396 9890  
 ER24 Maputo: +258 84 124 3724  
 RSA High Commission: +258 21 49 0059/3030  
 After hours: +258 84 304 4600  
 TRAC N4 Toll Route Emergencies: +258 82 303 4303

### BORDER/CUSTOMS

- Obtain vehicle voucher at the gate and park.
- "Runners" are not government officials. No official fees are payable on either side of the border for the completion of documents. It is advised not to use them.
- Individuals to have their passports stamped in the office
- Driver to have the vehicle voucher stamped in the office
- Driver to obtain a vehicle form, complete it with information of the vehicle, boat, trailer and electronic equipment and have it stamped in the office
- For duty items go to the duty counter, declare goods and pay duty. Keep documentation the duration of travel as proof of payment
- Proceed in your vehicle to the gate and hand in your vehicle voucher
- Customs officials are at liberty to search your vehicle
- If you are caught with undeclared items they will be confiscated

### TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS & FINES (Road Decree 1/2011)

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| 1. None compliance to permanent and temporary traffic road signs (Art14)   | 1000                         |
| 2. Drivers shall not drive with any part of their body outside of the vehicle (Art16)  | 1000                         |
| 3. Not reducing speed at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hills, bends, intersections, circles, bridges, tunnels, villages, buildings, schools, people, animals, places of reduced visibility, signposted as danger/perigo (Art32)</li> </ul>   | 1000                         |
| 4. Speed limits: (Art33) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small passenger vehicle w/o trailer in towns 60km, out of towns 120kmph</li> <li>• Small passenger vehicle with trailer in towns 60km, out of towns 100kmph</li> <li>• Goods vehicle in towns 60kmph, out of towns 100kmph</li> </ul>  | 1000                         |
| 5. Fines for exceeding the speed limit (Art33) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceeding max limit up to 20kmph</li> <li>• Exceeding max limit up to 40kmph</li> <li>• Exceeding max limit up to 60kmph</li> <li>• Exceeding max limit more than 60kmph</li> <li>• Exceeding max limit more than double prison from 3 days to 3 months plus fine</li> </ul> | 2000<br>4000<br>8000<br>8000 |
| 6. Speed cameras must show speed travelled and date and time of offense  | 8000                         |
| 7. Exceeding seated passenger limit (Art55)  | 500                          |

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| 8. Cargo reducing driver visibility (eg canoes must face up) or protruding the length or width of the vehicle (Art56)  | 1000                         |
| 9. Not having correct or working illumination, light signally devices, reflectors, lights, blue & white towing sticker (Art59,60)  | 1000 to 2000                 |
| 10. Failure to use emergency lights with vehicle breakdown or tow (Art63)  | 750                          |
| 11. Ignoring traffic signals (Art69)   | 1000                         |
| 12. Throwing objects from vehicles (Art78)   | 500                          |
| 13. Having alcohol inside the vehicle and not in the trunk/boot (Art81)  | 500                          |
| 14. Driving under the influence of alcohol, when tested by breathalyzer (Art81) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From higher than 0,0mg/l, to 0,3mg/l</li> <li>• From 0,3mg/l to 0,40mg/l</li> <li>• From 0,41mg/l to 0,70mg/l</li> <li>• More than 0,70mg/l</li> <li>• More than 1,2mg/l - prison sentence up to 1 month plus fine</li> <li>• A public transport or dangerous cargo driver, if over 0,0 mg/l - prison sentence of up to 6 months plus fine (Art81)</li> </ul> | 1500<br>2500<br>3500<br>5000 |
| 15. Driving under the influence of narcotics or psychotropics (Art81)  | 2000                         |
| 16. Failure to fasten seat belt while driving, front and back (Art87)  | 500                          |
| 17. Children under the age of 12 not transported on the back seat and secured with system for their height and weight (fine for each child) (Art87) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children under 3 can travel in the front seat if using a back facing retention system (Art87)</li> </ul>  | 300                          |
| 18. Drivers and passengers of motorcycles not wearing helmets (.Art87)   | 300                          |
| 19. Driver using any audio headphone or radiotelephonic (cell phones) device without headset with microphone/ loudspeaker (Art89)  | 2000                         |
| 20. Prohibited to use equipment/ devices to detect instruments for recording of offences (radar detectors) - devices can be confiscated (Art89)  | 2750                         |
| 21. Failure to have 2 safety triangles and 1 reflective jacket (Art91)   | 1000                         |
| 22. Driving an unregistered vehicle (Art120)   | 5000                         |
| 23. Driving an unregistered trailer (Art120)   | 2500                         |
| 24. SADC drivers licenses are valid (Art129)   |                              |
| 25. Driving incorrect vehicle to drivers license   | 1000                         |
| 26. Having a drivers license but not carrying it with you (Art127)   | 200                          |

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| 27. Not being qualified to drive (never taken test and received license) prison sentence of 3 days to 6 months plus fine (Art127)   | 5000 |
| 28. Driving with an expired license (more than 30 days) (Art127)  | 5000 |
| 29. Not complying with medical restriction of drivers license (Art127)  | 2000 |
| 30. Failure to stop after causing an accident or abandoning injured/deceased persons - prison time of one to eight years (Art152)   |      |
| 31. Failure to have 3rd party insurance (Art157), in case of an accident vehicle will be seized (Art162)  | 500  |
| 32. Seizure of drivers license (Art160) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When license has expired</li> <li>• When license has been suspended</li> <li>• When driver under the influence</li> <li>• Suspected it is falsified</li> </ul>   |      |
| 33. Seizure of vehicle documents (Art161) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When the vehicle is seized</li> <li>• When the papers are illegible</li> <li>• When the vehicle is unsafe</li> <li>• Number plates do not comply with regulatory conditions</li> <li>• When characteristics of the vehicle (including tyre measurements) do not match those on the papers</li> <li>• Suspected they are falsified</li> </ul> |      |
| 34. Regarding above, the official will issue a note as a substitute for a time and restrictions set thereon, eg-for the vehicle to be taken for repairs and must be returned repaired within a maximum of 8 days (Art161)   | 1500 |
| 35. Seizure of vehicle (Art162) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicle not conforming to registration specifications</li> <li>• No number plates</li> <li>• An accident has been caused without 3rd party insurance</li> </ul>  |      |
| 36. Voluntary compliance / payment of fines must be exercised within 15 days at any Provincial traffic Dept of Police (Art172)  |      |

### NOT IN THE ROAD DECREE - NO FINE

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| 37. Light vehicles not having fire extinguisher | 0 |
| 38. Objects on the back seat of vehicle         | 0 |
| 39. Driver not wearing shirt or shoes           | 0 |
| 40. Wearing sunglasses while driving            | 0 |