

On the Road – in Mozambique

Travelling on the roads in Mozambique can be a very pleasant experience and like anywhere else in the world there are things that you must be aware of. The N4 continues from South Africa to Maputo and it is managed by the company Trans African Concessions (TRAC). In Mozambique there are two toll Plazas, namely the Moamba Toll Plaza and the Maputo Toll Plaza. Both accept only cash Metical, Rand or US Dollar and change will be paid in the local currency. [Click here to view the latest Toll fees.](#)

With this in mind, we wish to assist you in a safe and stress free journey by sharing Mozambique’s travel regulations with you. There are different officials on the road performing specific functions in controlling various elements. The information here below will provide for a more 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 as a small token of respect.

Traffic		Police	Officers in White Shirts and Blue Trousers — shall carry identification, with their names and number visible on their uniform – are permitted to fine you for any traffic violations listed in this table. Please insist on a written fine and do not initiate a bribe.
Protection Police **** Please Not the uniform changed to blue			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 substance or contraband, or for theft or assault. They normally work together with the Traffic Police. **** Uniform was changed. Was Light Grey Shirt and Dark Grey Trousers
Rapid Intervention Police			Officers in Dark Green — similar duties to Protection Police.
Municipal Police			Officers in Light Green Shirt and Green Trousers with red Armband – are only permitted to check taxis.
Alfândega (Customs)			Officers in Light Blue Shirt and Blue Trousers — permitted to search vehicles for undeclared items.
Military			Military – allowed to search vehicle at roadblocks or border posts.

Useful contact numbers in Mozambique:

Anti-corruption/help

: +258 82 396 9890 (PS DriveMoz 1st recommend you calling the Legal Assist Helpline - an optional service you get with your 3rd party online)

ER24 Maputo

: +258 84 124 3724

TRAC EN4 Route – Emergencies

: +258 82 303 4303

South African High Commission in Maputo

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After hours

: +258 84 304 4600

Mozambican Traffic Violations and Fines (Road Decree 1/2011)

1	None compliance to permanent and temporary traffic road signs (Art 14)	1000MTN
2	Drivers shall not drive with any part of their body outside the vehicle (Art 16)	1000MTN
3	Not reducing speed at: hills; bends; intersections; circles; bridges; tunnels; villages; buildings; schools; people; animals; places of reduced visibility; and places signposted as danger (perigo) (Art 32)	1000MTN
4	Speed limits (Art 33): Speed cameras must show speed travelled and date of the offense	
	Exceeding max limit up to 20km/h	1000MTN
	Exceeding max limit up to 40km/h	2000MTN
	Exceeding max limit up to 60km/h	4000MTN
	Exceeding max limit more than 60km/h	8000MTN
	Exceeding max limit more than double	
	Prison sentence of between 3 days and 3 months, plus fine 8000MTN	
5	Exceeding seated passenger limit (Art 55)	500MTN
6	Cargo reducing driver visibility (e.g. canoes must face up or protruding the length or width of the vehicle) (Art 56)	1000MTN
7	Not having correct or working illumination, light signalling devices, reflectors, lights, blue & white towing sticker (Art 59, 60)	1000MTN to 2000MTN
8	Failure to use emergency lights with vehicle breakdown or tow (Art 63)	750MTN
9	Ignoring traffic signals (Art 69)	1000MTN
10	Throwing objects from vehicles	500MTN
11	Having alcohol inside the vehicle and not in the trunk/boot (Art 81)	500MTN
12	Driving under the influence of alcohol, when tested by breathalyser (Art 81):	
	From higher than 0,0mg/l to 0,3mg/l	1500MTN
	From 0,41mg/l to 0,70mg/l	2500MTN
	More than 0,70mg/l	3500MTN
	More than 1,2mg/l	5000MTN
	A public transport or dangerous cargo driver if over 0,0mg/l	
	Prison sentence up to one month plus fine prison sentence of up to 6 months plus fine (Art 81)	
13	Driving under the influence of narcotics or psychotropics . (Art 81)	2000MTN
14	Failure to fasten seat belt while driving, front and back (Art 87)	500MTN
15	Children under the age of 12 not transported on the back seat and secured with a system for their height and weight (fine for each child) (Art 87) – Children under the age of 3 can travel in the front seat if using a back facing retention system (Art 87).	300MTN
16	Drivers and passengers of motorcycles not wearing helmets (Art 87)	300MTN
17	Driver using any audio headphone or radiotelephonic (cell phones) device without headset with microphone/loudspeaker (Art 89)	2000MTN
18	Prohibited to use equipment/devices to detect instruments for recording offences (radar detectors) – devices can be confiscated (Art 89)	2750MTN
19	Failure to have 2 safety triangles and 1 reflective jacket (Art 91)	1000MTN
20	Driving an unregistered vehicle (Art 120)	5000MTN
21	Driving an unregistered trailer (Art 120)	2500MTN
22	SADC drivers licenses are valid (Art 129):	
	Driving with an invalid drivers license	1000MTN

	Having a drivers license but not carrying it with you (Art 127)	200MTN
	Not being qualified to drive (never taken test and received license) Prison sentence of between 3 days and 6 months, plus fine (Art 127)	
	Driving with an expired license (more than 30 days) (Art 127)	
	Not complying with medical restrictions of drivers license (Art 127)	
23	Failure to stop after causing an accident or abandoning injured/deceased persons (Art 152). Prison time between one and eight years	
24	Failure to have 3rd party insurance (Art 157) In the event of an accident vehicle will be seized (Art 162)	
25	Seizure of driver's license (Art 160): When license has expired When license has been suspended Suspected it is falsified	
26	When the vehicle is seized; (Art 160) When the papers are illegible; When the vehicle is unsafe; Number plates do not comply with regulatory conditions; When characteristics of the vehicle (including tyre measurements) do not match those on the papers; Suspected they are falsified. Regarding the above, the official will use a note as a substitute for a time and restrictions set thereon, e.g. for the vehicle to be taken for repairs and must be returned repaired within a maximum of 8 days (Art 161)	
27	Seizure of a vehicle (Art 162): Vehicle not conforming to registration specifications; No number plates; An accident has been caused without 3rd party insurance; Voluntary compliance/payment of fines must be exercised within 15 days at any Provincial Traffic Department of Police (Art 172).	

NOT IN THE ROAD DECREE – NO FINE

- Light vehicles not having a fire extinguisher.
- Objects on the back seat of the vehicle.
- Driver not wearing a shirt or shoes.
- Wearing sunglasses while driving.

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<http://www.dirco.gov.za/maputo/ontheroadinmozambique.html>

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