

LAW OF GEORGIA ON MOTOR TRANSPORT

This Law determines the legal, economic and organisational grounds for activities related to motor transport. This Law shall apply to all owners of vehicles, and to all participants of motor transportation and related activities regardless of their organisational and legal form and subordination.

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Article 1 - Definition of terms used in the Law

1. Motor transport - a part of the transport system, which includes motor transportation and related activities.
2. Road - a connecting driving lane having a solid surface, except for railways and runway and landing sites, which are open for a common traffic and are primarily intended for motor vehicles moving on their own wheels, including bridges, tunnels, load-bearing structures, road intersections, crossroads, and road forks.
3. Traffic - movement of the means of transport on roads, when a means of transport is transported by another means of transport. Only the movement of a means of transport, which is a carrier, shall be taken into account.
4. (Deleted).
5. Vehicle - a means of transport with an engine, or a combination of coupled vehicles, used for the transportation of cargo and passengers on roads.
6. Driver - a natural person who drives a vehicle on a road in accordance with the established procedures.
7. Road carriage - the transportation of passengers and the carriage of cargo by vehicles on a road.
8. Carrier - a natural or legal person who owns a motor vehicle and carries out road carriage activities in accordance with the legislation of Georgia.
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11. Local regular urban passenger transportation - the carriage of passengers using a route which is specified by the representative body of the relevant self-governing city, and in the territory of the capital of the city - the carriage of passengers using a route specified by the representative body of the Tbilisi self-government body, within the administrative borders of a self-governing city or Tbilisi, and also the carriage of passengers on the Rustavi-Tbilisi route, taking into consideration the routes specified by the normative act of the representative body of the Tbilisi self-government body.
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17. Permit - the right granted to a person by the Agency of Land Transport, or the authorised body of a self-governing city on the basis of an administrative-legal act, to carry out activities for a certain period as provided for by this Law, in compliance with the conditions laid down by law.
18. Regular carriage - multiple passenger carriage, which is carried out in accordance with an established traffic schedule using a specified route, which may also be used by any person.
19. International carriage - passenger carriage (boarding and disembarking) between two destinations located in different countries, or cargo carriage (loading and unloading), including transit through one or several countries.
20. Dangerous goods - substances and/or workmanship, which, according to international norms, and depending on the type of danger they may pose, are classified into 9 classes, and the international carriage of which is prohibited in accordance with the European Agreement on the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), or which may be permitted only in compliance with certain conditions.
21. Terms - technical regulations, conformity assessment, products, safe products - shall be defined in accordance with the Law of Georgia on Certification of Products and Services.
22. The legal entity under public law (LEPL) called the Land Transport Agency within the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia ('the Agency') - the agency created on the basis of the Law of Georgia on Administration and Regulation in the Field of Transportation.

Law of Georgia No 002 of 28 October 1997 - the Parliamentary Gazette No 45, 21.11.1997, p. 24

Law of Georgia No 426 of 28 June 2000 - LHG I, No 27, 17.7.2000, Art. 79

Law of Georgia No 3141 of 5 December 2003 - LHG I, No 32, 22.12.2003, Art. 235

Law of Georgia No 1778 of 24 June 2005 - LHG I, No 40, 18.7.2005, Art. 267

Law of Georgia No 3178 of 25 May 2006 - LHG I, No 17, 30.5.2006, Art. 123

Law of Georgia No 4594 of 30 March 2007 - LHG I, No 11, 10.4.2007, Art. 98

Law of Georgia No 5643 of 18 December 2007 - LHG I, No 48, 27.12.2007, Art. 423

Law of Georgia No 4215 of 22 February 2011 - website, 10.3.2011

Law of Georgia No 4689 of 17 May 2011 - website, 1.6.2011

Law of Georgia No 1970 of 5 February 2014 - website, 19.2.2014

Law of Georgia No 5508 of 22 June 2016 - website, 29.6.2016



Article 2 - Legislation in the field of motor transport

The legislation in the field of motor transport consists of the Constitution of Georgia, the treaties and international agreements of Georgia, the Law of Georgia on Administration and Regulation in the Field of Transportation, the Law of Georgia on Licences and Permits, this Law, and other normative acts.

Law of Georgia No 1002 of 28 October 1997 - the Parliamentary Gazette No 45, 21.11.1997, p. 24

Law of Georgia No 1778 of 24 June 2005 - LHG I, No 40, 18.7.2005, Art. 267

Law of Georgia No 3178 of 25 May 2006 - LHG I, No 17, 30.5.2006, Art. 123

Law of Georgia No 4594 of 30 March 2007- LHG I, No 11, 10.4.2007, Art. 98

Article 3 - Motor transport and its tasks

1. Motor transport is a part of the transport system of Georgia, and its purpose is to meet the needs of the population and the national economy with regard to the range of services related to the process of carriage and transportation.

2. The main tasks of motor transport are to:

- a) convey passengers and carry cargo;
- b) provide transport and organised journeys and other types of services to natural and legal persons;
- c) ensure the protection of cargo during carriage.

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Article 4 - Management of motor transport

1. The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia shall develop and implement a unified state policy in the field of motor transport.

1¹. (Deleted).

2. The Agency shall exercise state supervision and control over compliance with the requirements of legislative and subordinate normative acts applicable in the field of motor transport in the manner established by the legislation of Georgia.

3. The conveyance of passengers and the carriage of cargo by motor vehicles shall fall within the powers of the Agency in the field of motor transport.

4. Relevant self-governing units shall implement the organisation and management of local regular urban passenger transportation.

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Law of Georgia No 426 of 28 June 2000 - LHG I, No 27, 17.7.2000, Art. 79

Law of Georgia No 1022 of 20 July 2001 - LHG I, No 24,1 .8 . 2001, Art. 98

Law of Georgia No 1778 of 24 June 2005 - LHG I, No 40, 18.7. 2005, Art. 267

Law of Georgia No 3178 of 25 May 2006 - LHG I, No 17, 30. 5. 2006, Art. 123

Law of Georgia No 3679 of 10 November 2006 - LHG I, No 44, 27. 11. 2006 , Art. 302

Law of Georgia No 4594 of 30 March 2007- LHG I, No 11 , 10. 4. 2007, Art. 98

Law of Georgia No 849 of 23 December 2008 - LHG I, No 40, 29. 12. 2008, Art. 274

Law of Georgia No 2266 of 4 December 2009 - LHG I, No 45, 21. 12. 2009, Art. 335

Law of Georgia No 3745 of 26 October 2010 - LHG I, No 62, 5.11.2010, Art.385

Law of Georgia No 4215 of 22 February 2011 – website, 10.3.2011

Law of Georgia No 4689 of 17 May 2011 - website, 1.6.2011

Article 5 - (Deleted)

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Law of Georgia No 2068 of 9 June 1999 - LHG I, No 24(31), 26.6.1999, Art. 108

Law of Georgia No 3141 of 5 December 2003 - LHG I, No 32, 22.12.2003, Art.235

Law of Georgia No 1778 of 24 June 2005 - LHG I, No 40, 18.7.2005, Art.267

Article 5¹ - Types of permit-related activities

1. All natural or legal persons may carry out activities in the field of motor transport without any restrictions. A permit shall be issued only for the following types of activities:

- a) local regular urban passenger transportation;
- b) the international carriage of passengers established by the treaties of Georgia;
- c) the international haulage of cargo established on the basis of treaties;
- d) the international haulage of cargo from the territory of Georgia (above the quota established on the basis of the treaties of Georgia), which is carried out by foreign carriers.

2. Refusal to issue a permit on the grounds of limiting the number of issued permits shall be prohibited, except for:

- a) permits for the international road haulage of cargo(within the quota established on the basis of the treaties of Georgia),which are issued to carriers registered in Georgia;
- b) permits for local regular urban passenger transportation.

3. Permits for the international road haulage of cargo within the quota established on the basis of the treaties of Georgia shall grant to foreign carriers the right to carry out bilateral international road haulage of cargo (unloading / loading, or loading in the territory of Georgia) or transit (without the right to unload and/or load in the territory of Georgia).



4. Permits for the international road haulage of cargo above the quota established on the basis of the treaties of Georgia shall grant to foreign carriers the right to carry out the international haulage of cargo without the right to load in the territory of Georgia.

5. Permits for the international road haulage of cargo from the territory of Georgia (above the quota established on the basis of the treaties of Georgia), shall grant to foreign carriers the right to carry out the international haulage of cargo with the right to load in the territory of Georgia.

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Law of Georgia No 3141 of 5 December 2003 - LHG I, No 32, 22.12.2003, Art. 235

Law of Georgia No 1778 of 24 June 2005 - LHG I, No 40, 18.7.2005, Art. 267

Law of Georgia No 3178 of 25 May 2006 - LHG I, No 17, 30.5.2006, Art. 123

Law of Georgia No 4594 of 30 March 2007 - LHG I, No 11, 10.4.2007, Art. 98

Law of Georgia No 3737 of 15 October 2010 - LHG I, No 56, 20.10.2010, Art. 361

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Article 5² - Permit issuing bodies

1. The Agency shall issue a permit for the activities provided for by Article 5¹(1)(d) of this Law within two working days after the submission of an application by a permit seeker, after which the data shall be entered into the departmental registry for permits. The Agency shall issue permits for activities specified in Article 5¹(1)(b)(c) of this Law in accordance with the Law of Georgia on Licences and Permits.

2. Permits for the activities provided for by Article 5¹(1)(a) of this Law shall be issued by a representative of the local self-government body, and in the capital by the government of Tbilisi, or a structural unit of Tbilisi City Hall authorised by the government of Tbilisi city, and permits on the local regular urban passenger transportation using the Rustavi -Tbilisi route shall be issued by an authorised body of the self-governing city Rustavi in accordance with the procedure established by law, by taking into consideration the routes established by a normative act of the representative body of the self-government of Tbilisi city. The issuance of a permit for local regular urban passenger transportation shall be regulated in accordance with the Law of Georgia on Licences and Permits.

3. The procedures for issuing permits, and for refusing to issue permits, as well as the procedures for controlling and cancelling permits, shall be established by the Law of Georgia on Licences and Permits.

Law of Georgia No 3141 of 5 December 2003 - LHG I, No 32, 22.12.2003, Art. 235

Law of Georgia No 1778 of 24 June 2005 - LHG I, No 40, 18.7.2005, Art. 267

Law of Georgia No 3178 of 25 May 2006 - LHG I, No 17, 30.5.2006, Art. 123

Law of Georgia No 4594 of 30 March 2007 - LHG I, No 11 10.4.2007, Art. 98

Law of Georgia No 5643 of 18 December 2007 - LHG I, No 48, 27.12.2007 Art. 423

Law of Georgia No 3737 of 15 October 2010 - LHG I, No 56, 20.10.2010, Art. 361

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Law of Georgia No 4689 of 17 May 2011 - website, 1.6.2011

Law of Georgia No 1970 of 5 February 2014 - website, 19.2.2014

Article 5³ - Documents required to obtain a permit

In order to obtain a permit for activities provided for by Article 5¹(b)(c)(d) of this Law, permit seekers shall additionally submit to the permit issuing body the following documents in addition to those provided for by the Law of Georgia on Licences and Permits:

a) a document proving the ownership of a motor vehicle(s) (other than a motor vehicle or vehicles registered in a foreign country) in possession of a permit seeker, and proving the fact that the relevant motor vehicle or vehicles has/have passed a regular technical inspection;

b) a copy of the driving licence of the relevant category of vehicle;

c) for the activities provided for by Article 5¹ (1)(b)(c) of this Law, the documents provided for by the treaties of Georgia shall be additionally submitted.

Law of Georgia No 3141 of 5 December 2003 - LHG I, No 32, 22.12.2003, Art. 235

Law of Georgia No 1778 of 24 June 2005 - LHG I, No 40, 18.7.2005, Art. 267

Law of Georgia No 3178 of 25 May 2006 - LHG I, No 17, 30.5.2006, Art. 123

Law of Georgia No 4200 of 29 December 2006 - LHG I, No 1, 3.1.2007, Art. 11

Law of Georgia No 4122 of 17 December 2010 - LHG I, No 76, 29.12.2010, Art. 507

Law of Georgia No 4215 of 22 February 2011 - website, 10.3.2011

Law of Georgia No 1914 of 23 December 2017 - website, 28.12.2017

Article 5⁴- (Deleted)

Law of Georgia No 3141 of 5 December 2003 - LHG I, No 32, 22.12.2003, Art. 235

Law of Georgia No 1778 of 24 June 2005 - LHG I, No 40, 18.7.2005, Art. 267

Article 5⁵- (Deleted)

Law of Georgia No 3141 of 5 December 2003 - LHG I, No 32, 22.12.2003, Art. 235

Law of Georgia No 1778 of 24 June 2005 - LHG I, No 40, 18.7.2005, Art. 267



Article 5⁶ - Validity of a permit

1. A permit for the activities provided for by Article 5¹(1)(a) of this Law shall be issued for a period of not less than a year. The term of the permit shall be defined by the representative body of the local self-government.
2. A permit for the activities provided for by Article 5¹(1)(b) of this Law shall be issued for a period defined on the basis of the treaties of Georgia.
3. A one-time permit shall be issued only once for the activities provided for by Article 5¹(1)(d) of this Law, and a one-time permit or a multi-use permit shall be issued only once for the activities provided for by Article 5¹(b) (c) of the same Law, for the period established by the treaties of Georgia.

Law of Georgia No 3141 of 5 December 2003 - LHG I, No 32, 22.12.2003, Art. 235

Law of Georgia No 385 of 13 August 2004 - LHG I, No 23, 24.8.2004, Art. 117

Law of Georgia No 1778 of 24 June 2005 - LHG I, No 40, 18.7.2005, Art. 267

Law of Georgia No 3178 of 25 May 2006 - LHG I, No 17, 30.5.2006, Art. 123

Law of Georgia No 4057 of 15 December 2010 - LHG I, No 74, 24.12.2010, Art. 452

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Article 5⁷ - Inspection of activities

1. Carrying out the types of activities defined by this Law shall not be permitted without the relevant state permit. Compliance with this requirement shall be controlled by the Patrol Police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, except for the case provided for by paragraph 2 of this article.

2. The availability of permit certificates and their supporting documents, defined by the procedures for the carriage of passengers and cargo by motor transport as laid down by the treaties, international agreements and conventions of Georgia, shall be controlled in the customs control zones by the legal entity under public law called the Revenue Service.

Law of Georgia No 3141 of 5 December 2003 - LHG I, No 32, 22.12.2003, Art. 235

Law of Georgia No 1778 of 24 June 2005 - LHG I, No 40, 18.7.2005, Art. 267

Law of Georgia No 2541 of 26 July 2014 - website, 6.8.2014

Article 5⁸ - Revocation of a permit

1. The revocation of a permit shall be carried out in accordance with the Law of Georgia on Licences and Permits.

2. The grounds for the revocation of a permit shall be:

a) violation of the permit conditions established by Article 5³ of this Law by a permit holder;

b) the failure by a permit holder for local regular urban passenger transportation, in the cases where there are certain restrictions established by an international agreement, to start the activities provided for by the permit within a month after the issuance of the permit.

Law of Georgia No 3141 of 5 December 2003 - LHG I, No 32, 22.12.2003, Art. 235

Law of Georgia No 1778 of 24 June 2005 - LHG I, No 40, 18.7.2005, Art. 267

Article 6 - Foreign economic activity

1. Persons engaged in activities related to motor transport may carry out foreign economic activities in compliance with legislation.

2. The Agency shall regulate the carriage of passengers and the haulage of cargo in international road traffic on the basis of the treaties and international agreements of Georgia. The Agency shall be responsible, within the scope of its authority, for the smooth operation of international road traffic.

Law of Georgia No 1002 of 28 October 1997 - the Parliamentary Gazette No 45, 21.11.1997, p.24

Law of Georgia No 1778 of 24 June 2005 - LHG I, No 40, 18.7.2005, Art. 267

Law of Georgia No 3178 of 25 May 2006 - LHG I, No 17, 30.5.2006, Art. 123

Law of Georgia No 4594 of 30 March 2007 - LHG I, No 11, 10.4.2007, Art. 98

Law of Georgia No 4215 of 22 February 2011 - website, 10.3.2011

Article 7 - (Deleted)

Law of Georgia No 1002 of 28 October 1997 - the Parliamentary Gazette No 45, 21.11.1997, p.24

Law of Georgia No 1778 of 24 June 2005 - LHG I, No 40, 18.7.2005, Art. 267

Article 8 - Requirements for motor vehicles

1. Motor vehicles that are not registered in the prescribed manner shall not be allowed to operate.

2. Motor vehicles shall comply with both the permit conditions and the rules and requirements established by the legislation of Georgia.

Law of Georgia No 1002 of 28 October 1997 - the Parliamentary Gazette No 45, 21.11.1997, p.24

Law of Georgia No 1151 of 11 December 1997 - the Parliamentary Gazette No 47-48, 31.12.1997, p.161

Law of Georgia No 3141 of 5 December 2003 - LHG I, No 32, 22.12.2003, Art. 235

Law of Georgia No 1778 of 24 June 2005 - LHG I, No 40, 18.7.2005, Art. 267



Article 8¹ - (Deleted)

Law of Georgia No 3178 of 25 May 2006 - LHG I, No 17, 30.5.2006, Art. 123

Law of Georgia No 3679 of 10 November 2006 – LHG I, No 44, 27.11.2006, Art. 302

Article 8² - (Deleted)

Law of Georgia No 3178 of 25 May 2006 - LHG I, No 17, 30.5.2006, Art. 123

Law of Georgia No 3679 of 10 November 2006 – LHG I, No 44, 27.11.2006, Art. 302

Article 9 - Right to drive mechanical motor vehicles

1. The right to drive motor vehicles shall be given to persons who have appropriate qualification and health status.

2. The qualification requirements necessary for driving motor vehicles shall be defined in the manner established by the legislation of Georgia.

3. Requirements with regard to the health status necessary for driving motor vehicles, and the procedures for health examinations, shall be defined by a joint order of the Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, and the Minister of Internal Affairs of Georgia.

Law of Georgia No 1002 of 28 October 1997 - the Parliamentary Gazette No 45, 21.11.1997, p.24

Law of Georgia No 1151 of 11 December 1997 - the Parliamentary Gazette No 47-48, 31.12.1997, p.161

Law of Georgia No 4594 of 30 March 2007 - LHG I, No 11, 10.4.2007, Art. 98

Law of Georgia No 3362 of 6 July 2010 - LHG I, No 39, 19.7.2010, Art. 239

Article 9¹ - Origination of a title to mechanical vehicles

The origination of a title of persons to mechanical vehicles shall become legally valid from the moment of registration with the legal entity under public law called the Service Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, except for the exclusive cases provided for by the legislation of Georgia.

Law of Georgia No 1544 of 17 July 2009 - LHG I, No 21, 3.8.2009, Art. 127

Article 10 - Traffic safety

1. Owners of vehicles (drivers) shall ensure traffic safety during the carriage of passengers, goods, luggage and mail on roads.

2. The conditions and procedures for the transportation of cargo (dangerous, bulky, heavy, perishable, etc) by vehicles shall be defined in the manner established by the legislation of Georgia.

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Law of Georgia No 3178 of 25 May 2006 - LHG I, No 17, 30.5.2006, Art. 123

Law of Georgia No 4594 of 30 March 2007 - LHG I, No 11, 10.4.2007, Art. 98

Article 11 – Organisation of works during a state of emergency

In the event of emergency (earthquake, flood, fire, etc.) all enterprises and organisations of motor transport shall declare a state of increased preparedness for the evacuation of the population and the removal of valuable material assets from the affected zone, for which the State shall be entitled to use all types of vehicles, regardless of their ownership, with subsequent compensation for related expenses.

Article 12 - (Deleted)

Law of Georgia No 1002 of 28 October 1997 - the Parliamentary Gazette No 45, 21.11.1997, p.24

Law of Georgia No 426 of 28 June 2000 - LHG I, No 27, 17.7.2000, Art. 79

Law of Georgia No 3178 of 25 May 2006 - LHG I, No 17, 30. 5. 2006, Art. 123

Law of Georgia No 4594 of 30 March 2007- LHG I, No 11, 10. 4. 2007, Art. 98

Article 13 - Transitional provision

A legal person under public law, the independent national regulatory body called the Administration of Motor Transport, shall ensure the compliance of its normative and legal framework with this Law within a month after the entry into force of this Law.

Law of Georgia No 1778 of 24 June 2005 - LHG I, No 40, 18. 7. 2005, Art. 267

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