











## Fact sheet on the Swiss

# lump-sum heavy vehicle charge (PSVA)

### Foreign vehicle categories subject to the lump-sum heavy vehicle charge

In Switzerland, a mileage-related heavy vehicle charge is levied on transport motor vehicles and trailers with a total weight of over 3.5 tonnes. Unlike the motorway tax sticker (vignette) for passenger cars, the heavy vehicle charge is payable on the entire road network, and not only on the motorway.

A lump-sum charge is levied rather than the mileage-related one for the following vehicles **weighing a total of over 3.5 tonnes**:

	Coaches and articulated buses
	Campervans and motorhomes
	Caravans
	Heavy passenger vehicles
	Tractors and motor carriages
	Other motor vehicles for the carriage of goods with a maximum speed of 45 km/h
	Vehicles used exclusively for transporting fun fair or circus material
	Trailers weighing more than 3.5 tonnes drawn by the above vehicles or light motor vehicles (excluding circus)

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### Rates<sup>1</sup>

Foreign vehicles subject to the lump-sum heavy vehicle charge are taxable in the same way as vehicles registered in Switzerland for each day spent in Switzerland, even if they are only parked and not driven (e.g. motorhome on a campsite).

The calculation is based on the total weight and/or the towing weight of the tractor unit in accordance with the vehicle registration document and the applicable period.

The following heavy vehicle charge options exist:

- for one to thirty consecutive days
- for one to eleven consecutive months
- for one calendar year

The rates can be found on the [Via Portal](#). The minimum sum per payment is CHF 25.

### Collection of charges

For foreign vehicles subject to the lump-sum heavy vehicle charge, the tax must be paid over "[Via](#)", the official application of the FOCBS.

### Extensions, refunds and transfers

If the stay in Switzerland lasts longer than planned, the lump-sum heavy vehicle charge must be paid again over "[Via](#)".

If the proof of payment of the lump-sum heavy vehicle charge is returned to the FOCBS before it expires, a partial refund will be made, provided the gross sum to be refunded is over CHF 50. Refunds incur a fee (5% of the refund amount; at least CHF 30).

### Checks and violations



Depending on the vehicle type, the valid ticket in "[Via](#)" serves as proof of payment of the lump-sum heavy vehicle charge for any checks by the police or customs.

Whoever uses a vehicle subject to the lump-sum heavy vehicle charge on the Swiss road network without having valid proof of payment will be liable to post-payment of the applicable charge and will also be punished with a fine of CHF 100.

Further information [www.focbs.admin.ch](http://www.focbs.admin.ch)

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<sup>1</sup> in accordance with [Art. 3 of the Heavy Vehicle Charge Ordinance](#)