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<u>Albania</u>	0.01%		Up to 40,000 ALL and possible licence suspension.
<u>Algeria</u>	0.02%		Up to 100,000 DZD or more if injury or death is caused.
<u>Andorra</u>	0.05%	0.02% for bus and lorry drivers.	150-601 EUR. Possible licence suspension.
<u>Argentina</u>	0.05%	0.02% for motorcycle and moped riders. 0% for bus drivers, taxi drivers and goods vehicles drivers.	2,186 - 7,289 ARS.
<u>Australia</u>	0.05%	0% for provisional licence holders in all states. 0% for professional drivers, except in the ACT and New South Wales (0.02%).	Up to 3,300 AUD. Possible licence suspension and/or prison sentence.
<u>Austria</u>	0.049%	0.01% during probationary period, 2 years after obtaining licence. 0.01% for public transports and goods vehicles drivers.	300 - 5,900 EUR. Possible licence suspension.
<u>Belarus</u>	0.00%		1,500,000-3,500,000 BLR. Three year licence suspension and possible prison sentence.
<u>Belgium</u>	0.05%		Up to 0.08%: on-the-spot fine of 150 EUR. Over 0.08%: on-the-spot fine of 450-600 EUR. Higher penalties apply if the driver is prosecuted. Possible licence suspension.
<u>Belize</u>	0.08%		500-5,000 BZD. Possible prison sentence.
<u>Bolivia</u>	0.07%	0.00% for bus or coach drivers.	Possible licence suspension.



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<u>Bosnia-Herzegovina</u>	0.03%	0% for bus and truck drivers and for young or novice drivers (under 21 years of age or under 3 years of driving experience).	50-1,000 BAM. Possible licence suspension.
<u>Botswana</u>	0.08%		1,000-5,000 BWP. Possible prison sentence.
<u>Brazil</u>	0.00%		957 BRL. Possible licence suspension and prison sentence.
<u>Bulgaria</u>	0.05%		500-2,000 BGN and licence suspension (6-12 months).
<u>Canada</u>	0.08%	Provincial authorities can set a lower limit (usually 0.05%). Young drivers (16 to 21 years old) as well as newly qualified drivers are not allowed any amount of alcohol in their blood (0%).	600 CAD for a first offence. Possible licence suspension and prison sentence.
<u>Chile</u>	0.03%		40,000-200,000 CLP if no damage is caused. Otherwise, up to 1,200,000 CLP. Possible licence suspension and prison sentence.
<u>China</u>	0.02%		Fine 1,000-2,000 CNY and 6 months licence suspension. Licence withdrawn for 5 years if BAC over 0.08%.
<u>Colombia</u>	0.04%		515,000 COP. Possible licence suspension and prison sentence or community service.
<u>Costa Rica</u>	0.049%	0.02% for professional drivers and newly qualified drivers (less than 3 years).	227,000 CRC. Possible vehicle confiscation and licence suspension. Prison sentence if BAC is over 0.075%.



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<u>Croatia</u>	0.05%	0% for drivers of vehicles over 3.5 t, for professional drivers (taxis, ambulances etc.) and for young drivers (up to 24 years)	700-15,000 HKR. Possible prison sentence.
<u>Cuba</u>	0.05%	0% for professional drivers (driving a bus, coach, HGV, taxi or public service vehicle), as well as for newly qualified drivers (less than 2 years' experience).	60 CUC.
<u>Cyprus</u>	0.05%		Drivers are summoned to court, where a judge will determine the fine and licence suspension period if applicable.
<u>Czech Republic</u>	0.00%		Up to 0.03% BAC: 2,500 - 20,000 CZK Over 0.03% BAC: 25,000-50,000 CZK and possible licence suspension
<u>Denmark</u>	0.05%		Fines are based on net monthly income and calculated according to the offender's blood alcohol level. Possible licence suspension and prison sentence.
<u>Dominican Republic</u>	0.05%	0% for public transport and lorry drivers.	1,667 DOP, possible licence suspension and prison sentence.
<u>Ecuador</u>	0.03%	0.01% for drivers of public transport, commercial or goods vehicles.	264-7,920 USD and prison sentence (5 days to 12 years).
<u>Egypt</u>	0.00%		500-1,000 EGP and licence suspension. Possible prison sentence.
<u>El Salvador</u>	0.05%		57.14 USD and possible vehicle confiscation.



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<u>Estonia</u>	0.00%		400-1,200 EUR or licence suspension. Possible prison sentence.
<u>Finland</u>	0.05%		Fines are based on net monthly income. Possible prison sentence.
<u>France</u>	0.05%	0.02% for bus and coach drivers.	135-750 EUR. Harsher penalties if BAC exceeds 0.08%. Possible licence suspension (maximum 3 years) and vehicle impoundment.
<u>Germany</u>	0.05%	0% for young drivers (under 21s) and newly qualified drivers (less than 2 years).	500-1,500 EUR and licence suspension. Harsher penalties if BAC exceeds 0.08%.
<u>Ghana</u>	0.08%		6,000-24,000 GHC and/or a prison sentence.
<u>Greece</u>	0.05%	0% for novice drivers (less than 2 years), motorcyclists and drivers of commercial or business vehicles.	78-624.50 EUR. Possible licence suspension and prison sentence.
<u>Guernsey</u>	0.08%		600 GBP and 3-month licence suspension.
<u>Honduras</u>	0.07%		900-1,000 HNL.
<u>Hong Kong</u>	0.05%		Maximum fine of 25,000 HKD. Possible licence suspension and prison sentence.
<u>Hungary</u>	0.00%		Maximum fine of 50,000 HUF and licence suspension. Possible prosecution.
<u>Iceland</u>	0.05%		70,000-160,000 ISK and licence suspension (from one month to permanent).
<u>India</u>	0.03%	0.08% in West Bengal	2,000-3,000 INR and/or a prison sentence.



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<u>Iran</u>	0.00%	Alcohol is officially banned in Iran.	Drinking alcohol is considered a very serious crime in Iran, which can result in a heavy fine and a possible prison sentence.
<u>Ireland</u>	0.05%	0.02% for newly qualified drivers (less than 2 years) and professional drivers (bus, HGVs and PSVs).	Fines for this offence are determined by a judge.
<u>Israel</u>	0.05%		Licence suspension. Drivers are summoned to court, where a judge will determine the fine to be paid.
<u>Italy</u>	0.05%	0% for novice drivers (less than 3 years) and for professional drivers (bus drivers, HGV drivers, business drivers, etc.).	527-6,000 EUR and license suspension. Possible prison sentence.
<u>Jamaica</u>	0.08%		
<u>Japan</u>	0.03%	Passengers of a vehicle who permit a person to drive while under the influence of alcohol are liable to heavy fines.	Up to 1,000,000 JPY (or prison sentence) and licence suspension.
<u>Jersey</u>	0.08%		Up to 2,000 GBP fine or six months prison and licence suspension for first-time offenders.
<u>Jordan</u>	0.08%		250-500 JOD and license suspension. Possible prison sentence.
<u>Kenya</u>	0.08%		Up to 500,000 KES or prison sentence.
<u>Korea (Republic of)</u>	0.05%		Drunk-driving can result in criminal prosecution and permanent driving licence suspension.
<u>Kuwait</u>	0.00%	Alcohol is officially banned in Kuwait.	500 KWD and/or a prison sentence.



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<u>Latvia</u>	0.05%	0.02% for novice drivers (less than 2 years).	150-1,000 LVL and temporary licence suspension. Short prison sentences apply from 0.1% BAC.
<u>Lebanon</u>	0.00%	There is no official limit, but a driver with a positive test after an accident is considered to be at fault and his licence is withdrawn immediately.	Driving licence suspension and vehicle confiscation.
<u>Libya</u>	0.00%	Alcohol is officially banned in Libya.	
<u>Lithuania</u>	0.04%	0.02 for newly qualified drivers (less than 2 years).	1,000-3,000 LTL and temporary licence suspension.
<u>Luxembourg</u>	0.05%	0.02% for novice drivers (less than 2 years) and drivers of commercial vehicles and taxis.	100-10,000 EUR and 2-4 points. Immediate licence suspension and possible prison sentence if BAC is over 0.12%.
<u>Macedonia</u>	0.05%	0% for professional drivers, as well as for young (under 21) and newly qualified drivers (for the first two years after obtaining their driving permit).	250-400 EUR and licence suspension.
<u>Madagascar</u>	0.08%		Vehicle confiscation. Drivers are summoned to court, where a judge will determine the fine and the licence suspension period if applicable.
<u>Malaysia</u>	0.08%		Up to 2,000 MYR or 6-months' prison sentence.
<u>Mali</u>	0,00%	It is a criminal offence to drive under the influence of alcohol, but no fixed limit seems to have been set.	
<u>Malta</u>	0.08%		Minimum fine 1,200 EUR and driving licence suspension for first-time offenders. Possible prison sentence.



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<u>Mauritius</u>	0.05%		Up to 25,000 MUR and 6 months prison for first-time offenders.
<u>Mexico</u>	0.08%	0.05% for drivers of goods vehicles 0% for drivers of commercial passenger vehicles	Penalties vary depending on each state. In Mexico City, no fine is levied, but drivers with a BAC exceeding the limit are detained for up to 36 hours. In Monterrey, fines start from 2,940 MXN.
<u>Moldova</u>	0.03%		10,000 MDL. 5-year driving licence suspension.
<u>Monaco</u>	0.05%	0.02% for bus and coach drivers.	200-9,000 EUR. Prison sentence for reoffenders.
<u>Montenegro</u>	0.03%	0.00% for professional drivers.	2,000 EUR and licence suspension.
<u>Morocco</u>	0.00%		5,000-10,000 MAD and/or 6-12 months prison. Temporary licence suspension.
<u>Mozambique</u>	0.06%	0.00% for bus and coach drivers and for drivers of vehicles carrying dangerous goods.	1,500-5,000 MZN.
<u>Namibia</u>	0.05%		The driver is arrested and the fine is determined by a judge.
<u>Netherlands</u>	0.05%	0.02% for new drivers (for the first 5 years after obtaining their driving permit) and moped riders up to the age of 24.	Minimum fine 350 EUR. Possible licence suspension and prison sentence.
<u>New Zealand</u>	0.08%	0.00% for drivers under 20 years.	4,500-20,000 NZD. Possible licence suspension and prison sentence.
<u>Nicaragua</u>	0.05%		1,500 NIO.
<u>Norway</u>	0.02%		Fines are based on net monthly income. Possible licence suspension (12 months) and prison sentence (2 weeks minimum).



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<u>Oman</u>	0.00%	It is a criminal offence to drive under the influence of alcohol.	License suspension. Also fine up to 500 OMR and / or a prison sentence (12 months maximum). Please note that motor insurance becomes void if the driver is found to be under the influence of alcohol.
<u>Pakistan</u>	0.00%		
<u>Paraguay</u>	0.04%		
<u>Peru</u>	0.05%	0.025% for lorry and bus drivers.	1,825-3,700 PEN, vehicle immobilisation and licence suspension.
<u>Poland</u>	0.02%		0.02% - 0.05%: fine up to 5,000 PLN and driving licence suspension up to 3 years. Over 0.05%: fine determined by a court, licence suspension up to 10 years and possible prison sentence up to 2 years.
<u>Portugal</u>	0.05%		250-2,500 EUR and licence suspension.
<u>Qatar</u>	0.00%		10,000-50,000 QAR and/or prison sentence (1 month - 3 years).
<u>Romania</u>	0.00%		675-1,500 RON and licence suspension.
<u>Russia</u>	0.035% (measured by BrAC)		The legal limit is 0.16 mg of alcohol per litre of breath (which equals a blood alcohol content of 0,035%). 5,000 RUB (or 15-day prison term) and licence suspension.
<u>Saudi Arabia</u>	0.00%	Alcohol is officially banned in Saudi Arabia.	300-900 SAR and/or 10 to 30 days imprisonment.



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<u>Senegal</u>	0.00%	It is a criminal offence to drive under the influence of alcohol, but no fixed limit seems to have been set.	500,000-5,000,000 XOF and a prison sentence.
<u>Serbia</u>	0.03%	0% for professional drivers and novice drivers (for the first year after obtaining their permit). If a medical examination shows that normal functions are impaired, a driver can be fined irrespective of the alcohol level in his/her blood.	5,000-120,000 RSD. Prison sentence for serious offenders.
<u>Singapore</u>	0.08%		1,000-30,000 SGD. One year driving licence suspension. Possible prison sentence for serious offenders.
<u>Slovakia</u>	0.00%		Licence suspension (1-10 years for BAC over 0.10% for first-time offenders - applicable to holders of foreign driving licences, who will be banned from driving in Slovakia). A fine will be established by a court after an administrative procedure.
<u>Slovenia</u>	0.05%	0% for professional drivers, as well as for young (under 21) and newly qualified drivers (for the first two years after obtaining their driving permit).	180-950 EUR. Possible driving licence suspension.
<u>South Africa</u>	0.05%	0.02% for professional drivers.	Drivers are summoned to court, where a judge will determine the fine to be paid.
<u>Spain</u>	0.05%	0.03% for drivers with less than two years' experience and for some professional drivers.	500 EUR and 3-6 months' prison OR 6-12 months' licence suspension OR community service.
<u>Sri Lanka</u>	0.05%		3,500-7,500 LKR and possible driving licence suspension.



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<u>Sudan</u>	0.00%	Alcohol is officially banned in Sudan.	250 SDG and possible additional penalties.
<u>Sweden</u>	0.02%		Fines are based on net monthly income and calculated according to the offender's blood alcohol level. Temporary licence suspension in all cases. For serious offenders, a prison sentence or an alternative punishment may apply.
<u>Switzerland</u>	0.05%	From 1st January 2014: 0.01% for the following types of drivers: - learner drivers - new drivers (for 3 years after passing the exam) - driving instructors - accompanying drivers - professional drivers	Minimum 600 CHF. For serious offenders, fines are based on net monthly income and calculated according to the offender's blood alcohol level.
<u>Syria</u>	0.00%		25,000 SYP and 1 to 3 months prison.
<u>Taiwan</u>	0.03%		
<u>Tanzania</u>	0.08%		Up to 50,000 TZS and possible prison sentence.
<u>Thailand</u>	0.05%		Up to 10,000 THB and up to 3 months prison.
<u>Tunisia</u>	0.00%		200-5,000 THD and driving licence suspension. Possible prison sentence.
<u>Turkey</u>	0.05%	The limit of 0.05% only applies to drivers of private cars without caravans or trailers. For drivers of other vehicles, the limit is 0%.	700 - 2,000 TL fine and licence suspension.
<u>Uganda</u>	0.08%	0.00% for professional drivers.	300,000 UGX or 120 USD, and possible prison sentence.
<u>Ukraine</u>	0.02%		2,550-3,400 UGD. Possible licence suspension.



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<u>United Arab Emirates</u>	0.00%	Driving under the influence of alcohol is considered a criminal offence.	Minimum 20,000 AED and/or a prison sentence.
<u>United Kingdom</u>	0.08%		Up to 5,000 GBP and/or 6 months imprisonment. A licence suspension applies.
<u>United States</u>	0.08%	0.00% for drivers under the age of 21 (in all states). 0.04% for drivers of commercial vehicles.	Penalties vary from state to state. On top of the fine, most states apply a licence suspension too, even for first-time offenders.
<u>Uruguay</u>	0.03%	0% for professional drivers.	8,775 UYU and driving licence suspension.
<u>Venezuela</u>	0.08%		550 VEF and vehicle confiscation. Possible licence suspension - the driver may be required to pass a road safety exam before being allowed to drive again.
<u>Vietnam</u>	0.00%	0.05% for motorcyclists.	500,000-6,000,000 VND and possible licence suspension.
<u>Yemen</u>	0.00%	Alcohol is officially banned in Yemen.	Drinking alcohol is considered a very serious crime in Yemen. It can result in a heavy fine.
<u>Zimbabwe</u>	0.08%		Not available.

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