

Driving in Vietnam

A practical quick guide for car renters · checked 12 October 2026

Default speed limits for passenger cars

Cars with up to 28 seats, excluding the driver

AREA	ROAD TYPE	MAXIMUM
Built-up area	Physically divided dual carriageway or one-way road with 2+ motor lanes	60 km/h
Built-up area	Two-way road or one-way with 1 motor lane	50 km/h
Outside built-up areas	Physically divided dual carriageway or one-way road with 2+ motor lanes	90 km/h
Outside built-up areas	Two-way road or one-way with 1 motor lane	80 km/h

Posted signs and police instructions override these defaults. On motorways, follow the posted minimum and maximum speed; 120 km/h is a legal ceiling, not a universal motorway limit.

Eight signs worth recognizing

Official sign diagrams from QCVN 41:2024/BGTVT



Built-up area begins



Built-up area ends



Maximum speed
(example: 50)



No entry



No stopping or parking



No parking



No U-turn



No overtaking

Keep to the right. Wear seat belts. Never drive after drinking. Put your phone away before moving.

Road signs and police directions can change the rule on a specific road.

Fines & what to do after a crash

Ordinary car cases · accident or aggravating circumstances can change penalties

Selected road-traffic penalties

Fines below are in Vietnamese dong (VND); licence points are shown where specified.

VIOLATION	FINE	POINTS DEDUCTED
Run a red light	18-20 million	4
Speeding 5 to under 10 km/h	800,000-1,000,000	0
Speeding 10 to 20 km/h	4-6 million	2
Speeding over 20 to 35 km/h	6-8 million	4
Speeding over 35 km/h	12-14 million	6
Hold/use a phone in hand while moving	4-6 million	4
Drive in the wrong lane	4-6 million	2
Driver does not wear a seat belt	800,000-1,000,000	0

Licence points belong to Vietnam’s driving-licence system. If you use a foreign licence, the competent authority determines how local rules apply; do not assume a universal foreign-point deduction.

If a collision happens

- Stop safely. Switch on hazard lights and help injured people. Call 115 for medical help if needed; promptly report the accident to 113 or local police.
- Protect people and the scene. Stay and preserve the scene for police except when an immediate medical or life-threatening emergency requires rescue. If a vehicle must be moved for rescue and it is safe, record its original position first.
- Notify Rocket and your insurer promptly. Share the location and time through the official contact channel. Rocket: +84 962 345 354.
- Keep evidence safely. When safe, photograph all four corners of the car, then close-ups of damage, plates and nearby signs; save dashcam footage. Take a selfie with the driver and damaged vehicle only if Rocket or the insurer requests it and it is safe. Send images privately through an official channel.
- Follow instructions. Cooperate with police and the insurer’s assessor. Check the record before signing and keep a copy. Do not authorize repairs or settle the claim without the required approval.