

Lagos Traffic Laws (MrPepe's Condensed version)

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- Don't drive in the wrong direction
- Don't park, or wait on the highway
- Don't use sirens or horns, during certain times, and in certain areas.
- Lagos traffic officers have a right to demand a psychiatric evaluation from you, if you drive against the normal flow of traffic, or violate traffic rules. Costs of which will be borne by you, the offender.
- Lagos traffic officers have a right to arrest offenders, and demand fines from them
- During peak periods (6am - 10am, & 4pm - 9pm), the sides of certain roads will be used as designated bus routes. Offenders will be prosecuted.

Trailers

- Trailers (except petrol trailers & people carriers) must not enter/travel within Lagos between 6am - 9pm. Offenders will be fined N50,000 or serve a 6 month prison term.

Okadas & Keke Marwas

- Don't drive either without a rider card or crash helmet.
- Passengers must have crash helmets.
- Okadas must not carry over 1 passenger. Okadas must not carry pregnant women, children under 12, or adults with babies/large loads. Failure to comply with any of the above = 3 years imprisonment and vehicle seizure for both driver and passengers over 12.

Traffic signs

- Don't drive in the wrong direction. 1 year prison sentence for first-time offenders, and 3 year prison sentence for 2nd time offenders. All offenders will have their vehicles seized, and biometric data captured.

Abandoned vehicles

- The authorities have power to remove abandoned vehicles at their own discretion.

Careless driving

- Careless drivers are liable to pay a N50,000 fine, or N100,000 for second time offenders and/or a 3-month jail sentence.
- Driving above the speed limit and drunk driving both attract a N100,000 fine and/or a 2 year jail term
- Killing someone through dangerous driving attracts a 7 year jail term.

Misuse of identification marks & license plates

- Don't forge, use anyone else's or deface your license plate

Others

- Don't drive on BRT lanes
- Don't use a siren
- Don't park within 15 metres of a road intersection
- Drivers & Conductors must wear state uniforms
- Don't herd animals on the road.
- Don't drive an unregistered vehicle

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Your duties in the event of an accident. The driver (if still alive) must:

- stop the vehicle
- give the police both his, and the injured party's details
- inform the vehicle owner
- offer medical attention, and take the injured party to the hospital
- report the accident to the nearest police station within 24 hours
- not refuse to give your details to the police.

Commercial vehicles

- Don't overload. Both vehicle owner and driver are liable.
- Don't use your vehicle for other purposes than intended.
- Officers must not receive any bribes to circumvent these laws.

Fines

Offence	Points	Fine	Additional
Violation of routes (commercial vehicles)	2	The LASTMA document seems to require payment from first offenders in <i>nzu</i> (by the thousands). Subsequent offenders are fined N30,000	
Failure to display route numbers on vehicle	2	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	
Disobeying traffic personnel	2	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	Impound vehicle
Illegal parking (Cars & Trailers)	4	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	
Crossing the double yellow line	4	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	
Staying within the yellow junction box	3	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	
Failure to stop at pedestrian crossings	3	1 st – N20,000	

		Subsequent – N30,000	
Failure to give way to traffic on the left, at a roundabout	2	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	
Smoking while driving	2	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	

Okadas

Offence	Points	Fine	Additional
No helmet	1	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	+ 6months jail term
No riders permit	2	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	Impound your okada
Riding against the direction of traffic, or on the kerb	3	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	Impound your okada
Carrying more than 1 passenger	2	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	6 months jail term
Installing a musical device	2	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	Impound your device
Pimping your okada	2	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	
Refusing to be arrested		1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	
No side mirrors, indicators, brake lights or rear lights	2	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	
Carrying pregnant woman, child under 12, or adult with baby	3	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	3 year jail term
Underage okada driver (under 18)		1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	Dislodge driver (whatever that means)
Okada using non-okada horn	1	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	Remove horn
Driving an okada in a restricted area	3	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	Impound okada

It doesn't say, but I'm guessing these are for commercial vehicles

Offence	Points	Fine	Additional
Exceeding speed limit	2	N100,000	1 year jail term
Tailgating an emergency vehicle	3	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	
Failure of slow moving vehicles to keep to the right lane	2	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	
Physically assaulting traffic official	3	N100,000	3 year jail term
Driving in the wrong direction	4	Seize vehicle	1 st offender – 1 year jail term Subsequent offender – 3 year jail term
Illegal U-turn	3	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	Training
Wrongful overtaking	2	N100,000	
Overloading (commercial vehicles)	4	N50,000	Dislodge excess
Driving on kerbs	4	N50,000	
Parking on kerbs	3	N20,000	
Parking/stopping to pick passengers on highway (commercial vehicles)	3	N20,000	Training
Abandoned vehicle on highway	2	N50,000	Cost of towing
Broken down vehicle causing obstruction o highway	2	N50,000; Cost of towing	
Commuter/Conductor hanging on vehicle tailboard	2	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	Dislodge & sanction driver
Driving with doors left open	2	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	
Making/receiving calls without a handsfree kit	2	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	

Counting money/engaged in other activities while driving	2		
No seatbelt	2	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	Strap on seatbelt
Not displaying reflective warning signs on broken down vehicles	2	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	
Resisting arrest	2	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	
Use of BRT Lite corridor	3	1 st – N20,000 Subsequent – N30,000	3 year jail term
Willfully obstructing the highway	2	N50,000; cost of towing	1 year jail term

Have we made any mistakes? Please e-mail correctus@mrpepe.com.