



Foreign Driver Risk Assessment Aid



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Introduction

This aid provides mission planners and leaders with a tool to assist them in identifying potential areas of risk for operations involving drivers from foreign nations at U.S. Army training facilities. Using a number of sources, it provides insight into foreign nation driver training and licensing requirements as well as cultural habits and attitudes towards driving.





Afghanistan

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, no seat belt laws exist.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The allowable Blood Alcohol Content is 0.0. These laws are strictly enforced.

Distracted Driving

Nationally, cell phone use is not restricted while driving.

Speeding

No information exists to support excessive speeding, however it is suspected. Speeding is strictly enforced.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Many national traffic laws are not standardized. This results in a wide variety of interpretations of driving situations. This may cause confusion with many U.S. traffic laws.





Albania

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all passengers to be seat belted. Seat belt laws are strictly enforced, however, reports show only about 30% of front seat passengers are buckling up.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .05. Enforcement of the law is strict. 5.2% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

No information exists to support excessive speeding, however it is suspected. Speeding enforcement is considered moderated.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers will drive in an aggressive manner. Disregard for traffic laws is widespread. Accidents occur frequently and usually result in serious injury or death.





Australia

Requirements

The minimum driving age varies between 17 and 18 years of age depending on the province. All drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all passengers to be belted in. Reports 97% front seat occupants and 92% of rear seat passengers are buckling up.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .05 for the general population and professional drivers. It is .02 for young or novice drivers. Enforcement of the law is strict. 30% of

driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

No information exists to support excessive speeding, however it is suspected.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers will drive in an aggressive manner. Traffic operates on the left side of the road. Drivers will have to adjust to cars and pedestrians coming from a different direction when driving on the right side of the road.





Belgium



Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all passengers to be belted in. Seat belt law enforcement is low, however, reports show about 79% of front seat passengers are buckling up.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .05. Enforcement of the law

is strict. 4.7% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Nothing cited in reports.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. Traffic coming from the right has right of way even when coming from a smaller street.





Bosnia

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all passengers to be belted in. Seat belt law enforcement is moderate.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .03 for the general population. It is .00 for professional and young or novice drivers. Enforcement of the law is moderate. 6.7% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

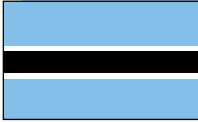
Speeding

Drivers use excessive speed. Speeding enforcement is moderate.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. One hundred motor vehicle accidents are reported daily throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina. Many accidents occur when drivers exceed safe speeds along winding mountain roads. Accidents involving drunk driving are an increasing problem.





Botswana

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all passengers to be belted in. Seat belt law enforcement is moderate. 74% of front seat occupants and 79% of rear seat passengers buckle up.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .08 for all drivers. Enforcement of the law is moderate. 0.8%

of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Speeding enforcement is strict.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. Rolling power outages mean that many traffic lights and street lamps do not work properly. This may cause drivers to ignore signals even when operational.





Bulgaria

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all passengers to be belted in. Seat belt laws are strictly enforced.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .05. Enforcement of the law is strict. 4.7% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers are known to speed and play a form of "Road Roulette" where excessive speeding through red lights is bet upon.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. Drivers are known to speed, swerve into oncoming traffic, go the wrong way on divided highways, and participate in other dangerously activities. Late at night, traffic lights blink yellow in all directions, leaving right-of-way unclear and contribute to frequent accidents.





Canada

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 16 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Seat belt laws exist, but vary locally, similar to U.S. laws. 93% of front seat passenger and 46% of rear seat passengers buckle up. Seat belt law enforcement is low.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .08 for the general population and .04 for novice or young drivers. Enforcement of the law is moderate. 30% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use

of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers can be aggressive, exceeding speed limits and passing vehicles on both sides. Police enforcement is moderate.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. Drivers should be aware that running a red light is common and motorists are advised to pause before proceeding when a light turns green. Many highways do not have merge lanes for entering traffic. Emergency vehicles frequently enter the oncoming traffic lane to avoid congestion. Turning right on a red light is prohibited in some areas.





Croatia

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all front passengers to be belted in and rear seated passengers when belts are available. Seat belt laws are strictly enforced. Seat belt usage is reported at 45%.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .05 for the general population. Professional drivers and those under age 24 have a 0.0 BAC. Enforcement of the law is strict. 30% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

There are no reports to support excessive speeding, however, it is suspected. Speeding laws are moderately enforced.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. Drivers may pass in turns or in oncoming lanes of traffic. Right turns on red are forbidden without a lit green arrow. At unmarked intersections, right of way goes to vehicle on the right. Accidents, when they do happen, are often fatal.





Czech Republic

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all to be belted in. Seat belt laws are strictly enforced. Seat belt usage is reported at 90% for front seats and 80% for rear seats.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .00 for the entire population. Enforcement of the law is strict. 3.4% of driving fatalities are attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers routinely speed. Speed enforcement is moderate.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. Drivers are expected to stay in the right lane except when passing. Czech law requires that drivers have their headlights on at all times when driving in the Czech Republic. Traffic lights are placed before the intersection, so be aware of where you stop at signaled intersections.





Denmark

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all occupants to be belted in.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .05 for the entire population. Enforcement of the law is strict.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

No information reported.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Many urban streets have traffic lanes reserved for public transportation only, and bicycle lanes are common.





Egypt

Requirements

The minimum driving age in Egypt is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belts are required when riding in the front seat only. Seat belt usage reports show 70% of only drivers are wearing their seat belts. Seat belt usage is not strictly enforced.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist, but there are no BAC test defined limits. Police do not conduct random checks or breathalyzer tests. Enforcement of the law is low.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers will excessively speed. Speeding is not strictly enforced.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. Drivers often ignore traffic rules. Drivers may travel on one way streets the wrong way. Traffic lights may not function. Police direct traffic at these intersections. Vehicles may stop or turn without warning. Low annual rainfalls mean drivers may not have experience operating vehicles on wet or icy road conditions.





Estonia

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all to be belted in. Seat belt laws are moderately enforced. Seat belt usage is reported at 90% for front seats and 68% for rear seats.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .02 for the entire population. Enforcement of the law is strict. 48% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers routinely speed. Speed enforcement is moderate.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. If driving, you must always stop for pedestrians in marked crosswalks. Right turns on a red light are prohibited unless otherwise indicated by a green arrow.





France



Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all to be belted in. Seat belt laws are strictly enforced. Seat belt usage is reported at 98% for front seats and 83% for rear seats.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .05 for the entire population. Enforcement of the law is moderate. 27% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers drive faster than those in the United States. Speed enforcement is moderate.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. Drivers entering from the right have priority over those entering from the left unless specifically designated. Drivers entering intersections from the right have priority over those on the left, even when entering relatively large boulevards from small side streets. While many newer traffic circles have yield signs, some intersections do not, and still require traffic in the circle to cede the right-of-way to incoming traffic from the right.





Germany

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all to be belted in. Seat belt usage is reported at 95-96% for front seats and 88% for rear seats.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .05 for the entire population. Drinking and driving laws are enforced, but no specific level of enforcement is reported. 12% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers drive faster than those in the United States. There is no consensus as to how strictly speeding laws are enforced.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. When traveling on major road network, drivers will flash headlights to signal slower drivers in the left lane to pull over. Unless you are driving on a priority road, vehicles entering from the right have the right of way.





Ghana

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt law require all to be belted in. Seat belt law enforcement is low.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .08 for the general population and professional drivers. The BAC is 0.00 for young or novice drivers. Enforcement of the law is low.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

No reports exist to substantiate excessive speeding. However, speeding enforcement is low.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving.





Greece

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all to be belted in. Seat belt laws are moderately enforced. Seat belt usage is reported at 75% for front seats and 42% for rear seats.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .05 for most drivers. Professional drivers and new drivers under 2 years experience, have a .02 BAC. Enforcement of the law is moderate. 7.2% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

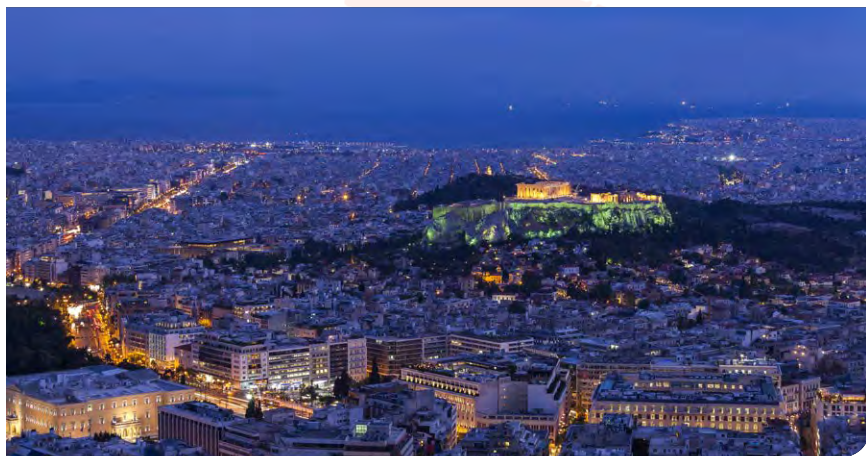
National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers will routinely speed at night and in inclement weather. Speeding is moderately enforced.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. Slower cars will drive on the shoulder and cars will pass straddling double yellow center lines. Motorcycle helmets are required, but many wear their helmet on their arm. Motorcycles will pass on both sides and ride between lanes.





Hungary

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all to be belted in. Seat belt laws are moderately enforced. Seat belt usage is reported at 71% for front seats and 40% for rear seats.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .00 for all drivers. Enforcement of the law is moderate. 12% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers will use excessive speed. Speeding is moderately enforced.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. On two-way roads, drivers pass each other frequently and allow for less space than U.S. drivers. Drivers may elect not to turn right on a red light.





Iceland

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 17 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all to be belted in. Seat belt laws are strictly enforced. Seat belt usage is reported at 88% for front seats and 68% for rear seats.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .05 for all drivers. Enforcement of the law is moderate. 20% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

No information reported.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Icelandic law requires drivers to keep headlights on at all times. It is illegal to turn right on a red light. At four-way intersections, the right of way goes to the driver on the right; in traffic circles, drivers in the inside lane have the right of way. Motorcycles will pass on both sides and ride between lanes.





Iran

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all front seat passengers to be belted. Seat belt laws are strictly enforced. Seat belt usage is reported at 75-80%.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .00 for all drivers. Enforcement of the law is low.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones while driving.

Speeding

No reports support drivers using excessive speed on a regular basis. Speeding is moderately enforced.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. Drivers throughout Iran tend to ignore traffic lights, traffic signs, and lane markers. In residential areas, few sidewalks exist. Drivers almost never yield to pedestrians at crosswalks. Iran has a very high rate of traffic accidents, the second highest cause of mortality in the country.





Iraq

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 17 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all front seat passengers to be belted. Seat belt laws are strictly enforced.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .08 for all drivers. Enforcement of the law is moderate.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers drive faster than those in the United States. Speeding is moderately enforced.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. Drivers do not usually yield to pedestrians, ignore traffic lights, traffic rules and regulations. Drivers will tailgate and force drivers to yield the right of way.





Italy

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all to be belted in. Seat belt laws are moderately enforced. Seat belt usage is reported at 65% for front seats and 10% for rear seats.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .05 for all drivers. Enforcement of the law is moderate.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers may speed, especially on improved highways. Speeding is moderately enforced.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. Traffic lights not always obeyed. Pedestrians should be careful, as sidewalks can be extremely congested and uneven, and riders of bicycles, motorcycles, and other vehicles routinely park and drive on sidewalks.





Korea

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belts are required when riding in the front seat only. Seat belt usage reports show 77% wearing their seat belts in the front seat. Seat belt usage is strictly enforced.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .05 for all drivers. Enforcement of the law is moderate. 16.1% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use

of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers will excessively speed. Speeding is moderately enforced.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. Causes of accidents include excessive speed, frequent lane changes without signaling, running red lights, aggressive bus drivers, and weaving motorcyclists. Motorcyclists sometimes drive on the sidewalks, and drivers of all types of vehicles do not always yield to pedestrians in marked crosswalks. Left-hand turns are generally prohibited except where a green arrow indicates otherwise.





Kuwait

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belts are required when riding in the front seat only. Seat belt enforcement is low.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .00 for all drivers. Enforcement of the law is strict.

Distracted Driving

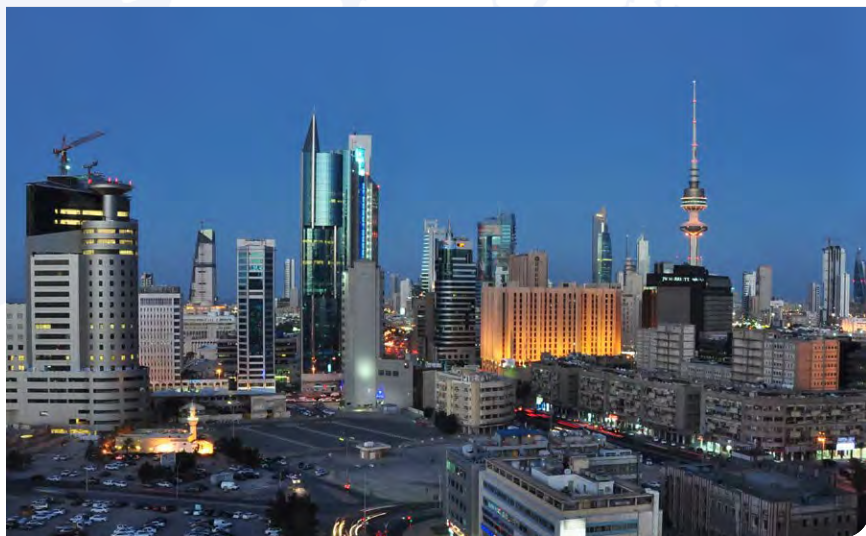
National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers will excessively speed. Speeding is moderately enforced.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. Making a right turn on a red light is not permitted unless there is a special lane to do so with a yield sign. When a driver flashes their high beams headlights in Kuwait, it is meant as a request to move the car over into a slower lane to allow the driver with the flashing beams to proceed ahead.





Latvia

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all to be belted in. Seat belt laws are moderately enforced. Seat belt usage is reported at 77% for front seats and 32% for rear seats.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .05 for the general population and professional drivers. The BAC is .02 for novice and young drivers. Enforcement of the law is moderate. 20.6% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers use excessive speed. Speeding is moderately enforced.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. They are required by law to yield to pedestrians at marked intersections, however many drivers fail to do so. Headlight use is mandatory at all times. Violation of traffic rules is common, and it is not unusual to be passed by another automobile traveling at high speeds, even in crowded urban areas.





Liberia

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, no seat belt laws exist. However enforcement of local laws is moderate.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .03 for all drivers. Enforcement of the law is low.

Distracted Driving

There are NO national laws prohibiting the use of cell phones when driving.

Speeding

Drivers use excessive speed. Speeding enforcement is low.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. Public street lights have been installed in some locations and there are a few traffic lights around city. Drivers must contend with pedestrians, animals, and unrestricted speed limits which cause many fatal collisions. Nationally, traffic laws are either nonexistent or not enforced. Drivers will pass on the right, as well as, the left lanes.





Lithuania

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all to be belted in. Seat belt laws are moderately enforced.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .04 for the general population. The BAC is .02 for professional, novice and young drivers. Enforcement of the law is moderate. 11.7% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers use excessive speed. Speeding is moderately enforced.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. Drivers must have at least their low-beam lights on at all times while driving. Violation of traffic rules is common. It is not unusual to be overtaken by other automobiles traveling at high speed, even in crowded urban areas.





Mali

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 21 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all to be belted in. Seat belt laws are moderately enforced.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist, but they are not defined by a specific BAC. Enforcement of the law is low.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers use excessive speed. Speeding is moderately enforced.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving.





Netherlands

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all to be belted in. Seat belt usage is reported at 94% for front seats and 73% for rear seats.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .05 for the general population and professional drivers. The BAC is .02 for novice and young drivers. 25% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use

of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

No reports support any conclusions. However, speed limits are strictly enforced via radar. Traffic cameras are pervasive throughout the Netherlands and tickets for traveling even 1-3 mph over the limit are common.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers must yield the right-of-way to drivers and bicyclists coming from the right at intersections or traffic circles unless otherwise posted. Motorists should be especially mindful that bicyclists have the right-of-way; motorists must yield to bicyclists.





Norway

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all to be belted in. Seat belt laws are moderately enforced. Seat belt usage is reported at 93% for front seats and 85% for rear seats.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .02 for all drivers. 20-30% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use

of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

No reports support any conclusions. However, automatic cameras placed by the police along roadways help to maintain speed limits, which are often lower than in other European countries.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Norwegian law requires that drivers always use headlights when driving. Norwegian law also requires drivers to yield to vehicles coming from the right.





Pakistan

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require only the driver to be belted. Seat belt enforcement is low.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .00 for all drivers. Enforcement of the law is moderate.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers use excessive speed.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers are willing to drive head-on in your lane of traffic if they believe it helps them get to their destination more rapidly. They operate their vehicles on the left side of the road vs. the right. This means pedestrians traffic will come from the opposite direction in the U.S.





Poland

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all to be belted in. Seat belt laws are moderately enforced. Seat belt usage is reported at 74% for front seats and 54% for rear seats.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .02 for all drivers. 14% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use

of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

No reports support any excessive speeding conditions as the normal, however speeding is moderately enforced.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Making a right turn on a red light is not allowed. Turning right on red with a green arrow is the equivalent of turning right on red in the United States.

Unlike in the United States, the green arrow in that case does NOT give the right of way.

Drivers use headlights year round, at all times, day and night.





Portugal

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all to be belted in. Seat belt laws are strictly enforced. Seat belt usage is reported at 86% for front seats and 28% for rear seats.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .05 for all drivers. The laws are strictly enforced. 31.4% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers excessively speed even though speeding laws are strictly enforced.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. When in a vehicle accident, Portuguese law requires you to leave your vehicle where it is and immediately notify the police.





Romania

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all to be belted in. Seat belt laws are moderately enforced. Seat belt usage is reported at 80% for front seats and 20% for rear seats.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .00 for all drivers. The laws are strictly enforced. 1.5% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Speeding laws are moderately enforced, but no reports exist to confirm speeding is a major issue.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. Romanian traffic laws are very strict. Romania has the highest per vehicle rate of traffic fatalities of any country in the EU. Drivers may ignore crosswalks even when a signal exists.





Slovakia

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all to be belted in. Seat belt laws are strictly enforced.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .00 for all drivers. The laws are strictly enforced. 4.3% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers excessively speed. Speeding limits are moderately enforced.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. Headlights must be used at all times (day and night) throughout the year.





Slovenia

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all to be belted in. Seat belt laws are moderately enforced. Seat belt usage is reported at 85% for front seats and 51% for rear seats.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .05 for all drivers. The laws are moderately enforced. 38.4% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers excessively speed. Speeding limits are moderately enforced.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. Headlights must be used at all times (day and night) throughout the year.





Spain

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all to be belted in. Seat belt laws are strictly enforced. Seat belt usage is reported at 89% for front seats and 69% for rear seats.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .05 for the general population. The BAC is .03 for professional, novice and young drivers. The laws are moderately enforced.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers excessively speed in the cities. Speeding limits are strictly enforced.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers tend to be aggressive when driving. The traffic light at the stop line of an intersection may be red, but across the intersection the light may be green, allowing for right/left hand turns only. An amber flashing light indicates that drivers must yield to pedestrians.





United Kingdom

Requirements

The minimum driving age is 18 and all drivers must complete an approved driver's education course in order to obtain a license.

Seat Belts

Nationally, seat belt laws require all to be belted in. Seat belt usage is reported at 91% for front seats and 84-90% for rear seats.

Driving Under the Influence

National laws against drinking and driving exist. The national BAC is .08 for all drivers. 17% of driving fatalities can be attributed to alcohol.

Distracted Driving

National laws prohibit the use of all cell phones except when using a hands-free device.

Speeding

Drivers tend to speed the same as they do in the U.S.

Attitude and Cultural Differences

Drivers operate their vehicles on the left side of the road vs. the right. This means as pedestrians, UK Soldiers should be aware that traffic will come from the opposite direction in the U.S.





Resources

The following resources were used to compile the information contained within this pamphlet:

International Center for Alcohol Policies

<http://www.icap.org/table/BACLimitsWorldwide>

BAC Interactive Map

<http://chartsbin.com/view/2037>

US Department of State

<http://travel.state.gov>

UK Rules

<https://www.gov.uk/general-rules-all-drivers-riders-103-to-158/general-advice-144-to-158>

WHO Seat belt laws and enforcement

http://gamapsserver.who.int/gho/interactive_charts/road_safety/seat_belt_law/atlas.html

WHO Drinking and Driving Chart

http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/road_safety_status/data/table_a3.pdf

WHO Data Page

http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/road_safety_status/data/en/

WHO Speeding

http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/road_safety_status/data/table_a5.pdf

WHO Cellphone laws

http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/road_safety_status/2013/data/table_a8.pdf

Canadian Drivers License Site

http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/subjects/cards/drivers_licence.shtml





<https://safety.army.mil>