

## Working time rules for drivers

*The bus is by far the safest form of travel. This is guaranteed above all by the high technical levels of the vehicle and responsible behaviour from dispatchers and drivers. For travel within Germany and the European Union - as well as Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland - the following statutory requirements apply:*

### Intervals and driving breaks:

*After a driving duration of 4½ hours, the driver must stop for a break of at least 45 minutes. This break period may also be divided into two sections whereas the first of which must be at least 15 minutes and the second at least 30 minutes. If two drivers are on board, the drivers must change over no later than every 4½ hours at the wheel.*

- 4½ hours            *Maximum driving time without a statutory break*
- 45 minutes        *Minimum break time*
- 15 minutes        *First break*
- 30 minutes        *Second break*

### Maximum driving time:

*Drivers are only permitted to drive for a maximum of 9 hours per working day. Within one working week, the drivers are allowed to drive 10 hours maximum only on two days.*

- 9 hours            *Maximum daily driving time*
- 10 hours          *Maximum daily driving time on two days only in one working week*

### Daily rest period:

*If the driving team only consists of one driver, this driver must have a daily resting period of 11 hours within 24 hours of the commencement of his working day. In exceptional cases, this may be reduced to a period of 9 hours rest three times per week. During this period, the movement of the vehicle is not permitted. Please remember when planning that the daily resting period starts when the vehicle is parked and when the vehicle is in operation.*

- 11 hours           *Minimum daily rest period*
- 9 hours            *Minimum daily rest period on a maximum of 3 days during the working week*

### Weekly rest periods in Germany:

*Each week and after 6 days (144 hours) since the last weekly rest period at the latest, another weekly rest period of 45 hours must be made. This can be reduced to 24 hours every second week.*

- 6 days             *Maximum working days in a week*
- 45 hours          *Weekly rest period after 6 days*
- 24 hours          *Weekly rest period reduction every second week*

### Weekly rest periods outside Germany

*During a trip which has a minimum stay of at least 24 hours outside of Germany, the statutory weekly rest period may be extended from 6 to 12 days. After this extended weekly rest period, another weekly rest period of 90 hours has to be made and this cannot be reduced.*

- 12 days           *Maximum working days within a fortnight*
- 90 hours          *Weekly rest period after 12 working days*

