

**ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276, SECTION 45(2))**

**ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVER IMPROVEMENT POINTS SYSTEM)
RULES**

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[1st March 1983]

Citation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Driver Improvement Points System) Rules.

Definitions

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Demerit Points No Parking Zone” means any part of a road that is marked with a single yellow zig-zag line, and includes the public footpath adjacent to the road;

[S 837/2013 wef 01/01/2014]

“driving licence” means a licence to drive a vehicle granted under Part II of the Act;

“holder of a foreign driving licence” has the same meaning as in section 47F(4) of the Act;

[S 837/2013 wef 01/01/2014]

“scheduled offence” means an offence listed in the Schedule;

[S 645/2010 wef 01/11/2010]

“school” has the same meaning as in the Education Act (Cap. 87);

[S 837/2013 wef 01/01/2014]

“school zone” means any part of a road that is —

- (a) adjacent to or in the immediate vicinity of a school; and
- (b) between a traffic sign indicating the beginning of a school zone and a traffic sign indicating the end of a school zone.

[S 837/2013 wef 01/01/2014]

Award of demerit points

3.—(1) Where the holder of a driving licence or the holder of a foreign driving licence —

- (a) is convicted of a scheduled offence; or
- (b) pays a sum of money to compound a scheduled offence he is reasonably suspected to have committed,

the Deputy Commissioner of Police shall award against that holder the demerit points specified in the Schedule for that scheduled offence.

[S 837/2013 wef 01/01/2014]

(1A) Where the scheduled offence referred to in paragraph (1) is an offence listed in item (1)(a) to (e), (2)(a) to (e), (25), (26) or (27) of the Schedule, and the scheduled offence is committed, or is reasonably suspected to have been committed, in a school zone by the holder of a driving licence or foreign driving licence, the Deputy Commissioner of Police may award against the holder concerned one demerit point in addition to the demerit points awarded under paragraph (1).

[S 837/2013 wef 01/01/2014]

(2) Any demerit points awarded under paragraph (1) or (1A) shall take effect from the date on which the scheduled offence is committed or, in the case where the offence is compounded, on which the scheduled offence is reasonably suspected to have been committed.

[S 837/2013 wef 01/01/2014]

(3) The Deputy Commissioner of Police shall keep a register setting out the names and other particulars of all holders of driving licences and all holders of foreign driving licences who have been awarded demerit points.

[S 459/99 wef 01/11/1999]

[S 645/2010 wef 01/11/2010]

Suspension of driving licence

4.—(1) The Deputy Commissioner of Police may suspend, for a period not exceeding 36 months, the driving licence of any person who has been awarded within a period of 24 months a total number of 24 or more demerit points.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), where the driving licence of a person has been suspended or is liable to suspension under paragraph (1), then notwithstanding paragraph (1), whenever subsequently such person has been awarded within a period of 12 months a total number of 12 or more demerit points, the Deputy Commissioner of Police may suspend the driving licence of that person for a period not exceeding 36 months.

(3) Paragraph (2) shall not apply where the person referred to in that paragraph does not commit any scheduled offence for a period of 24 consecutive months subsequent to the date his licence is liable to suspension or the date of expiry of the suspension or the date of expiry of the period for which he is disqualified by an order of court made on or after 1st March 1983 from holding or obtaining a driving licence, as the case may be.

(4) In calculating the number of demerit points which will render such person's driving licence liable to suspension under paragraph (1) or (2), only such demerit points shall be taken into account as have been awarded against that person within a total period of 24 consecutive months or 12 consecutive months, as the case may be,

calculated from the date of the first award of demerit points within that period and all demerit points awarded before that period shall be disregarded.

(5) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), where the holder of a driving licence does not commit any scheduled offence for any period of 12 consecutive months, excluding any period for which his driving licence is suspended under these Rules or any period for which he is disqualified by an order of court made on or after 1st March 1983 from holding or obtaining a driving licence, every demerit point awarded against him before that period shall be disregarded in calculating the number of demerit points which will render his driving licence liable to suspension.

(6) Paragraph (5) shall not apply where the demerit points are awarded to the holder of a driving licence after the 12-month period mentioned in that paragraph for a scheduled offence committed before that period and such demerit points would, if taken into account with other demerit points awarded before that period, render the driving licence of that person liable to suspension under these Rules.

Deputy Commissioner of Police to send notice

5.—(1) The Deputy Commissioner of Police shall notify the holder of the driving licence by notice in writing of the date on which he intends to suspend his driving licence and shall require him to show cause within 14 days from the date of the notice as to why his licence should not be suspended.

(2) On the date specified in the notice, the Deputy Commissioner of Police shall, after taking into consideration the facts in mitigation, if any, which may be submitted by the holder of the driving licence concerned, make an order as the Deputy Commissioner of Police thinks fit.

(3) [*Deleted by S 645/2010 wef 01/11/2010*]

Notice of suspension of driving licence

6.—(1) The Deputy Commissioner of Police shall, upon making an order to suspend the driving licence of a person, notify him in writing

of the suspension of his driving licence and shall require him to surrender the driving licence forthwith to him.

(2) Such a person shall not drive or obtain a provisional licence to drive a vehicle of any class as long as the order of suspension is in force.

Prohibition order against holder of foreign driving licence

7.—(1) The Deputy Commissioner of Police may by order (referred to in these Rules as a prohibition order) —

- (a) prohibit the holder of a foreign driving licence who has been awarded a total of 13 or more demerit points within a period of 12 months from the date of the grant of that licence from driving all classes of vehicles in Singapore for a period of 12 months; or
- (b) prohibit the holder of a foreign driving licence who has been awarded a total of 24 or more demerit points within a period of 24 consecutive months from driving all classes of vehicles in Singapore for a period not exceeding 36 months.

[S 645/2010 wef 01/11/2010]

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), where —

- (a) a prohibition order has been made against the holder of a foreign driving licence; or
- (b) an order has been made by a court on or after 1st November 1999 prohibiting the holder of a foreign driving licence from driving any motor vehicle in Singapore,

[S 645/2010 wef 01/11/2010]

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then, whenever subsequently the holder of a foreign driving licence has been awarded a total of 12 or more demerit points within a period of 12 consecutive months, the Deputy Commissioner of Police may make a prohibition order against him for a period not exceeding 36 months.

[S 459/1999 wef 01/11/1999]

[S 645/2010 wef 01/11/2010]

(3) Paragraph (2) does not apply to the holder of a foreign driving licence who has not committed any scheduled offence for a period of 24 consecutive months from —

- (a) the date of expiry of the prohibition order; or
- (b) the date of expiry of an order made by a court on or after 1st November 1999 prohibiting him from driving any motor vehicle in Singapore,

as the case may be.

[S 459/1999 wef 01/11/1999]

[S 645/2010 wef 01/11/2010]

(4) In calculating the number of demerit points for the purposes of paragraph (1) or (2), only such demerit points shall be taken into account as have been awarded against the holder of a foreign driving licence within the period of 24 consecutive months or 12 consecutive months, as the case may be, calculated from the date of the first award of demerit points within that period; and all demerit points awarded before that period shall be disregarded.

[S 459/1999 wef 01/11/1999]

[S 645/2010 wef 01/11/2010]

(5) Where the holder of a foreign driving licence has not committed any scheduled offence for any period of 12 consecutive months (referred to in this rule as the relevant period), every demerit point awarded against him before the relevant period shall be disregarded for the purposes of calculating the total number of demerit points under paragraph (1) or (2).

[S 459/1999 wef 01/11/1999]

[S 645/2010 wef 01/11/2010]

(6) The relevant period excludes the period any prohibition order against the holder of a foreign driving licence, or any court order made on or after 1st November 1999 prohibiting him from driving any motor vehicle in Singapore, is in force.

[S 459/1999 wef 01/11/1999]

[S 645/2010 wef 01/11/2010]

(7) Paragraph (5) does not apply if —

- (a) the holder of a foreign driving licence has committed a scheduled offence before the relevant period for which he has been awarded demerit points during or after the relevant period; and

[S 645/2010 wef 01/11/2010]

- (b) such demerit points, if added to the total number of demerit points awarded against him before the relevant period, would render him liable to have a prohibition order made against him.

[S 459/1999 wef 01/11/1999]

Appeal by holder of foreign driving licence

8.—(1) The holder of a foreign driving licence may, if aggrieved by the prohibition order made against him under rule 7, within 14 days of the receipt of the prohibition order, appeal to the Minister whose decision shall be final.

[S 645/2010 wef 01/11/2010]

(2) The Minister may, after taking into consideration such facts in mitigation as may be submitted by the holder of a foreign driving licence, rescind the prohibition order or shorten the effective period of that prohibition order.

[S 645/2010 wef 01/11/2010]

(3) *[Deleted by S 645/2010 wef 01/11/2010]*

Notice of prohibition order

9.—(1) The Deputy Commissioner of Police shall, upon making a prohibition order against the holder of a foreign driving licence, serve on him a notice of the order.

[S 645/2010 wef 01/11/2010]

(2) A notice of the order shall be deemed to have been duly served if it is addressed to the holder of a foreign driving licence and sent by

registered post to his last known address in Singapore, if available, or to his last known address in another country.

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[S 645/2010 wef 01/11/2010]

THE SCHEDULE

Rule 3(1)

SCHEDULED OFFENCES

<i>Offences committed</i>	<i>Demerit points to be awarded</i>
(1) Exceeding speed limit for vehicle —	
(a) by 1 to 20 kilometres per hour	4
(b) by 21 to 30 kilometres per hour	6
(c) by 31 to 40 kilometres per hour	8
(d) by 41 to 50 kilometres per hour	12
(e) by 51 to 60 kilometres per hour	18
(f) by more than 60 kilometres per hour	24
[Section 63(1) of the Act]	
(2) Exceeding speed limit on a road —	
(a) by 1 to 20 kilometres per hour	4
(b) by 21 to 30 kilometres per hour	6
(c) by 31 to 40 kilometres per hour	8
(d) by 41 to 50 kilometres per hour	12
(e) by 51 to 60 kilometres per hour	18
(f) by more than 60 kilometres per hour	24
[Section 63(4) of the Act]	
(3) Carrying excess pillion or carrying pillion sitting not astride	3
[Section 73(1) of the Act]	

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THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

<i>Offences committed</i>	<i>Demerit points to be awarded</i>
(4) Rider failing to wear or wear insecurely on his head a protective helmet [Section 74(1) of the Act]	3
(5) Disobeying traffic direction of police officer, employee of Authority or security officer engaged in regulating traffic [Section 120 (1) (a) of the Act]	3
(6) [<i>Deleted by S 645/2010 wef 01/11/2010</i>]	
(7) Failing to give way to oncoming traffic at controlled junction [Rule 8, Road Traffic Rules (R 20)]	4
(8) Failing to give way at uncontrolled junction [Rule 11(1), Road Traffic Rules]	4
(9) Failing to give way at junction [Rule 11(2), Road Traffic Rules]	4
(10) Failing to give way at roundabout [Rule 11(3), Road Traffic Rules]	4
(11) Conveying load not properly secured [Rule 18, Road Traffic Rules]	3
(12) Crossing double white lines	4

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<i>Offences committed</i>	<i>Demerit points to be awarded</i>
[Section 120(3) of the Act read with rule 7(1)(m) and (12), Road Traffic (Traffic Signs) Rules (R 33)]	
(13) Crossing road divider	4
[Rule 9, Road Traffic (Traffic Signs) Rules (R 33)]	
(14) Driving on the shoulder of an expressway	6
[Rule 8, Road Traffic (Expressway Traffic) Rules (R 23)]	
(15) Using tyres with ply or cord carcass exposed	3
[Rule 109(1)(e), Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules (R 9)]	
(16) Driver failing to wear seat belt	3
[Rule 4(1), Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Wearing of Seat Belts) Rules 2011 (G.N. No. S 688/2011)]	
(17) Obstructing flow of traffic	4
[Rule 5, Road Traffic Rules (R 20)]	
(18) Forming up incorrectly when turning left or right	4
[Rule 7, Road Traffic Rules]	
(19) Failing to give way to ambulance, fire brigade or police vehicle	4

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THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

<i>Offences committed</i>	<i>Demerit points to be awarded</i>
[Rule 12(2), Road Traffic Rules]	
(20) Driving while carrying load on a motor vehicle in a dangerous manner [Rule 101(4), Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules]	4
(21) Failing to securely tie or attach goods to a goods vehicle to prevent their falling off from the vehicle [Rule 101(7), Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules]	6
(22) [<i>Deleted by S 634/2005 wef 01/10/2005</i>]	
(23) Offences committed by motorists at pedestrian crossing [Rules 4, 5, 6, and 7, Road Traffic (Pedestrian Crossings) Rules (R 24)]	6
(24) Driving or riding against the flow of traffic as indicated by traffic signs [Section 120(3) of the Act]	6
(25) Driving without due care or reasonable consideration for other road users [Section 65 of the Act]	9
(26) Failing to conform to traffic light signals [Section 120(3) of the Act]	12

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THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

<i>Offences committed</i>	<i>Demerit points to be awarded</i>
(27) Careless driving [Rule 29, Road Traffic Rules]	6
(28) Carrying passengers on a goods vehicle in a dangerous manner [Rule 4, Road Traffic (Carriage of Persons in Goods Vehicles) Rules 2010 (G.N. No. S 663/2010)]	9
(29) Carrying passengers on a motor vehicle or trailer in a dangerous manner [Rule 101(1), Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules (R 9)]	6
(30) Reckless or dangerous driving [Section 64(1) of the Act]	24
(31) Parking abreast of another vehicle [Rule 10, Road Traffic Rules]	3
(32) Parking within a pedestrian crossing [Rule 22(e), Road Traffic Rules]	3
(33) Stopping on the shoulder or verge of an expressway [Rule 8, Road Traffic (Expressway Traffic) Rules (R 23)]	4
(34) Stopping in a zebra controlled area	3

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

<i>Offences committed</i>	<i>Demerit points to be awarded</i>
[Rule 10(1), Road Traffic (Pedestrian Crossings) Rules (R 24)]	
(35) Driver failing to ensure that every passenger wears a seat belt	3
[Rule 5, Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Wearing of Seat Belts) Rules 2011]	
(36) Using a motor vehicle where a person below 1.35 metres in height is a passenger and is not properly secured by an approved child restraint or a body-restraining seat belt	3
[Rule 8(1), Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Wearing of Seat Belts) Rules 2011]	
(37) [<i>Deleted by S 689/2011 wef 01/01/2012</i>]	
(38) [<i>Deleted by S 689/2011 wef 01/01/2012</i>]	
(39) Stopping or remaining at rest on the carriage way of expressway	4
[Rule 6, Road Traffic (Expressway Traffic) Rules]	
(40) Parking within a Demerit Points No Parking Zone	3
[Rule 24A, Road Traffic Rules]	
(41) Stopping within a Demerit Points No Stopping Zone	3
[Rule 24B, Road Traffic Rules]	

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THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

<i>Offences committed</i>	<i>Demerit points to be awarded</i>
(42) Use of mobile telephone while driving	12
(43) Reversing unnecessarily along an expressway [Rule 7, Road Traffic (Expressway Traffic) Rules]	6
(44) Failing to fill up every passenger seat in driver's cabin, or any additional cabin or enclosed space provided for the carriage of passengers or goods and which is adjacent to or is an extension of the cabin for the driver, before carrying any person on the floor of open deck goods vehicle [Rule 3, Road Traffic (Carriage of Persons in Goods Vehicles) Rules 2010]	3
(45) Failing to obey 1.1 metre height restriction for persons carried on open deck goods vehicle [Rule 5, Road Traffic (Carriage of Persons in Goods Vehicles) Rules 2010]	6
(46) Carrying passengers when the clear floor space of the open deck of goods vehicle available for each passenger is insufficient	6

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THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

<i>Offences committed</i>	<i>Demerit points to be awarded</i>
[Rule 8(2), Road Traffic (Carriage of Persons in Goods Vehicles) Rules 2010]	
	<i>[S 220/1994]</i>
	<i>[S 311/1998 wef 01/06/1998]</i>
	<i>[S 621/1998 wef 01/01/1999]</i>
	<i>[S 78/1999 wef 01/03/1999]</i>
	<i>[S 45/2000 wef 01/02/2000]</i>
	<i>[S 634/2005 wef 01/10/2005]</i>
	<i>[S 645/2010 wef 01/11/2010]</i>
	<i>[S 34/2011 wef 01/02/2011]</i>
	<i>[S 689/2011 wef 01/01/2012]</i>

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY
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3. G. N. No. S 181/1990 — Road Traffic (Driver Improvement Points System) (Amendment) Rules 1990

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7. G. N. No. S 328/1992 — Road Traffic (Driver Improvement Points System) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1992

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8. G. N. No. S 420/1992 — Road Traffic (Driver Improvement Points System) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 1992

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10. G. N. No. S 220/1994 — Road Traffic (Driver Improvement Points System) Rules Corrigendum

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12. G. N. No. S 621/1998 — Road Traffic (Driver Improvement Points System) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1998

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13. G. N. No. S 78/1999 — Road Traffic (Driver Improvement Points System) (Amendment) Rules 1999

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17. G. N. No. S 645/2010 — Road Traffic (Driver Improvement Points System) (Amendment) Rules 2010

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18. G. N. No. S 34/2011 — Road Traffic (Driver Improvement Points System) (Amendment) Rules 2011

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20. G.N. No. S 837/2013 — Road Traffic (Driver Improvement Points System) (Amendment) Rules 2013

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