

LOGO

FIVE PROPOSED CHANGES TO S.A. DRIVING LAWS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

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Demerit system

Under the new system, every person starts with zero points and the maximum number of points a driver can earn is 12. A person is allowed to drive until he/she has 12 points, with every point exceeding that number resulting in a three-month suspension of a licence.

Demerits are given per violation, not per incident, so it's possible to rack up many points in any one incident. A licence will be cancelled when it has been suspended for the third time.

A person who has had their licence suspended needs to hand it in at the 'issuing authority', where it will be held for the duration of the suspension, and they will not be able to apply for any new licences.

The table below details the applicable fines and demerits for infringements:

Infringement	Fine amount	Demerit points
Licences and miscellaneous		
Driving an unregistered vehicle	R500	1
Driving an unlicensed vehicle	R500	1
Driving a vehicle with licence plate not visible	R500	1
Driving without a driving licence	R1,250	4
Driving without a seat belt	R250	0
Driving under influence of intoxicating substance	Determined by court	6
Driving while holding and using a cellphone	R500	1
Failing to stop		
Skipping a stop sign (light vehicles)	R500	1
Skipping a stop sign (buses, trucks)	R750	2
Skipping a red light (light vehicles)	R500	1
Skipping a red light (buses, trucks)	R750	2
Failing to yield to a pedestrian	R500	1
Overtaking and overloading		
Overtaking across a barrier line (light vehicles)	R500	1
Overtaking across a barrier line (buses, trucks)	R750	2

Overloading a vehicle with max 56,000kg combination mass by 12-13.99%	R1,500	5
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Speeding

81-85km/h in a 60km/h zone	R750	2
100km/h+ in a 60km/h zone	Determined by court	6
106-110km/h in an 80km/h zone	R1,000	3
120km/h+ in an 80km/h zone	Determined by court	6
121-125km/h in a 100km/h zone	R750	2
131-135km/h in a 100km/h zone	R1,250	4
140km/h+ in a 100km/h zone	Determined by court	6
131-135km/h in a 120km/h zone	R250	0
141-145km/h in a 120km/h zone	R750	2
151-155km/h in a 120km/h zone	R1,250	4
160km/h+ in a 120km/h zone	Determined by court	6

The “B” version of the 2015 Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences (Aarto) Bill is scheduled for discussion in the National Assembly on Tuesday.

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