

Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

L30 - Northern Territory Demerit Points Scheme

Important Information Regarding Traffic Offences

From 1 September 2007, if you commit certain traffic offences, demerit points may be recorded against you (see list overleaf).

(If you live outside the Territory, the demerit points may be recorded against you in your home State.)

- If you accrue 12 or more demerit points within any 3 year period, your Territory driver licence, right to drive in the Territory and ability to obtain a Territory licence may be suspended.
- If you are a Learner or Provisional driver, suspension may apply if you accrue 5 or more demerit points within 12 months. If you don't reach this threshold, the threshold of 12 points within 3 years applies.
- If you are eligible you may undertake to be of good driving behaviour for 12 months. However, if you accrue 2 or more demerit points within the good driving behaviour period, your licence will be suspended for double the suspension period that would have applied if you hadn't chosen the good driving behaviour option.

Important Information for Registered Owners and Operators of Vehicles

Demerit points offences include speeding and disobeying a red traffic light. If your vehicle is involved in one of these offences, an infringement notice may be issued to you or, in the case of joint ownership, the first named person on the vehicle registration certificate.

If you (the registered owner or operator or the first named joint owner) were not the driver when the offence was committed, and you do not identify the person who had control of the vehicle (by returning a statutory declaration) the following may happen:

- If you are an individual: demerit points may be recorded against you.
- If you are a body corporate: a significantly higher infringement notice penalty applies (5 times the amount applying to an individual); additionally it is an offence for a body corporate to fail to identify the person who had control of the vehicle more than twice within 3 years, maximum penalty \$2200.

Demerit Points Offences

(consolidated from NT Traffic Regulations, Schedule 1)

	OFFENCE	POINTS
SPEEDING	Exceed speed limit by over 45 km/h	6
	Exceed speed limit over 30 km/h up to 45 km/h	4
	Exceed speed limit over 15 km/h up to 30 km/h	3
	Exceed speed limit up to 15 km/h	1
RED TRAFFIC LIGHTS	Fail to obey red traffic light	3
SEATBELTS	Driver fails to wear seat belt	3
	Driver fails to ensure child or young person wears seat belt/ restraint	3
LEVEL CROSSINGS	Fail to obey traffic control device at level crossing	3
DRINK DRIVING	Drive with alcohol in blood contrary to <i>Traffic Act</i> s23(1), 25(3), 26(1)(a), 26(1)(b)	3
MOBILE PHONES	Drive while using hand held mobile phone	3
	Learner or Provisional using any mobile phone	3
LEARNERS & PROVISIONALS	Drive/Ride without "L" plates	2
	Drive/Ride without "P" plates	2
ANTI-HOONING	Take part in event on road/ public place (speed trials or races)	3
	Drive vehicle causing smoke when not in authorised event (burnouts)	3
	Drive vehicle causing damage to road/ public place	3

For further details see MVR Information Bulletin [L28 – NT Demerit Points Scheme – How it Affects You.](#)

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