

## Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

# L31 – Interstate Licence Transfers and the Northern Territory Demerit Points Scheme (NT DPS)

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## Interstate licence transfers and the NT DPS

From 1 September 2007 a Demerit Points Scheme applies in the Northern Territory. The NT DPS is based on similar DPS's that already operate in all other states and territories.

### Legal requirement to check active interstate demerit points

A particular legal requirement of NT DPS requires that for all interstate persons applying for an NT driver licence; the Motor Vehicle Registry must ask the person's previous state or territory licensing authority about any active demerit points recorded against that person. Where a person has active demerit points they must be recorded in the NT demerit points register against that person. Only active points for offences committed by the person on or after 1 September 2007 are to be recorded and no duplicate points for the same offence can be recorded.

In most cases the check for active demerit points will be made some time after the interstate person's application for an NT driver licence has been processed; and he/she has received their new NT Licence.

### Subsequent demerit points action against a new NT licence holder

In some circumstances the holder of an NT licence newly transferred from an interstate licence will have demerit points action taken against the licence. This demerit points action could be as a result of the active demerit points received from their previous state or territory; and/or subsequent demerit point offences committed by that person.

All subsequent demerit points action against a person's NT driver licence will be carried out under the NT DPS. For further information see MVR Information Bulletin [L28 – NT Demerit Points Scheme – How it affects you.](#)

### Where can I find out more?

For further information concerning driver licensing please contact MVR. For further information concerning the NT DPS please contact the Demerit Points Unit.

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