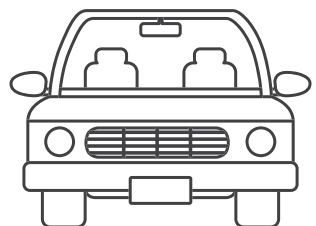
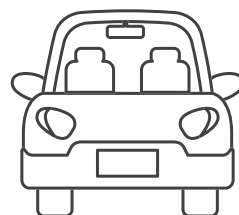
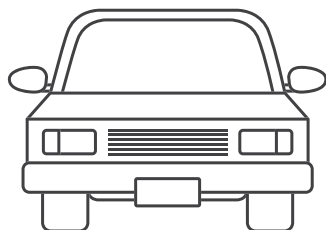
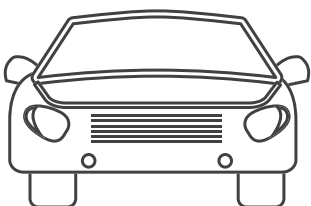


**WHICH WAY,
ROADWAYS?**

Changes to driving penalties



Keep mob safe on our roads.

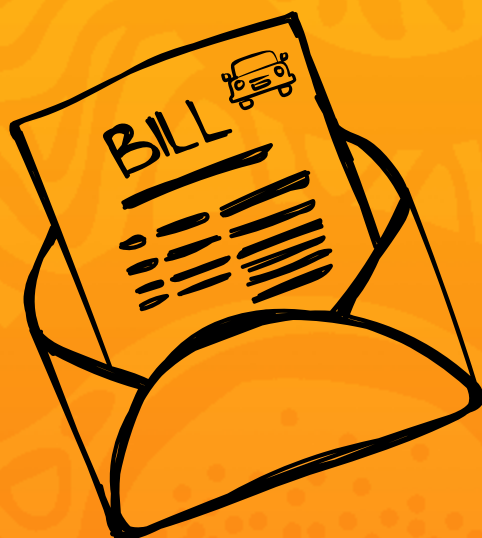




**LOOK AFTER
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About this factsheet

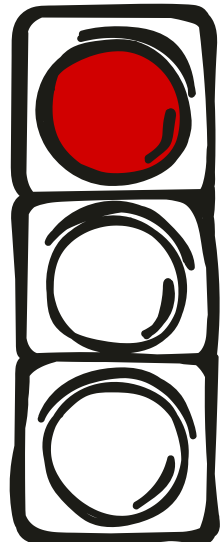
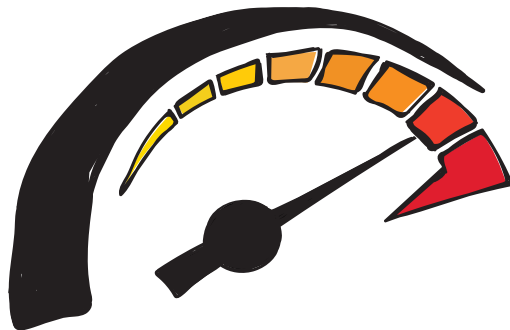


This factsheet is about changes to driver penalties

You will get **penalties** if you do not follow the road rules.

Penalties are

- money you have to pay
- demerit points you get



How can you get penalties?

If you don't follow the road rules,
you can get caught by

- **police**
- **a camera on the road**

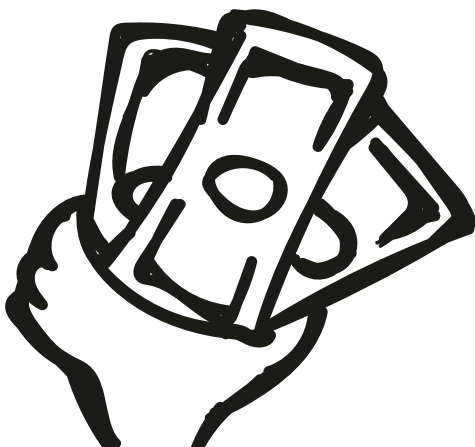


You can get a penalties letter

Straight away from police
or
• in the mail

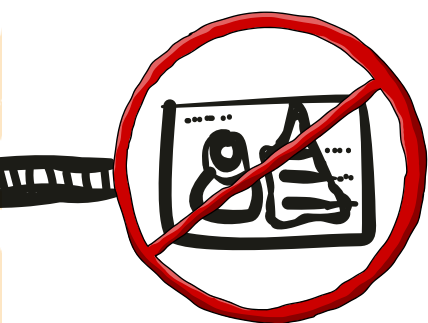
The penalties letter will tell you

- the money you have to pay
- how many demerit points you get



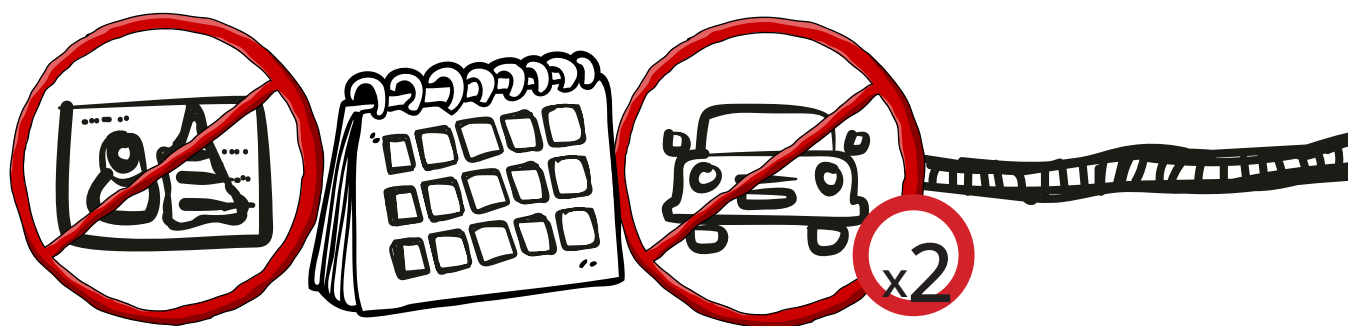
What are demerit points?





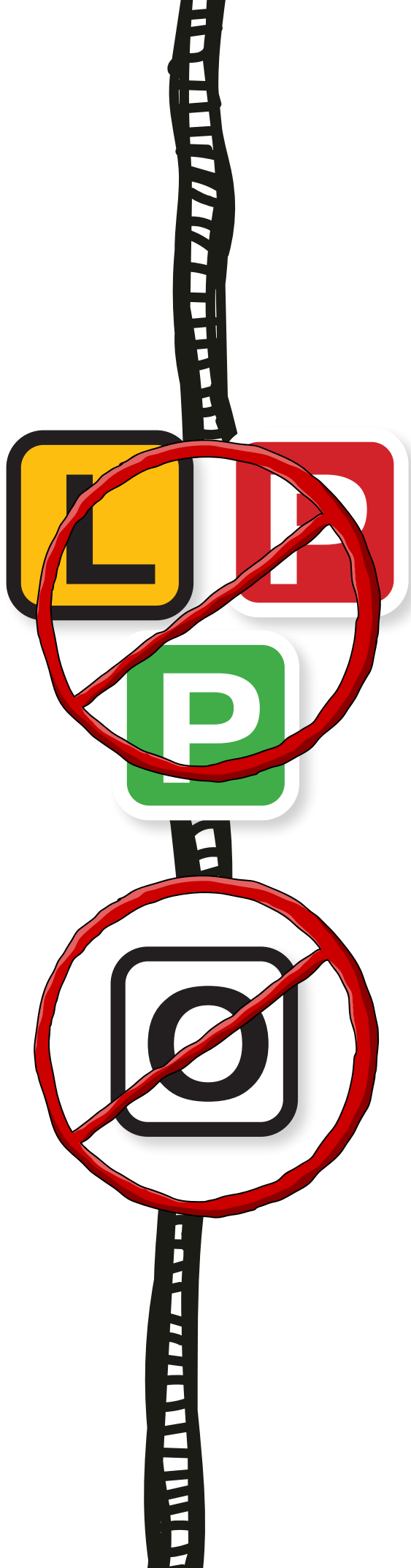
Demerit points are **BAD**, and are added to your drivers licence when you get caught breaking a road rule. People who follow the road rules, have zero demerit points.

If you get caught breaking the same road rule 2 times in 1 year, you may get extra demerit points. These are called **DOUBLE DEMERIT** points.



What happens if I get demerit points?





If you get too many demerit points, your drivers licence will be **SUSPENDED.**

This means you will have to stop driving for some time.

If you have a **Learner** or **P Plate licence** and receive over 4 demerit points, you will be suspended from driving.

If you have an **Open drivers licence** and get over 12 demerit points you will be suspended from driving.

What are the changes to penalties?

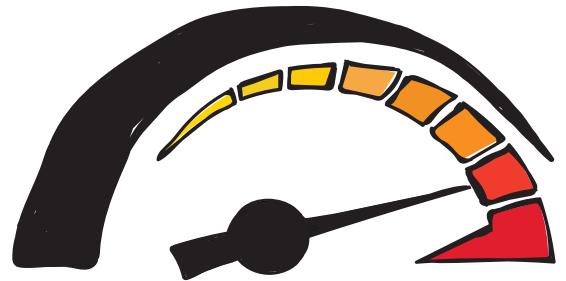
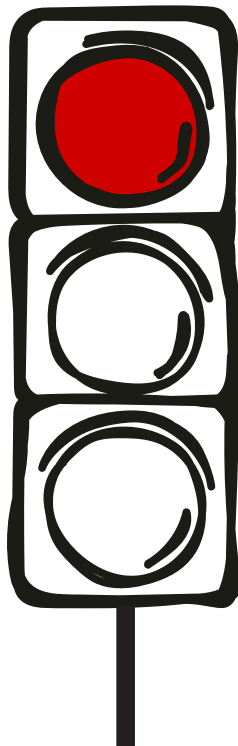
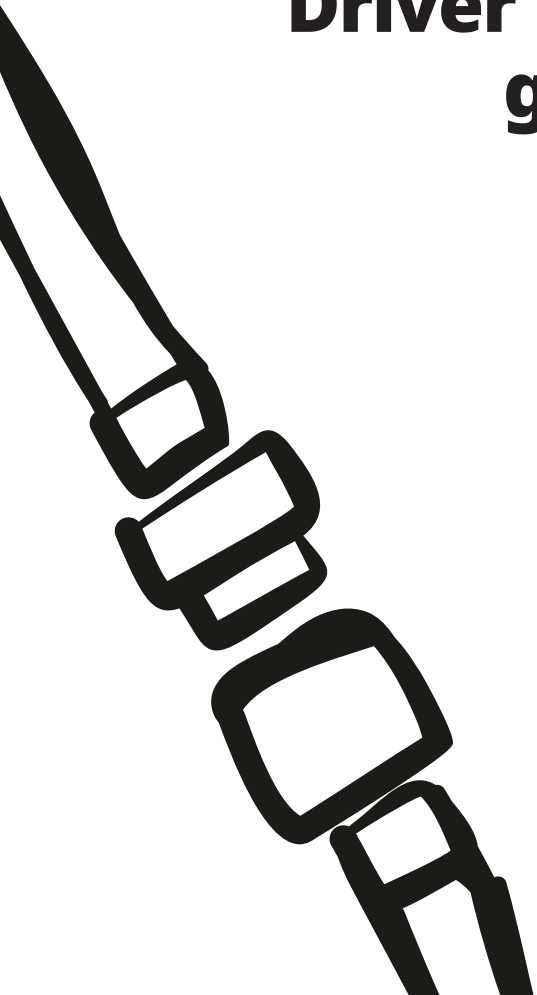


There are changes to penalties if you:

- do not stop at a red light
- drive over the speed limit
- do not wear a seatbelt
- do not wear a seatbelt the right way

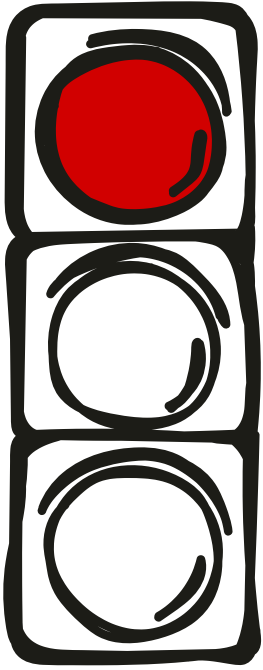
Driver penalties went up on 1 July 2026

**Driver penalties sometimes
go up each year**



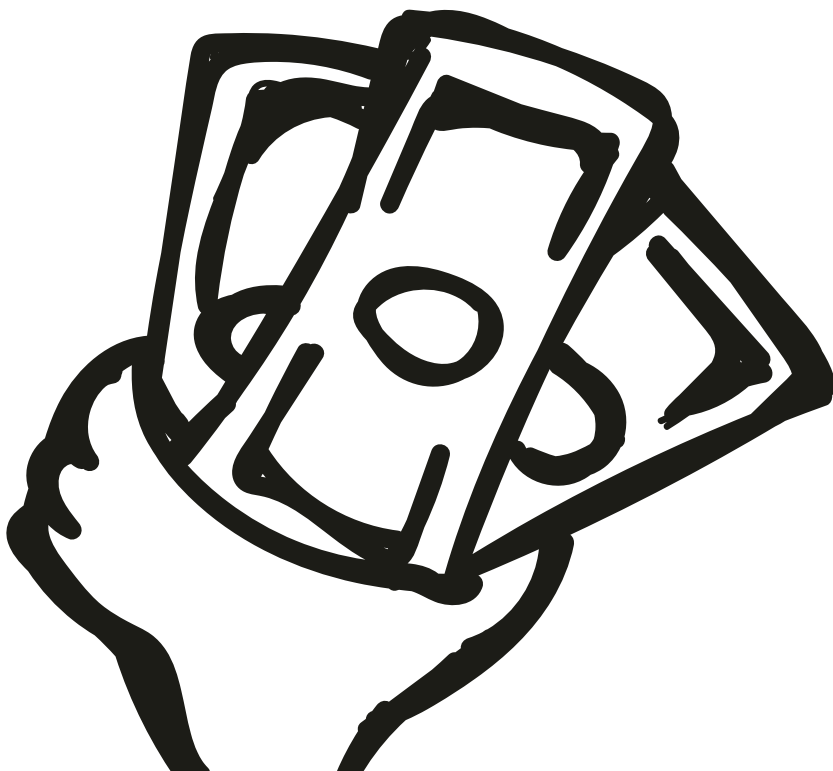
A close-up photograph of a traffic light. The top lens is illuminated with a bright red light, while the bottom lens is dark. The background is a clear, vibrant blue sky. The text "What if you don't stop at a red light?" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the upper portion of the image.

**What if
you don't stop at
a red light?**



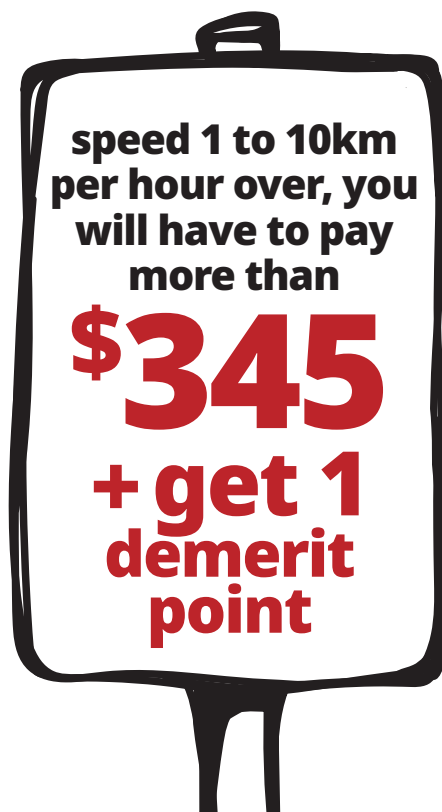
If you don't stop at a red light,
you will

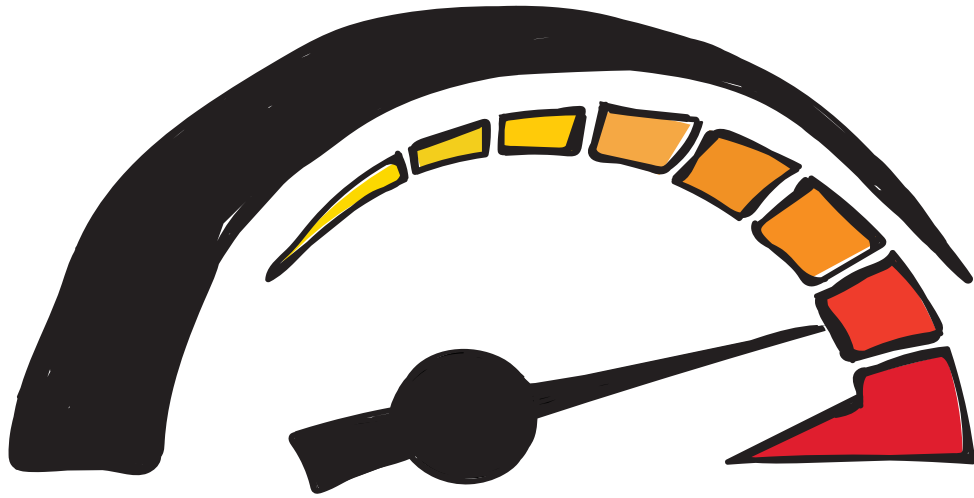
- **have to pay more than \$690**
- **get 3 demerit points**



What if you drive over the speed limit?

Penalties will be bigger the **more** you speed over the speed limit.





speed 21 to 30km
per hour over, you
will have to pay
more than

\$771

**+ get 4
demerit
points**

speed 31 to 40km
per hour over,
you will have to
pay more than

\$1295

**+ get 6
demerit
points**

speed over 40km
per hour over, you
will have to pay
more than

\$1986

**+ get 8
demerit points
& 6 months
suspended
licence**



What if you do not wear a seatbelt?

If anyone in the car does not wear a seatbelt in the right way, you will

- have to pay more than **\$1295**
- get **4 demerit points**



To wear a seatbelt the right way it must be

- low on the hip
- over the shoulder
- over your chest and stomach

A baby or child must sit in a properly fitted child seat



**What if I
cannot pay my
penalties?**





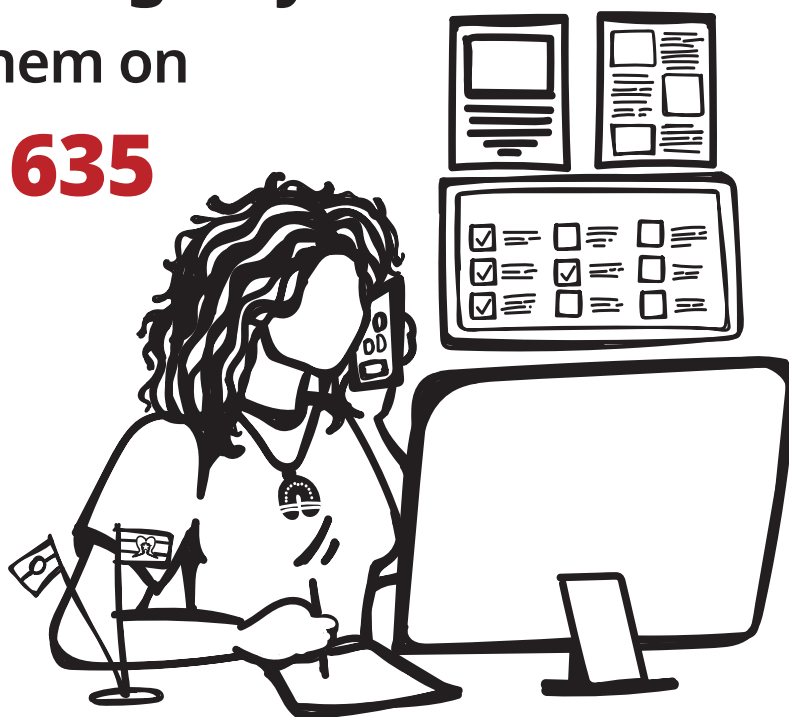
If it is difficult for you to pay, you can

- pay in small amounts over time until it is all paid
- talk to SPER about other options

SPER is the Queensland Government State Penalties Enforcement Registry

You can call them on

1300 365 635



**For more
information**





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qld.gov.au/transport/contacts/centres

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