

Traffic and Parking Fines

If you get a fine for a traffic or parking infringement you can either:

- a) Pay the fine in total;
- b) Dispute liability for the fine in writing;
- c) Let the Road Transport Authority know that someone else was driving by completing an infringement notice;
- d) Apply to pay the fine by installments through an infringement notice management plan (INMP);
- e) Apply to participate in a work and development program (WDP) instead of paying the fine;
- f) Ask for the fine to be withdrawn;
- g) Ask for more time to pay the fine; or
- h) Apply for a waiver of the fine.

When you receive a fine you must take action within **28 days**. If, after this time, you have not done anything about the fine you will be sent a reminder notice and you will be charged another **\$34 for that notice**. You will then have **another 28 days to take action**.

If, **after a total of 56 days**, you have still not done anything about the fine, **your licence may be suspended**. You can still take action on the fine at this point but, for some of the options listed above, you may have to provide good reasons for why you did not take action on the fine earlier (for example, you were overseas and did not receive the fine or reminder notice).

Turn to the following page for the same information in the form of a timeline.

Timeline for dealing with traffic fines

Day 1	You received a fine for a traffic or parking infringement
Days 1 – 28	<p>Within 28 days, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Pay the fine; b) Apply to pay the fine by instalments; c) Apply to complete an approved work order and development order instead of paying the fine; d) Dispute liability for the fine in writing; e) Give the Road Transport Authority an infringement notice declaration if you were not the person who committed the offence; f) Apply for the fine to be withdrawn; g) Ask for more time to pay the fine; or h) Apply for a waiver of the fine.
Days 29 - 56	<p>If you have not yet done anything about the fine a reminder notice has now been sent to you. You have also been charged a \$34 fee for the reminder notice.</p> <p>The reminder notice gives you another 28 days to take action on the fine.</p>
Day 57 onwards	<p>If you do not take any action you will owe the amount the fine and the extra \$34 fee. Your licence may also be suspended for failure to take action.</p> <p>You can still do something about the fine at this point but you may need make an 'out of time' application and give good reasons for why you did not do anything about the fine earlier.</p>

The material in this fact sheet is intended as a general guide only. Readers should not act on the basis of any material in this publication without first getting legal advice about their particular situations.

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