

Asking for withdrawal of a fine

1. Complete a form which says why you think that fine should be withdrawn.
2. Provide evidence to support your claims.
3. If your application is refused you could appeal, or look at other options for dealing with the fine.

A traffic or parking fine might be withdrawn where:

- The fine contains the wrong information (e.g. wrong date);
- The parking permit/ticket was incorrectly displayed but you can explain why and provide the ticket;
- Your car was broken down or stolen; or
- The parking meter or ticket machine was faulty.

You have **28 days** from when you receive the fine to apply for withdrawal of a fine. You can still apply after 28 days have passed but you may be issued with a reminder notice and charged a \$34 reminder notice fee. After **56 days** have passed your licence may be suspended, and, if you apply for withdrawal of the fine you may have to provide good reasons as to why you did not apply in time.

The police may refer the matter to the court where you:

- Do not agree with/object to the fine being imposed;
- Deny that you committed the offence;
- Question the operation/accuracy of the speed/red light camera;
- Question the evidence; or
- Appeal/contest/dispute the fine.

If the court does not decide in your favour, it may go on your criminal record and you may be fined and have to pay costs.

The process

<p>Parking infringement</p>	<p>Download the relevant form from: http://www.rego.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/603316/31010i-Application-for-withdrawal-PRO-18112013.pdf</p> <p>Send the form by post, fax or email: Parking Review Office, PO Box 582, Dickson ACT 2602 Fax: (02) 6207 7107 Email: parkingreview@act.gov.au</p>
<p>Traffic camera infringement or infringement issued by police</p>	<p>Complete the online form: https://form.act.gov.au/smartforms/landing.htm?formCode=1131</p> <p>Or, send a letter to the police by post, fax or email with the fine number, the date that you receive the fine, your name, address, driver’s license number, state and contact number: Chief Police Officer, GPO Box 2208, Canberra ACT 2601 Fax: (02) 6245 7419 Email: infringements@afp.gov.au</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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