



STREET LAW

Traffic and Parking Infringements Fact Sheet

Factsheet 3: 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 Complete a form which says why you think that fine should be withdrawn.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A traffic or parking fine might be withdrawn where: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, wrong vehicle description, wrong driver information, incorrect description of the offence);
- The fine is the result of administrative or technical reasons outside of your control (e.g. a parking meter or ticket machine was faulty);
- There was an emergency medical situation;
- You have a good driving record for the 5 years before the offence (only available in relation to some offences);
- The person to whom the fine has been issued is deceased or has moved overseas permanently;
- There is insufficient evidence to establish that the offence occurred;
- You have disputed the fine and the RTA has not referred it to court within 60 days;
- The parking permit/ticket was incorrectly displayed but you can explain why and provide the ticket;
- The offence occurred because the vehicle had broken down or was otherwise immobilized for parking and stopping offences.

You have **28 days** from when you receive the fine to apply for it to be withdrawn. 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.

Because of a 2005 ACT Supreme Court decision, 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

Parking or traffic camera infringement

Complete the online form:
[https://rego.act.gov.au/
regosoawicket/public/withdraw/
WithdrawInfringementPage](https://rego.act.gov.au/regosoawicket/public/withdraw/WithdrawInfringementPage)

Or download and complete an "Application for Withdrawal of a Parking or Traffic Camera Infringement Notice". Completed forms can be submitted to:

- Traffic related offences:
tco@act.gov.au
- Parking related offence:
parkingreview@act.gov.au

Traffic infringement issued by police

Complete the online form:
[https://form.act.gov.au/
smartforms/landing.
htm?formCode=1131](https://form.act.gov.au/smartforms/landing.htm?formCode=1131)