

Road Traffic (Driver Improvement Points System) Rules

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THE SCHEDULE Scheduled Offences

Legislative History

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276, SECTION 45(2))

ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVER IMPROVEMENT POINTS SYSTEM) RULES

[1st March 1983]

Citation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Driver Improvement Points System) Rules.

Definitions

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Course” means a course on safe driving that is conducted for the purposes of rule 3A;

[S 616/2015 wef 01/11/2015]

“Demerit Points No Parking Zone” means any part of a road that is marked with a single yellow zig-zag line, and includes the public footpath adjacent to the road;

[S 837/2013 wef 01/01/2014]

“driving licence” means a licence to drive a vehicle granted under Part II of the Act;

“holder of a foreign driving licence” has the same meaning as in section 47F(4) of the Act;

[S 645/2010 wef 01/11/2010]

“licence holder” means a holder of a driving licence or a holder of a foreign driving licence;

[S 616/2015 wef 01/11/2015]

“new driver” has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic (New Drivers) Rules (R 32);

[S 616/2015 wef 01/11/2015]

“notice of eligibility” means a notice in writing, issued by the Deputy Commissioner of Police to a licence holder, informing the licence holder of that licence holder’s eligibility to attend a Course;

[S 616/2015 wef 01/11/2015]

“scheduled offence” means an offence listed in the Schedule;

“school” has the same meaning as in the Education Act (Cap. 87);

[S 837/2013 wef 01/01/2014]

“school zone” means any part of a road that is —

- (a) adjacent to or in the immediate vicinity of a school; and
- (b) between a traffic sign indicating the beginning of a school zone and a traffic sign indicating the end of a school zone;

[S 837/2013 wef 01/01/2014]

[S 443/2021 wef 01/07/2021]

“silver zone” means any part of a road that is between a traffic sign indicating the beginning of a silver zone and a traffic sign indicating the end of a silver zone.

[S 443/2021 wef 01/07/2021]

Award of demerit points

3.—(1) Where a licence holder —

- (a) is convicted of a scheduled offence; or
- (b) pays a sum of money to compound a scheduled offence he is reasonably suspected to have committed,

the Deputy Commissioner of Police shall award against that holder the demerit points specified in the Schedule for that scheduled offence.

[S 837/2013 wef 01/01/2014]

[S 616/2015 wef 01/11/2015]

(1A) Where the scheduled offence mentioned in paragraph (1) —

- (a) is an offence listed in item (1)(a) to (e), (2)(a) to (e), (5), (7), (8), (9), (10), (12), (13), (18), (23), (24), (25), (26), (27) or (42) of the Schedule; and
- (b) is committed, or is reasonably suspected to have been committed, in a school zone or a silver zone by a licence holder,

the Deputy Commissioner of Police may award against the holder concerned 2 demerit points in addition to the demerit points awarded under paragraph (1).

[S 443/2021 wef 01/07/2021]

(2) Any demerit points awarded under paragraph (1) or (1A) shall take effect from the date on which the scheduled offence is committed or, in the case where the offence is compounded, on which the scheduled offence is reasonably suspected to have been committed.

[S 837/2013 wef 01/01/2014]

(3) The Deputy Commissioner of Police shall keep a register setting out the names and other particulars of all licence holders who have been awarded demerit points.

[S 459/99 wef 01/11/1999]

[S 645/2010 wef 01/11/2010]

[S 616/2015 wef 01/11/2015]

Eligibility of licence holder to attend Course, etc.

3A.—(1) The Deputy Commissioner of Police must issue a notice of eligibility to a licence holder if —

- (a) all of the following criteria are satisfied:
 - (i) the licence holder is not either of the following:
 - (A) a new driver in relation to any class of driving licence;
 - (B) a holder of a foreign driving licence whose foreign driving licence has been held for less than one year after the date of the grant of that licence;
[S 627/2017 wef 01/11/2017]
 - (ii) no driving licence of the licence holder was revoked under section 35A(1)(a) of the Act in the immediately preceding 12 months;
 - (iii) the driving licence of the licence holder is not suspended under the Act (including under rule 4);
 - (iv) the licence holder is not prohibited, by a prohibition order under section 47F of the Act or rule 7, from driving a motor vehicle in Singapore;
 - (v) the driving licence of the licence holder is not liable to suspension under rule 4;
 - (vi) the licence holder is not liable to have a prohibition order under rule 7 made against the licence holder;
 - (vii) the licence holder is not disqualified under the Act from holding a driving licence;
 - (viii) the driving licence of the licence holder does not cease to be in force under section 35(10A) of the Act;
 - (ix) demerit points awarded against the licence holder —
 - (A) have been disregarded under paragraph (3), or have been cancelled under paragraph (3) as in force immediately before 1 November 2017, on not more than one previous occasion in the immediately preceding 10 years; and

- (B) have not been disregarded under paragraph (3), and have not been cancelled under paragraph (3) as in force immediately before 1 November 2017, in the immediately preceding 12 months; and

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- (b) the Deputy Commissioner of Police awards against the licence holder for a scheduled offence (called in this rule the trigger offence) any demerit points which would result in the licence holder being awarded —

- (i) in any case where the licence holder is a person referred to in rule 4(2) or a holder of a foreign driving licence referred to in rule 7(2), a total of 4 or more demerit points within a period of 12 months; or

[S 627/2017 wef 01/11/2017]

- (ii) *[Deleted by S 627/2017 wef 01/11/2017]*

- (iii) in any other case, a total of 8 or more demerit points within a period of 24 months.

[S 627/2017 wef 01/11/2017]

(2) A notice of eligibility issued to a licence holder remains valid from the date the notice is issued until the earliest of the following dates:

- (a) the date specified in the notice to be its last day of validity;
- (b) the date immediately before any of the following occurs:
 - (i) the licence holder becomes a new driver in relation to any class of driving licence;
 - (ii) the driving licence of the licence holder is suspended under the Act (including under rule 4);
 - (iii) the licence holder is prohibited, by a prohibition order under section 47F of the Act or rule 7, from driving a motor vehicle in Singapore;
 - (iv) the driving licence of the licence holder becomes liable to suspension under rule 4;
 - (v) the licence holder becomes liable to have a prohibition order under rule 7 made against the licence holder;
 - (vi) the licence holder is disqualified under the Act from holding a