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# Penalty points (endorsements)

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## Endorsement codes and penalty points

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Each endorsement has a special code and is given 'penalty points' on a scale from 1 to 11. You get more points for more serious offences.

The table shows the offence codes that can be put on your driving record. It also shows how many penalty points you can get for them. Some offences may also involve a disqualification.

Offence codes and penalty points must stay on your driving record for 4 or 11 years depending on the offence.

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## Accident offences

These codes must stay on a driving record for 4 years from the date of the offence.

Code	Offence	Penalty points
<b>AC10</b>	Failing to stop after an accident	5 to 10
<b>AC20</b>	Failing to give particulars or report an accident within 24 hours	5 to 10
<b>AC30</b>	Undefined accident offences	4 to 9

## Disqualified driver

Codes BA10 and BA30 must stay on a driving record for 4 years from the date of the offence.

Code	Offence	Penalty points
<b>BA10</b>	Driving while disqualified by order of court	6
<b>BA30</b>	Attempting to drive while disqualified by order of court	6

Codes BA40 and BA60 must stay on a driving record for 4 years from the date of the conviction.

Code	Offence	Penalty points
<b>BA40</b>	Causing death by driving while disqualified	3 to 11
<b>BA60</b>	Causing serious injury by driving while disqualified	3 to 11

## Careless driving

Codes CD10 to CD33 must stay on a driving record for 4 years from the date of the offence.

Code	Offence	Penalty points
<b>CD10</b>	Driving without due care and attention	3 to 9
<b>CD20</b>	Driving without reasonable consideration for other road users	3 to 9
<b>CD30</b>	Driving without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other road users	3 to 9
<b>CD33</b>	Causing serious injury by careless or inconsiderate driving	3 to 9

Codes CD40 to CD70 must stay on a driving record for 11 years from the date of the conviction.

Code	Offence	Penalty points
<b>CD40</b>	Causing death through careless driving when unfit	3 to 11

Code	Offence	Penalty points
	through drink	
<b>CD50</b>	Causing death by careless driving when unfit through drugs	3 to 11
<b>CD60</b>	Causing death by careless driving with alcohol level above the limit	3 to 11
<b>CD70</b>	Causing death by careless driving then failing to supply a specimen for alcohol analysis	3 to 11

Codes CD80 and CD90 must stay on a driving record for 4 years from the date of the conviction.

Code	Offence	Penalty points
<b>CD80</b>	Causing death by careless, or inconsiderate, driving	3 to 11
<b>CD90</b>	Causing death by driving: unlicensed, disqualified or uninsured drivers	3 to 11

## Construction and use offences

These codes must stay on a driving record for 4 years from the date of the offence.

Code	Offence	Penalty points
<b>CU10</b>	Using a vehicle with defective brakes	3
<b>CU20</b>	Causing or likely to cause danger by reason of use of unsuitable vehicle or using a vehicle with parts or	3

Code	Offence	Penalty points
	accessories (excluding brakes, steering or tyres) in a dangerous condition	
<b>CU30</b>	Using a vehicle with defective tyre(s)	3
<b>CU40</b>	Using a vehicle with defective steering	3
<b>CU50</b>	Causing or likely to cause danger by reason of load or passengers	3
<b>CU80</b>	Breach of requirements as to control of the vehicle, such as using a mobile phone	3 to 6

## Reckless/dangerous driving

These codes must stay on a driving record for 4 years from the date of the conviction.

Code	Offence	Penalty points
<b>DD10</b>	Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	3 to 11
<b>DD40</b>	Dangerous driving	3 to 11
<b>DD60</b>	Manslaughter or culpable homicide while driving a vehicle	3 to 11
<b>DD80</b>	Causing death by dangerous driving	3 to 11
<b>DD90</b>	Furious driving	3 to 9

## Drink

Codes DR10 to DR61 must stay on a driving record for 11 years from the date of the conviction.

Code	Offence	Penalty points
<b>DR10</b>	Driving or attempting to drive with alcohol level above limit	3 to 11
<b>DR20</b>	Driving or attempting to drive while unfit through drink	3 to 11
<b>DR30</b>	Driving or attempting to drive then failing to supply a specimen for analysis	3 to 11
<b>DR31</b>	Driving or attempting to drive then refusing to give permission for analysis of a blood sample that was taken without consent due to incapacity	3 to 11
<b>DR61</b>	Refusing to give permission for analysis of a blood sample that was taken without consent due to incapacity in circumstances other than driving or attempting to drive	10

Codes DR40 to DR70 must stay on a driving record for 4 years from the date of the offence or 4 years from date of conviction where a disqualification is imposed.

Code	Offence	Penalty points
<b>DR40</b>	In charge of a vehicle while alcohol level above limit	10
<b>DR50</b>	In charge of a vehicle while unfit through drink	10
<b>DR60</b>	Failure to provide a specimen for analysis in circumstances	10

Code	Offence	Penalty points
	other than driving or attempting to drive	
<b>DR70</b>	Failing to co-operate with a preliminary test	4

## Drugs

These codes must stay on a driving record for 11 years from the date of the conviction.

Code	Offence	Penalty points
<b>DG10</b>	Driving or attempting to drive with drug level above the specified limit	3 to 11
<b>DG60</b>	Causing death by careless driving with drug level above the limit	3 to 11
<b>DR80</b>	Driving or attempting to drive when unfit through drugs	3 to 11

These codes must stay on a driving record for 4 years from the date of the offence or 4 years from date of conviction where a disqualification is imposed.

Code	Offence	Penalty points
<b>DG40</b>	In charge of a vehicle while drug level above specified limit	10
<b>DR70</b>	Failing to co-operate with a preliminary test	4
<b>DR90</b>	In charge of a vehicle when	10

Code	Offence	Penalty points
	unfit through drugs	

## Insurance offences

Code IN10 must stay on a driving record for 4 years from the date of the offence.

Code	Offence	Penalty points
IN10	Using a vehicle uninsured against third party risks	6 to 8

## Licence offences

These codes must stay on a driving record for 4 years from the date of the offence.

Code	Offence	Penalty points
LC20	Driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence	3 to 6
LC30	Driving after making a false declaration about fitness when applying for a licence	3 to 6
LC40	Driving a vehicle having failed to notify a disability	3 to 6
LC50	Driving after a licence has been cancelled (revoked) or refused on medical grounds	3 to 6

## Miscellaneous offences

These codes must stay on a driving record for 4 years from the date of the offence.



Code	Offence	Penalty points
<b>MS10</b>	Leaving a vehicle in a dangerous position	3
<b>MS20</b>	Unlawful pillion riding	3
<b>MS30</b>	Play street offences	2
<b>MS50</b>	Motor racing on the highway	3 to 11
<b>MS60</b>	Offences not covered by other codes (including offences relating to breach of requirements as to control of vehicle)	3
<b>MS70</b>	Driving with uncorrected defective eyesight	3
<b>MS80</b>	Refusing to submit to an eyesight test	3
<b>MS90</b>	Failure to give information as to identity of driver etc	6

## Motorway offences

Code MW10 must stay on a driving record for 4 years from the date of the offence.

Code	Offence	Penalty points
<b>MW10</b>	Contravention of special roads regulations (excluding speed limits)	3

## Pedestrian crossings

These codes must stay on a driving record for 4 years from the date of the offence.

Code	Offence	Penalty points
PC10	Undefined contravention of pedestrian crossing regulations	3
PC20	Contravention of pedestrian crossing regulations with moving vehicle	3
PC30	Contravention of pedestrian crossing regulations with stationary vehicle	3

## Speed limits

These codes must stay on a driving record for 4 years from the date of the offence.

Code	Offence	Penalty points
SP10	Exceeding goods vehicle speed limits	3 to 6
SP20	Exceeding speed limit for type of vehicle (excluding goods or passenger vehicles)	3 to 6
SP30	Exceeding statutory speed limit on a public road	3 to 6
SP40	Exceeding passenger vehicle speed limit	3 to 6
SP50	Exceeding speed limit on a motorway	3 to 6

## Traffic direction and signs

These codes must stay on a driving record for 4 years from the date of the offence.

Code	Offence	Penalty points
TS10	Failing to comply with traffic light signals	3
TS20	Failing to comply with double white lines	3
TS30	Failing to comply with 'stop' sign	3
TS40	Failing to comply with direction of a constable/warden	3
TS50	Failing to comply with traffic sign (excluding 'stop' signs, traffic lights or double white lines)	3
TS60	Failing to comply with a school crossing patrol sign	3
TS70	Undefined failure to comply with a traffic direction sign	3

## Special code

Code TT99 must stay on a driving record for 4 years from the date of conviction.

It shows disqualification under 'totting-up' - if the total of penalty points reaches 12 or more within 3 years, the driver can be disqualified.

## Theft or unauthorised taking

Code UT50 must stay on a driving record for 4 years from the date of the offence.

Code	Offence	Penalty points
UT50	Aggravated taking of a vehicle	3 to 11

## ‘Mutual recognition’ codes

You’ll get an ‘MR’ code on your driving record if you’re disqualified while driving in Northern Ireland or the Isle of Man. Your disqualification period will also be valid in GB and will stay on your record for 4 years from the date of conviction.

Code	Offence
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<b>MR09</b>	Reckless or dangerous driving (whether or not resulting in death, injury or serious risk)
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<b>MR19</b>	Wilful failure to carry out the obligation placed on driver after being involved in a road accident (hit or run)
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<b>MR29</b>	Driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other substance affecting or diminishing the mental and physical abilities of a driver
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<b>MR39</b>	Driving a vehicle faster than the permitted speed
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<b>MR49</b>	Driving a vehicle whilst disqualified
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<b>MR59</b>	Other conduct constituting an offence for which a driving disqualification has been imposed by the State of Offence
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## Aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring offences

For these offences, the codes are similar, but with the number 0 on the code changed to 2.

For example, code LC20 (driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence) becomes code LC22 on your driving record if you have helped someone to do this.

## Causing or permitting offences

For these offences, the codes are similar, but with the number 0 on the code changed to 4.

For example, LC20 (driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence) becomes LC24 on your licence if you've caused or permitted someone to do this.

## Inciting offences

For these offences, the codes are similar, but with the number 0 on the code changed to 6.

For example, DD40 (dangerous driving) becomes DD46 on your driving record if you've incited someone to do this.

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