

PART A

DRIVING LICENCES

'NEW' DRIVERS

- 10** New drivers are motorists who hold a new class of driving licence for less than one year from the date of grant of licence. They shall be under probation for one year from the date of grant of the new driving licence to them.
- 11** During the one year probation period, all new Class 2B, Class 3/3A and Class 3C/3CA drivers are required to display a distinguishing mark (i.e. Probation Plate) at the front and rear of their vehicles when driving.

In the case of a Class 2B motor vehicle, the Probation Plate should be displayed:

- (a) directly above or below the headlamp; and
- (b) directly above or below the rear licence plate.

For a Class 3, 3A, 3C & 3CA motor vehicle which is constructed with a front and a rear windscreen, the Probation Plate should be displayed;

- (a) at the top right portion of the front windscreen; and
- (b) at the top right portion of the rear windscreen, as seen from the outside of the vehicle;



Probation Plate

- 12** Those who fail to display the Probation Plate will be fined. Repeat offenders with at least 2 offences of failing to display the Probation Plate during their one year probation period will have their licence revoked.

A new driver who accumulates 13 or more demerit points during the one year probation period will also have his/her new driving licence revoked.

DRIVER IMPROVEMENT POINTS SYSTEM (DIPS)

- 13** Singapore's demerit points system, named the Driver Improvement Points System (DIPS), was introduced on 1 March 1983.
- 14** DIPS is designed to identify and rehabilitate errant drivers through a system of rewards and punishments. Errant motorists are thus encouraged to improve their driving behaviours on the roads with incentives to expunge their demerit points and previous suspension record as well as remission of suspension period.

Key Features Of DIPS

Suspension Of Driving Licence

New or Probationary Motorists

- 15** For a new motorist who is under one year probation from the date of grant of his/her driving licence, his/her new driving licence will be revoked and become invalid when he/she accumulates 13 or more demerit points during his/her probation period. The licence holder will have to retake all the necessary driving tests (theory and practical) to obtain a licence to drive/ride again and can only retake the driving tests one year after the revocation is effected.

Non-Probationary Motorists

- 16** For a motorist who has no previous suspension record with Traffic Police, if he/she has accumulated 24 or more demerit points within 24 consecutive months, his/her driving licence will become liable for the 1st suspension of a period of 12 weeks.
- 17** For a motorist who has previous suspension records with Traffic Police, if he/she has accumulated 12 or more demerit points within 12 consecutive months, his/her driving licence will become liable for the subsequent suspension.
- 18** For subsequent suspensions after the 1st suspension, the suspension periods are:
- (a) 2nd suspension : 24 weeks;
 - (b) 3rd suspension : 1 year;
 - (c) 4th suspension : 2 years; and
 - (d) 5th suspension (onwards) : 3 years.
- 19** Where the suspension period is a year or longer (i.e. 3rd suspension onwards), the driving licence will be revoked and become invalid. The licence holder will have to retake all the necessary driving tests (theory and practical) to obtain a licence to drive/ride again. Traffic Police takes a firm stance against motorists who commit traffic violations or drive while under suspension or revocation.
- 20** Motorists who wish to appeal for their traffic offences can only do so online via TP's e-Appeals Portal. Appeals for traffic offences will only be considered on grounds of extenuating circumstances, such as medical emergencies, and must be supported by relevant documentary proof. Repeated appeals without fresh evidence will not be considered.
- 21** Motorists liable for 1st and 2nd suspensions will be offered a retraining course to correct their driving behaviour. If they take and pass the retraining course, they will be given a remission on their suspension period:
- (a) For 1st suspension, the suspension period will be reduced from 12 weeks to 4 weeks. If none of their traffic offences leading to their 1st suspension was involved in a traffic accident, their suspension period will be further reduced to 1 week; and
 - (b) For 2nd suspension, it will be reduced from 24 weeks to 12 weeks.
- 22** There is no offer of retraining course and remission for 3rd and subsequent suspensions.