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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF DRIVER LICENCE

Sections 39(a) and 40, *Road Transport Act 2013*

You are receiving this Notice to inform you that your driver licence will be suspended on 22 OCT 2019.

This suspension is a result of demerit points incurred as a result of the offence(s) listed below, which exceed the demerit point limit. As a result the law requires that your P2 Provisional Class C Driver licence must be suspended for a period of 3 months.

This period will be extended if you do not pass a Driver Knowledge Test.

The suspension will remain in place until you pass the test. You can undertake the Driver Knowledge Test while your licence is suspended.

Warning: You must not drive on a road or road related area during the suspension period. You may keep the licence in your possession, but you must not drive until 22 JAN 2020.

If your licence expires during the suspension period it must be renewed at a Service NSW centre or registry at the end of the suspension but before you resume driving. An expired licence cannot be renewed during the suspension period.

Requirement to undertake Driver Knowledge Test

You are required to undertake a Driver Knowledge Test under the above provision because you have exceeded your demerit point limit twice as a holder of a provisional licence. Important information is shown overleaf about how and when you can complete this requirement. There is no appeal right against this requirement.

Appeal

You have the right to appeal against the suspension of your licence. If you choose to appeal, you must file the appeal no later than 21 OCT 2019. You can file online at onlineregistry.lawlink.nsw.gov.au, or in person at a NSW Local Court. Provided you have filed your appeal by 21 OCT 2019, you can continue to drive as long as your licence remains current. You do not have to undertake the Driver Knowledge Test while waiting for the Court determination.

If the suspension of your licence is confirmed by the court, the 3 months suspension period (or alternative period ordered by the Court) will then commence from the date the appeal is finalised.

If the court dismisses or varies your appeal, you will be required to pass a Driver Knowledge Test before being allowed to drive again.

If the court upholds your appeal you will not be required to undertake the Driver Knowledge Test.

Important information is shown overleaf including the extension of licence tenure graduation periods and additional penalties for exceeding the demerit points limit on a second occasion.

Manager, Sanctions Unit

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DEMERIT POINTS SCHEME

A provisional or learner licence will be suspended (or an application for a provisional or learner licence will be refused and a period of ineligibility imposed) for a period of three months when:

- the holder of a learner licence incurs four or more demerit points within a three year period,
- the holder of a P1 provisional licence incurs four or more demerit points within a three year period, or
- the holder of a P2 provisional licence incurs seven or more demerit points within a three year period.

Note: The above periods may be extended if you incur the threshold number of demerit points a second time.

EXCEEDING DEMERITS TWICE

If your licence is suspended or if you are ineligible to obtain a licence for a second time for exceeding your demerit point limit, additional penalties apply. You may be required to serve a further period of suspension/ineligibility and pass a Driver Knowledge Test to have your licence restored/issued after serving the three month suspension/ineligibility period.

DEMERIT POINT LICENCE SUSPENSION/INELIGIBILITY

You may undertake the Driver Knowledge Test at any time. If you pass the Driver Knowledge Test, the suspension period or ineligibility period will end after the period shown overleaf has expired. If you do not pass the Driver Knowledge Test before the expiry of the suspension period shown overleaf, the suspension period or ineligibility period will be extended until you pass the Driver Knowledge Test.

HOW DO I BOOK A DRIVER KNOWLEDGE TEST

You can book a Driver Knowledge Test online at myRTA, by phone call to the Contact Centre or you may attend a Service NSW centre. You must attend a Service NSW centre or registry to undertake the Driver Knowledge Test. Some locations are busier than others so it is recommended you book a timeslot. If you are unsuccessful on the first attempt, you will need to take the test again - however there is a fee for each time that you attempt. A practice test is available online at www.rms.nsw.gov.au.

EXCESSIVE SPEED, ILLICIT DRUG AND ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENCES

If you have committed certain offences your licence may be suspended or refused for the following periods:

- three months for exceeding a speed limit by more than 30 km/h but not more than 45 km/h, or
- six months for exceeding a speed limit by more than 45 km/h
- three months for driving with illicit drug present in blood, urine or oral fluid
- three months for driving with special category, low or novice range concentration of alcohol

These offences may also carry demerit points. If the demerit points cause you to exceed your demerit point limit, an additional period of suspension will be applied under the Demerit Points Scheme.

DOUBLE DEMERIT POINTS

During specially designated/public holiday periods, demerit points are doubled for speed offences, using a mobile phone, not wearing a seatbelt or helmet, allowing a passenger not to wear a seatbelt or helmet, or allowing a child to travel in a child restraint in a front seat where an airbag is fitted.

PROVISIONAL P2 DRIVERS - EXTENSION OF LICENCE TENURE PERIOD TO GRADUATE TO AN UNRESTRICTED LICENCE

If you are the holder of a Provisional P2 licence your tenure period to graduate to an unrestricted licence will be extended by a further six months for every suspension period you serve for unsafe driving behaviour. A Provisional P2 driver who receives multiple suspensions will also receive multiple six month extension periods before being eligible to graduate to an unrestricted licence. This is in addition to the extended licence graduation tenure period required to be served while your licence was suspended. For further information about licence tenure periods and extensions please refer to rms.nsw.gov.au/licence

UNPAID FINES

If Revenue NSW notifies Roads and Maritime that you have unpaid fines recorded against you, your licence can be suspended/refused until Revenue NSW advises that all fines have been paid.

WARNING

Fines, a prison sentences and licence disqualification may be imposed by a court if you drive while your driver licence is suspended or you are ineligible to apply for a driver licence.

MORE INFORMATION

More information about the Demerit Points Scheme is available on the Roads and Maritime website at rms.nsw.gov.au