

# Infringement notices

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Infringement notices, more commonly known as on-the-spot fines, are an important part of Victoria's law enforcement system. Infringement notices enable offences, such as:

- speeding
- traffic
- transport
- tolling
- criminal offences to be dealt with without a court appearance.

Infringements relating to the Road Safety Camera Program can involve speeding, traffic light, registration and other road safety offences.


If you have received an infringement notice you have a number of options to consider.

## Your options

- pay the penalty (or apply to pay by instalments)
- request an internal review
- nominate another driver
- nominate that the vehicle or the registration plates were stolen
- nominate that the vehicle had been sold
- nominate that the identity of the driver cannot be established
- elect to go to court.

## Pay the penalty

Details of how to pay can be found on your infringement notice. You can apply to pay by instalments.

For more information about payment methods, payment plans and options visit the [Fines Victoria](http://online.fines.vic.gov.au/fines/)  <http://online.fines.vic.gov.au/fines/> website.

## Part payment plans

Those who are eligible can pay their fine by instalment or get an extension on the due date from the time it is first issued.

Payment plans are available to people who meet the eligibility criteria. There is discretion to offer payment plans to any person, including applications for reasons of financial difficulty.


People who receive one of the following benefits are eligible for payment plans:

- Centrelink Health Care Card (all types including non-means tested)
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Concession Card or Gold Card.

You can also apply on the basis of financial hardship. You may be asked questions about your financial circumstances and asked to supply documentation. Your application will be assessed on this information.

To get more information about your eligibility for a payment plan call Fines Victoria on [\(03\) 9200 8111](tel:0392008111), between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Friday.

Callers from regional Victoria can contact Fines Victoria on [1300 369 819](tel:1300369819) for the cost of a local call.

Further information about part payment plans is available at [Fines Victoria](https://online.fines.vic.gov.au/fines/)  [<https://online.fines.vic.gov.au/fines/>](https://online.fines.vic.gov.au/fines/) .

## Official warnings

See the [Official warnings](https://www.police.vic.gov.au/official-warnings) page [<https://www.police.vic.gov.au/official-warnings>](https://www.police.vic.gov.au/official-warnings) .

## Request an internal review

An application for internal review can be made at any time before the offence is registered with the Director of Fines Victoria or before the expiry of the period for bringing a proceeding to court in relation to the offence.

Visit [Fines Victoria](https://online.fines.vic.gov.au/Request-a-review/)  [<https://online.fines.vic.gov.au/Request-a-review>](https://online.fines.vic.gov.au/Request-a-review/) .

**Only one application for internal review can be made regarding any one infringement offence.**

Victoria Police has the power to:

- confirm the issuing of an infringement notice
- withdraw the infringement notice
- withdraw an infringement notice and issue an official warning in its place
- withdraw the infringement notice and refer the matter to the Magistrates' Court or the Children's Court if you're under the age of 18
- waive or vary any fees associated with the fine.

Each application for an internal review is judged on a case-by-case basis.

Internal reviews do not apply to the following offences:

- drink-driving, drug driving, driving under the influence of drugs, or excessive speed infringements under Sections 89A-89D of the Road Safety Act 1986
- Transport Safety Infringement notices in the Marine Act 1988 (drink and/or drug offences while operating a vessel)
- safety work infringements under Section 215C of the Transport Act.

An application for internal review can be made at any time before the offence is registered with the Director of Fines Victoria, or before the expiry of the period for bringing a proceeding to Court in relation to the offence.

Applications for internal review must:

- be in writing
- state the grounds for review
- provide current address details
- contain letter of consent, or other evidence of consent, if done on behalf of a third party.

Grounds for review are:

- if you believe the decision to serve the notice was contrary to law
- there is a mistake in identity
- your conduct should be excused as exceptional
- if special circumstances apply.

Further information on grounds for review can be found at [Fines Victoria](https://online.fines.vic.gov.au/fines/).   
<[http://online.fines.vic.gov.au/fines/](https://online.fines.vic.gov.au/fines/)>


Applications for review should be sent to:

Officer in Charge  
Fines Victoria  
GPO Box 1916  
Melbourne 3001

## Nominate another driver

Infringement notices resulting from detection by the Road Safety Camera Program are sent to the registered operator of the vehicle. Some infringement notices may be issued by a police member on-the-spot to the responsible driver at the time of the offence.


If you have been sent an infringement notice, or other notice, but you were not the driver, or person in possession or control of the vehicle, you may nominate the responsible person.

To nominate that person, complete the Nomination Statement Part B, Statement 1 on the back of the infringement notice or download and complete the Nomination statement and return it to [Fines Victoria](https://online.fines.vic.gov.au/Request-a-review)   
<<https://online.fines.vic.gov.au/Request-a-review>> .

All information must be provided on the form or it will not be accepted.  
Nominations can only be received if at Infringement Stage or Penalty  
Reminder Stage.

Once the notice becomes a Notice of Final Demand, it is too late to nominate  
another driver (S67 exceptions apply on first knowledge of offence) a 28 day  
extension of time is granted).

Do not pay the penalty. A new infringement notice will be issued to the person  
you have nominated, and the infringement notice sent to you will be  
cancelled.

For further information regarding nominations or questions about  
nominations visit [Nominate - Fines Victoria](https://online.fines.vic.gov.au/Nominate).   
<<https://online.fines.vic.gov.au/Nominate>>

Note: It is an offence under the Road Safety Act 1986 (which may carry a fine  
in excess of \$9,000 and potential licence loss for an individual, or a fine in  
excess of \$18,000 for a body corporate) to knowingly provide false or  
misleading information in a nomination statement.

## Nominate that the vehicle or the registration plates were stolen

This is a statement to the effect that at the time of the alleged offence the  
motor vehicle or number plates were stolen.

To nominate that the vehicle or the registration plates were stolen visit  
[Nominate - Fines Victoria](https://online.fines.vic.gov.au/Nominate).  <<https://online.fines.vic.gov.au/Nominate>>


The nomination statement should contain sufficient information (and  
supporting material where available) in order that the statement can be  
verified.

All information must be provided on the nomination statement or it will not be  
accepted.

Note: It is an offence under the Road Safety Act 1986 (which may carry a fine  
in excess of \$9,000 and potential licence loss for an individual, or a fine in  
excess of \$18,000 for a body corporate) to knowingly provide false or  
misleading information in a nomination statement.

## Nominate that the vehicle had been sold

This is a statement to the effect that the vehicle had been sold or otherwise disposed of prior to the time of the alleged offence.

To nominate that the vehicle had been sold or otherwise disposed of prior to the time of the alleged offence, visit [Nominate - Fines Victoria](https://online.fines.vic.gov.au/Nominate).   
<<https://online.fines.vic.gov.au/Nominate>>


The nomination statement should contain sufficient information to identify and locate the person to whom the vehicle was sold or disposed of prior to the time of the alleged offence.

All information must be provided on the nomination statement or it will not be accepted.

Note: It is an offence under the Road Safety Act 1986 (which may carry a fine in excess of \$9,000 and potential licence loss for an individual, or a fine in excess of \$18,000 for a body corporate) to knowingly provide false or misleading information in a nomination statement.

## **Nominate that the identity of the driver cannot be established**

This is a statement to the effect that the person was not driving or did not have possession or control of the vehicle at the time of the offence and that the person does not know and cannot reasonably ascertain who was driving or in possession or control of the vehicle at the time of the alleged offence.

To nominate that the person was not driving or did not have possession or control of the vehicle at the time of the offence and that the person does not know and cannot reasonably ascertain who was driving or in possession or control of the vehicle at the time of the alleged offence, visit [Nominate - Fines Victoria](https://online.fines.vic.gov.au/Nominate).  <<https://online.fines.vic.gov.au/Nominate>> .

All information must be provided on the nomination statement or it will not be accepted.

Failing to nominate a driver for three or more traffic offences (which carry demerit point penalties) in a 12 month period is an offence for which companies can be fined more than \$17,000. This applies whether the fine is paid or not.

Taxi drivers cannot nominate another driver if that person does not match the driver records kept by the taxi operator, or claim they are unable to establish the identity of the driver responsible for the offence.

Note: It is an offence under the Road Safety Act 1986 (which may carry a fine in excess of \$9,000 and potential licence loss for an individual, or a fine in excess of \$18,000 for a body corporate) to knowingly provide false or misleading information in a nomination statement.

## Elect to go to court


Persons who receive an infringement notice have the opportunity to have the matter determined by a court, where they have an opportunity to present particular circumstances to a Magistrate.

If you want to have your case heard in court, complete Part C on the back of your infringement notice and return it to Fines Victoria.

Note: Time limits and other restrictions may apply to any of these options.

## Disputing an infringement notice

If you wish to dispute an Infringement Notice, refer to the three options on the reverse of your notice, or contact Fines Victoria by:

- phone on [\(03\) 9200 8111](tel:0392008111) (metro Melbourne)
- phone on [1300 369 819](tel:1300369819) (regional Victoria on Monday – Friday 8am to 9pm, except public holidays)
- visiting the [Fines Victoria](https://www.fines.vic.gov.au)  [<https://www.fines.vic.gov.au>](https://www.fines.vic.gov.au) website.

## Demerit points

The recording of demerit points against a licence holder is the responsibility of VicRoads. The demerit points are recorded against your driver licence or learner permit. If you continue to offend and accrue too many points, you may lose your licence or learner permit.

Demerit points are always recorded relative to the time of the offence, but are only applied when:

- the infringement is paid (or part paid)
- registered with the Director of Fines Victoria as a Notice of Final Demand (unpaid Infringement Notice)
- the matter is found proven before a court
- an application is made for a relevant infringement under special circumstances and is accepted by Victoria Police.



For further information, visit the [VicRoads](#) 

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/> website.

## VicRoads licensing and registration

VicRoads is the administrator for licensing and vehicle registration in Victoria. For all information relating to licensing and registration, specifically demerit points, payments, fees, forms, renewals and replacements please refer to the [VicRoads](#)  <http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/>


## Special circumstances

As of September 2022, the definition of Special Circumstances under Part 3A of the Infringements Act 2006 was amended to include the below.

- A mental or intellectual disability, disorder, disease or illness where the disability, disorder, disease or illness contributes to the person having a significantly reduced capacity to:
  - understand that conduct constitutes an offence
  - control conduct that constitutes an offence.
- A serious addiction to drugs, alcohol or a volatile substance within the meaning of section 57 of the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 where the serious addiction contributes to the person having a significantly reduced capacity to:
  - understand that conduct constitutes an offence
  - control conduct that constitutes an offence.
- Homelessness determined in accordance with the prescribed criteria (if any) where the homelessness contributes to the person having a significantly reduced capacity to control conduct that constitutes an offence.
- Family violence within the meaning of section 5 of the Family Violence Protection Act 2008 where the person is a victim of family violence and the family violence contributes to the person having a significantly reduced capacity to control conduct that constitutes an offence.
- Circumstances experienced by the person that:
  - are long-term in nature
  - make it impracticable for the person to pay the infringement penalty and any applicable fees or otherwise deal with the infringement notice under this Act or the Fines Reform Act 2014
  - do not solely or predominantly relate to the person's financial circumstances.

## Contact



For further information regarding your options, visit [Fines Victoria](#)  <https://online.fines.vic.gov.au/Your-options> .

For more information relating to the infringement process, contact Fines Victoria by:

- phone on [\(03\) 9200 8111](tel:(03)92008111) or
- in person at the Ground Floor, 277 William Street, Melbourne.

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