

DRIVER'S LICENSE POINT SYSTEM

Every licensed driver in Pennsylvania has a driving record. When a driver is found guilty of driving violations, points are added onto their record. The point system was created to improve driving habits and also to ensure safe driving. After a driving record has accumulated six points or more, certain corrective actions, including license suspension, are taken. The following is a breakdown of the actions taken once a driving record has reached or exceeded six points.

Drivers 18 and under

The driver's license will be suspended if:

- Driver's record has accrued six or more points.
- Driver is convicted of driving 26mph or more over the posted speed limit.

Suspension will be for:

- 90 days for the first suspension
- 120 days for each additional occurrence

Initial Accumulation of 6 points

Once a driving record has accumulated six points for the first time, the driver will receive a written notice that will instruct them to take a written point examination. This will test the driver's knowledge of Safe Driving Practices, Departmental Sanctions, and Related Safety Issues. The driver has 30 days to pass the exam, or the license will be suspended until the exam is passed. If the driver successfully passes the exam in the 30 day period, two points will be removed from the driver's record.

Second Accumulation of 6 points

If a driving record reaches 6 points after being reduced below 6, a Departmental hearing for the driver is required. A written notice will inform the driver of the time and place of the hearing. At the hearing, a hearing office will review the driver's record and then recommend one or more of the following actions:

- Order a 15 day license suspension
- Order the driver to take a special on-road driver's examination
- Take no action

If it is recommended that the driver takes the special driving examination and the driver passes the examination within 30 days, two points will be removed from the driving record. If it is recommended that the driver's license be suspended for a 15 day period, two points will be deducted from the driving

record once the suspension is complete. No points will be removed if the Department takes no action.

If the driver does not attend the Departmental hearing, his/her license will be suspended for 60 days.

Excessive Speeding

If a driver is convicted for speeding 31 miles per hour or more over the posted speed limit, the driver is required to attend a Departmental hearing. The driver will receive written notice detailing the time and place of the exam. A hearing officer will review the driver's record and one or both of the following will be recommended:

- Order a 15 day license suspension
- Order the driver to take a special on-road driver's examination

If the 15 day suspension is implemented, the driving record will show 5 points once the license has been restored. The number of points on the driver's record will remain the same if a driver's examination is initiated and completed.

If the driver does not attend the Departmental hearing, his/her license will be suspended for 60 days.

Accumulation of 11 or more points

A driver's license will automatically be suspended upon the accumulation of 11 or more points. The length of suspension varies with the amount of times the license was suspended in the past. The following details the lengths and amounts of license suspension.

- First suspension – 5 days per point
- Second suspension – 10 days per point
- Third suspension – 15 days per point
- Subsequent suspensions – One year

Point Removal for Safe Driving

Three points are subtracted for every 12 consecutive months a person drives without receiving a violation that carries points, license suspension or revocation. Once a driving record is reduced to zero and stays at zero points for 12 consecutive months, any further accumulation of points is treated as the first accumulation of points.

License Suspension and Restoration

A written notice will be mailed to the driver whose license is to be suspended. This notice will inform the driver the date of suspension. The driver may appeal the suspension to his or her county's Court of Common Pleas. The driver has

30 days after the mailing date of the notice to appeal.

The driver must return the most recent product issued from PennDOT (camera card, learner's permit, and/or license) to the Bureau of Driver Licensing by the effective date designated in the suspension notice. The appropriate restoration fee must be paid before the license will be returned. Once the driving privilege has been restored the driving record will show 5 points, regardless of how many points were on the record prior to suspension.

Notice of Change of Name or Address

You required by law to notify the Bureau of Driver Licensing if you change your name or address. This notification must be in writing and must be sent within 15 days of the change(s).

Pennsylvania Point System

Title 75 Vehicle Code	Description	# of Points
1512	Violation of restriction on driver's license	2
1571	Violation concerning license	3
3102	Failure to obey policeman or authorized person	2
3112(a)(3)(i) or (ii)	Failure to stop for a red light	3
3114(a)(1)	Failure to stop for a flashing red light	3
3302	Failure to yield half of roadway to oncoming vehicle	3
3303	Improper passing, overtaken driver to maintain speed; passing driver to pull in at safe distance	3
3304	Improper passing on the right	3
3305	Improper passing on the left, clear distance ahead	3
3306(a)(1)	Improper passing on a hill	4
3306(a)(2)	Improper passing at a railroad crossing or intersection	3
3306(a)(3)	Improper passing at a bridge or tunnel	3
3307	Improper passing in a no-passing zone	3
3310	Following too closely	3
3321	Failure to yield to driver on the right at intersection	3
3322	Failure to yield to oncoming driver when making left turn	3
3323(b)	Failure to stop for a stop sign	3
3323(c)	Failure to yield at yield sign	3
3324	Failure to yield when entering or crossing roadway between intersections	3
3332	Improper turning around – illegal U-turns	3
3341(a)	Failure to obey signal indicating approach of train	2

3341(b)	Failure to comply with crossing gate or barrier	30-day suspension and 4 points
3342(b) or (e)	Failure to stop at railroad crossings	4
3344	Failure to stop when entering from alley, driveway or building	3
3345(a)	Failure to stop for school bus with flashing red lights	60-day suspension and 5 points
3361	Driving too fast for conditions	2
3362	Exceeding the maximum speed limit	
	6-10 mph	2
	11-15 mph	3
	16-25	4
	26-30	5
	31 and over	5
3365(b)	Exceeding special speed limit in school zone	3
3365(c)	Exceeding special speed limit for trucks on downgrades	3
3542(a)	Failure to yield to pedestrian in crosswalk	2
3547	Failure to yield to pedestrian on sidewalk when entering from a driveway or alley	3
3549(a)	Failure to yield to blind pedestrians	3
3702	Improper backing	3
3714	Careless driving	3
3745	Leaving scene of accident involving property damage only	4