



Demerit points for offences

Please note that speeding offence penalties including demerit points changed on 1 September 2012. For information regarding speeding offences prior to this date please call 13 10 84.

Part 1 — Demerit points within the National Scheme

1 — Offences against the Road Traffic Act 1961

Section	Description of offence against Road Traffic Act 1961	Demerit points
79B(2)	Being the owner of a vehicle that appears from evidence obtained through the operation of a photographic detection device to have been involved in the commission of a prescribed offence	
	Contravention where the owner is a natural person and the prescribed offence in which the vehicle appears to have been involved is an offence against one of the following Australian Road Rules:	
	r 56(1)-Failing to stop for red traffic light	3
	r 56(2)-Failing to stop for red traffic arrow	3
	r 59(1)-Proceeding through red traffic light	3
	r 60-Proceeding through red traffic arrow	3
	r123(a) - Entering level crossing in certain circumstances	
	Entering level crossing while twin red lights are operating	3
164A(1)	Contravening or failing to comply with provision of Act	
	Contravention of or failure to comply with—	
	s 45-Driving without due care or attention etc	3

2 — Offences against the Australian Road Rules

Rule	Description of offence against Australian Road Rules	Demerit points
27(1)	Failing to keep left when starting left turn (from other than multi-lane road)	2
28(1)	Failing to keep within left lane when starting left turn on multi-lane road	2
29(1)	Failing to make left turn as indicated by turn line	2
31(1)	Starting right turn incorrectly (from other than multi-lane road)	2

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Rule	Description of offence against Australian Road Rules	Demerit points
288(1)	Driving on path	3
289(1)	Driving on nature strip	3
292	Driving or towing vehicle carrying insecure or overhanging load	3
298	Driving motor vehicle towing trailer with person in trailer	3

6 — Offences against the Road Traffic (Road Rules-Ancillary and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2014

Regulation	Description of offence against Road Traffic (Road Rules-Ancillary and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2014	Demerit points
8(1)	Speeding while driving road train	
	Exceeding prescribed speed-limit (road trains) -	
	by less than 10 kph	2
	by 10 kph or more but less than 20 kph	3
	by 20 kph or more but less than 30 kph	5
	by 30 kph or more	7
8(2)	Speeding while driving road train	
	Exceeding 40 kph speed-limit-	
	by less than 10 kph	2
	by 10 kph or more but less than 20 kph	3
	by 20 kph or more but less than 30 kph	5
	by 30 kph or more	7
11A(1)	Driver of motor vehicle failing to pass rider of bicycle at a sufficient distance from the bicycle	2
11C(2)	Rider of motor bike engaging in unlawful lane filtering	3
44(1)	Learner or P1 driver using mobile phone while driving vehicle	3

7 — Offences against Motor Vehicles Act 1959

Section	Description of offence against Motor Vehicles Act 1959	Demerit Points
75A(15)(a)	Holder of learner's permit driving motor bike on road while no L plate affixed to bike in accordance with regulations	2
75A(15)(b)	Holder of learner's permit driving motor vehicle (other than motor bike) on road while no L plates affixed to front or rear of vehicle in accordance with regulations	2
75A(20)	Holder of prescribed learner's permit driving motor bike between midnight and 5.00a.m. without carrying passenger acting as qualified supervising driver	3
81A(13)	Holder of P1 or P2 licence under the age of 25 years driving high powered vehicle	3
81A(15)(a)	Holder of P1 licence driving motor bike on road while no P plate affixed to bike in accordance with regulations	2
81A(15)(b)	Holder of P1 licence driving motor vehicle (other than motor bike) on road while no P plates affixed to front or rear of vehicle in accordance with regulations	2
81A(16)	Holder of P1 licence under the age of 25 years driving between midnight and 5.00 a.m. without being accompanied by a person acting as qualified supervising driver	3
81A(18)	Holder of P1 licence under the age of 25 years driving with 2 or more peer passengers in the vehicle without carrying person acting as qualified supervising driver	3

8 — Offences against Heavy Vehicle National Law (South Australia)

Section	Description of offence against Heavy Vehicle National Law (South Australia)	Demerit points
529	Using heavy vehicle in contravention of a vehicle defect notice	3

Rule	Description of offence against Australian Road Rules	Demerit points
46(4)	Failing to stop giving left change of direction signal after turning left	2
48(4)	Failing to stop giving right change of direction signal after turning right	2
51	Using direction indicator lights when not permitted	2
57(3)	Failing to leave intersection showing yellow traffic light or arrow	3
60A(1)	Proceeding through bicycle storage area before red traffic light	3
60A(2)	Proceeding through bicycle storage area before red traffic arrow	3
61(5)	Failing to leave intersection when traffic lights or arrows change to yellow or red	3
92(1)	Failing to drive in direction indicated by traffic lane arrows	3
95(1)	Driving in emergency stopping lane	3
96(1)	Stopping on area of road marked with keep clear marking	3
97(1)	Driving on length of road where "road access" sign applies	3
98(1)	Driving in wrong direction on length of road where "one-way" sign applies	3
99(1)	Failing to drive to left of "keep left" sign	3
99(2)	Failing to drive to right of "keep right" sign	3
100	Driving past "no entry" sign	3
101A(1)	Driving on safety ramp or arrester bed	3
102(1)	Driving past "clearance" or "low clearance" sign	3
103(1)	Driving past "bridge load limit (gross mass)" or "gross load limit" sign-vehicle exceeding gross mass indicated by sign	3
103(2)	Driving past "bridge load limit (mass per axle group)" sign-vehicle axle group carrying mass exceeding mass indicated by sign	3
104(1)	Driving past "no trucks" sign-vehicle GVM exceeding permitted mass	3
104(2)	Driving truck past "no trucks" sign-vehicle or combination exceeding permitted length	3
104(3)	Driving truck past "no trucks" sign where no mass or length indicated	3
105	Failing to enter area indicated by "trucks must enter" sign	3
106(1)	Driving bus past "no buses" sign-bus exceeding mass indicated by sign	3
106(2)	Driving bus past "no buses" sign-bus exceeding length indicated by sign	3
106(3)	Driving bus past "no buses sign" where no mass or length indicated	3
107	Failing to enter area indicated by "buses must enter" sign	3
108(1)	Failing to drive truck or bus in low gear on length of road where "trucks and buses low gear" sign applies	3
111(1)	Failing to enter roundabout from multi-lane road or road with 2 or more lines of traffic travelling in same direction correctly	3
116	Failing to obey traffic lane arrows when driving in or leaving roundabout	3
118(2)	Failing to stop left change of direction signal after leaving roundabout	2
119	Failing to give way by rider of bicycle or animal to vehicle leaving roundabout	3
124	Failing to leave level crossing as soon as safe to do so	3
128	Entering blocked intersection	3
128A(1)	Entering blocked crossing	3
132(2A)	Making U-turn across certain dividing lines	3
136	Driving in wrong direction on one-way service road	2
141(2)	Bicycle rider overtaking to left of vehicle turning left	2

4 — Offences against the Road Traffic Act 1961

Section	Description of offence against Road Traffic Act 1961	Demerit points
r 20	Speeding	
	Exceeding applicable speed-limit on length of road-	
	by less than 10 kph	2
	by 10 kph or more but less than 20 kph	3
	by 20 kph or more but less than 30 kph	5
	by 30 kph or more	7
79B(2)	Contravention where the owner is a natural person and the prescribed offence in which the vehicle appears to have been involved is an offence against one of the following provisions of the Road Traffic (Road Rules-Ancillary and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2014:	
	r 8(1)-Speeding while driving road train	
	Exceeding prescribed speed-limit (road trains)-	
	by less than 10 kph	2
	by 10 kph or more but less than 20 kph	3
	by 20 kph or more but less than 30 kph	5
	by 30 kph or more	7
	r 8(2)-Speeding while driving road train	
	Exceeding 40 kph speed-limit-	
	by less than 10 kph	2
	by 10 kph or more but less than 20 kph	3
	by 20 kph or more but less than 30 kph	5
	by 30 kph or more	7
91(3)	Person subject to direction or request of authorised person failing to comply or giving false information	3
164A(1)	Contravening or failing to comply with provision of Act	
	Contravention of or failure to comply with-	
	s 82(1) Speeding while passing school bus	
	Exceeding the speed limit while passing school bus-	
	by less than 10 kph	2
	by 10 kph or more but less than 20 kph	3
	by 20 kph or more but less than 30 kph	5
	by 30 kph or more	7
	s 83(1)(a) Speeding in emergency service speed zone	
	Exceeding 25 kph in an emergency service speed zone	
	by less than 10 kph	2
	by 10 kph or more but less than 20 kph	3
	by 20 kph or more but less than 30 kph	5
	by 30 kph or more	7
	s83(1)(b) Speeding in emergency service speed zone	
	Exceeding lesser speed required to avoid endangering any person while driving through emergency service speed zone	3
	s 110 Failing to keep whole of vehicle on sealed surface when driving on sealed road	3
	s 145(6) Contravention of terms of defect notice	
	Contravention comprising driving contrary to terms of defect notice	3

5 — Offences against the Australian Road Rules

Rule	Description of offence against Australian Road Rules	Demerit points
20	Speeding	
	Exceeding applicable speed-limit on length of road-	
	by less than 10 kph	2
	by 10 kph or more but less than 20 kph	3
	by 20 kph or more but less than 30 kph	5
	by 30 kph or more	7
28(1A)	Failing to use slip lane when starting left turn on multi-lane road	2
28(2A)	Bicycle rider starting left turn on multi-lane road from incorrect position in bicycle storage area	2
32(2A)	Bicycle rider starting right turn on multi-lane road from incorrect position in bicycle storage area	2

Part 2 — Demerit points peculiar to South Australia

4 — Offences against the *Road Traffic Act 1961*

Section	Description of offence against Road Traffic Act 1961	Demerit points
40H(5)	Engaging in conduct in contravention of direction of authorised officer to stop vehicle, or not move it, or not interfere with vehicle or its equipment or load	3
40I(2)	Engaging in conduct in contravention of direction of authorised officer to move vehicle to specified location	3
40J(3)	Engaging in conduct in contravention of direction of authorised officer to move vehicle or do anything else reasonably required by officer to avoid causing harm or obstruction	3
43(1)	Failing to stop and give assistance immediately after accident involving injury or death	5
44B(3)	Misuse of motor vehicle	4
45A	Excessive speed	9
46(1)	Driving recklessly or at speed or in manner dangerous to public	6
47(1)	Driving or attempting to put vehicle in motion while under influence of liquor or drug	6
47(1a)	Driving or attempting to put vehicle in motion while under influence of liquor or drug - child under 16 years present	6
47B(1)	Driving whilst having prescribed concentration of alcohol in blood	
	Contravention involving less than 0.08 grams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood	4
	Contravention involving 0.08 grams or more but less than 0.15 grams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood	5
	Contravention involving 0.15 grams or more of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood	6
47B(1a)	Driving whilst having prescribed concentration of alcohol in blood	
	Contravention involving less than 0.08 grams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood - child under 16 years present	5
	Contravention involving 0.15 grams or more of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood - child under 16 years present	6
47BA(1)	Driving while a prescribed drug is in oral fluid or blood	4
47BA(1a)	Driving while a prescribed drug is in oral fluid or blood - child under 16 years present	4
47E(3)	Refusing or failing to comply with direction of police officer in relation to alcotest or breath analysis	6
47E(3a)	Refusing or failing to comply with direction of police officer in relation to alcotest or breath analysis - child under 16 years present	6
47EAA(9)	Refusing or failing to comply with direction of police officer in relation to drug screening test, oral fluid analysis or blood test	6
47EAA(9a)	Refusing or failing to comply with direction of police officer in relation to drug screening test, oral fluid analysis or blood test - child under 16 years present	6
47I(7)	Refusing or failing to comply with request to submit to taking of sample of blood - child under 16 years present	6
47I(14)	Refusing or failing to comply with request to submit to taking of sample of blood	6
79B(2)	Being the owner of a vehicle that appears from evidence obtained through the operation of a photographic detection device to have been involved in the commission of a prescribed offence	
	Contravention where the owner is a natural person and the prescribed offence in which the vehicle appears to have been involved is an offence against the following rule of the Australian Road Rules:	

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Rule	Description of offence against Australian Road Rules	Demerit points	Rule	Description of offence against Australian Road Rules	Demerit points	Rule	Description of offence against Australian Road Rules	Demerit points
32(1)	Failing to keep within right lane when starting right turn on multi-lane road	2	76(1)	Moving into path of tram travelling in tram lane etc	3	118(1)	Failing to give left change of direction signal when leaving roundabout	2
33(1)	Making right turn at intersection incorrectly	2	76(2)	Failing to move out of path of tram travelling in tram lane etc	3	121	Failing to stop and give way at stop sign at level crossing	3
34(1)	Making hook turn at "hook turn only" sign incorrectly	2	77(1)	Failing to give way to bus	3	122	Failing to give way at give way sign or give way line at level crossing	3
37	Starting U-turn without clear view etc	2	78(1)	Moving into path of police or emergency vehicle	3	123	Entering level crossing when train or tram approaching etc	3
38	Failing to give way when making U-turn	3	78(2)	Failing to move out of path of police or emergency vehicle	3	126	Failing to keep safe distance behind other vehicle	1
39(1)	Making U-turn contrary to "no U-turn sign" at break in dividing strip	2	79(1)	Failing to give way to police or emergency vehicle	3	127(1)	Failing to keep required minimum distance behind long vehicle	1
39(2)	Making U-turn contrary to "no U-turn sign" on length of road	2	80(1)	Driving near children's crossing at speed at which driver cannot stop safely	3	129(1)	Failing to keep to far left side of road	2
40	Making U-turn at intersection with traffic lights and "no U-turn permitted" sign	2	80(2)	Failing to stop at children's crossing	3	130(2)	Driving in right lane on certain multi-lane roads	2
41	Making U-turn at intersection without traffic lights where "no U-turn" sign	2	80(3)	Failing to obey hand-held stop sign at children's crossing	3	131	Failing to keep to left of oncoming vehicle	2
42	Starting U-turn at intersection from incorrect position	2	80(4)	Proceeding while pedestrian on children's crossing	3	132(1)	Failing to keep to left of centre of road	2
46(1)	Failing to give left change of direction signal before turning left	2	81(1)	Driving near pedestrian crossing at speed at which driver cannot stop safely	3	132(2)	Failing to keep to left of dividing line - if dividing line is formed by 2 parallel continuous lines if dividing line is any other dividing line	3 2
48(1)	Failing to give right change of direction signal before turning right	2	81(2)	Failing to give way at pedestrian crossing	3	135(1)	Failing to keep to left of median strip	3
53(1)	Failing to give stop signal before stopping or suddenly slowing	2	82	Overtaking or passing vehicle at children's crossing or pedestrian crossing	3	140	Overtaking when not safe to do so	2
53(2)	Failing to give sufficient warning of stopping	2	83	Failing to give way to pedestrian in shared zone	3	141(1)	Driver overtaking to left of other vehicle	2
53(3)	Failing to give stop signal while slowing	2	84(1)	Failing to give way when driving through break in dividing strip	3	142(1)	Overtaking to right of vehicle turning right	2
56(1)	Failing to stop for red traffic light	3	85	Failing to give way on painted island	3	143(1)	Passing or overtaking to left of turning left vehicle displaying "do not overtake turning vehicle" sign	2
56(2)	Failing to stop for red traffic arrow	3	86(1)	Failing to give way in median turning bays	3	143(1A)	Passing or overtaking to left of vehicle displaying "do not overtake turning vehicle" sign	2
57(1)	Failing to stop for yellow traffic light	3	87(1)	Failing to give way when moving from side of road	3	143(2)	Passing or overtaking to right of turning right vehicle displaying "do not overtake turning vehicle" sign	2
57(2)	Failing to stop for yellow traffic arrow	3	87(3)	Failing to give way when moving from median strip parking area	3	144	Failing to keep safe distance when overtaking	2
59(1)	Proceeding through red traffic light	3	88(1)	Failing to turn left at intersection with "left turn only" sign	2	148(1)	Failing to give way when moving from one marked lane to another marked lane	3
60	Proceeding through red traffic arrow	3	88(2)	Failing to turn left when in left lane at intersection with "left lane must turn left" sign	2	148(2)	Failing to give way when moving from one line of traffic to another line of traffic	3
61(2)	Failing to stop at intersection when traffic lights or arrows change to yellow or red	3	89(1)	Failing to turn right at intersection with "right turn only" sign	2	149	Failing to give way when lines of traffic merge into single line of traffic	3
62(1)	Failing to give way when turning at intersection with traffic lights	3	89(2)	Failing to turn right when in right lane at intersection with "right lane must turn right" sign	2	152(1)	Driving in marked lane to which overhead lane control device applies-failing to comply with rule	3
63(2)	Failing to give way at intersection with traffic lights not operating or only partly operating-where traffic light-stop sign	3	90	Turning at intersection with "no turn" sign	2	155(1)	Driving in tram lane	3
63(3)	Failing to give way at intersection with traffic lights not operating or only partly operating-where no traffic light-stop sign	3	91(1)	Turning left at intersection or other place with "no left turn" sign	2	160(2)	Passing or overtaking to right of tram not at or near far left side of road	2
64	Failing to give way at flashing yellow traffic arrow at intersection	3	91(2)	Turning at intersection or other place with "no right turn" sign	2	160(3)	Passing or overtaking left turning etc tram not at or near far left side of road	2
65(2)	Failing to give way at marked foot crossing (except at intersection) with flashing yellow traffic light	3	93(1)	Driving or overtaking on bridge or length of road where "no overtaking or passing" sign applies	2	161(2)	Passing or overtaking to left of tram at or near the left side of road	2
66(1)	Failing to stop for twin red lights (except at level crossing)	3	94	Overtaking on bridge with "no overtaking on bridge" sign	2	161(3)	Passing or overtaking tram turning right or giving right change of direction signal	2
66(4)	Proceeding after stopping for twin red lights (except at level crossing)	3	101(1)	Failing to stop before hand-held stop sign	3	162(1)	Driving past safety zone	3
67(1)	Failing to stop and give way at stop sign or stop line at intersection without traffic lights	3	101(2)	Proceeding after stopping for hand-held stop sign	3	163(1)	Driving past rear of stopped tram at tram stop	3
68(1)	Failing to stop and give way at stop sign or stop line at other place	3	112(2)	Failing to give required left change of direction signal before entering roundabout	2	164(1)	Failing to stop when tram stops at tram stop	3
69(1)	Failing to give way at give way sign or give way line at intersection (except roundabout)	3	112(3)	Failing to continue left change of direction signal while on roundabout	2	164A(1)	Failing to stay stopped if tram stops alongside at tram stop	3
70	Failing to give way at give way sign at bridge or length of narrow road	3	113(2)	Failing to give right change of direction signal before entering roundabout	2	215(1)	Failing to use lights when driving at night or in hazardous weather conditions	1
71(1)	Failing to give way at give way sign or give way line at other place	3	113(3)	Failing to continue right change of direction signal while in roundabout	2	216(1)	Failing to use lights when towing vehicle at night or in hazardous weather conditions	1
72(1)	Failing to give way at intersection (except T-intersection or roundabout)	3	114(1)	Failing to give way when entering roundabout	3	218(1)	Using headlights on high-beam	1
73(1)	Failing to give way at T-intersection	3	114(2)	Failing to give way to tram when driving in roundabout	3	219	Using lights to dazzle other road users	1
74(1)	Failing to give way when entering road from road-related area or adjacent land	3	115(1)	Failing to drive in roundabout to left of central traffic island	2			
75(1)	Failing to give way when entering road-related area or adjacent land from road	3	117(1)	Failing to give left change of direction signal when changing marked lanes or lines of traffic in roundabout	2			
			117(2)	Failing to give right change of direction signal when changing marked lanes or lines of traffic in roundabout	2			

3 — Offences against Heavy Vehicle National Law (South Australia)

Section	Description of offence against Heavy Vehicle National Law (South Australia)	Demerit points
228(1)	Driving a fatigue-regulated heavy vehicle on a road while the driver is impaired by fatigue	3
250(1)	Failure of solo driver of a fatigue-regulated heavy vehicle to comply with standard hours-	
	(a) for a severe risk breach	3
	(b) for a critical risk breach	4
251(1)	Failure of two-up driver of a fatigue-regulated heavy vehicle to comply with standard hours-	
	(a) for a severe risk breach	3
	(b) for a critical risk breach	4
254(1)	Failure of solo driver of a fatigue-regulated heavy vehicle to comply with BFM hours-	
	(a) for a severe risk breach	3
	(b) for a critical risk breach	4
256(1)	Failure of two-up driver of fatigue-regulated heavy vehicle to comply with BFM hours-	
	(a) for a severe risk breach	3
	(b) for a critical risk breach	4
258(1)	Failure of driver of fatigue-regulated heavy vehicle to comply with AFM hours-	
	(a) for a severe risk breach	3
	(b) for a critical risk breach	4
260(1)	Failure of driver of fatigue-regulated heavy vehicle to comply with work and rest hours exemption hours-	
	(a) for a severe risk breach	3
	(b) for a critical risk breach	4