

Additional demerit points

This document describes the additional demerit points offences, the number of additional demerit points that have been set for each offence, and provides examples of how demerit points will be allocated.

Seatbelt offences double demerit point group				
Queensland Road Rules Section	Description	Demerit points	Additional demerit points	Total demerit points
264(1)	Driver fail to wear seatbelt	3	3	6
266(1)+(2)	Drive motor vehicle while passenger <1 year old unrestrained	3	3	6
266(1)+(3)	Drive motor vehicle while passenger at least 1 but <16 years old unrestrained	3	3	6
266(1)+(4)	Drive taxi not fitted with child restraint whilst passenger <1 year old in front seat	3	3	6

You do not necessarily have to commit the same type of offence a second or subsequent time to be allocated additional demerit points. A second or subsequent offence committed within this same offence group, within one year after the first offence, will attract additional demerit points.

For example, if you commit a driver seatbelt offence where you failed to wear a seatbelt, you will be allocated three demerit points for that offence. If you commit a second offence where you drive a vehicle while a passenger less than one year old is unrestrained, within one year after the first offence, you will be allocated three demerit points for the second offence, plus an additional three demerit points for it being within one year after the first offence. You will have nine demerit points allocated to your traffic history, which may result in a driver licence sanction.

Motorbike helmet offences double demerit point group				
Queensland Road Rules Section	Description	Demerit points	Additional demerit points	Total demerit points
270(1)(a)	Motorbike rider fail to wear helmet	3	3	6
270(1)(b)	Ride motorbike with passenger not wearing helmet	3	3	6

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For example, if you commit an offence of failing to wear a helmet while riding a motorbike, you will be allocated three demerit points for that offence. If you commit a second offence where your passenger fails to wear a helmet while you are riding a motorbike, within one year after the first offence, you will be allocated three demerit points for the second offence, plus an additional three demerit points for it being within one year after the first offence. You will have six demerit points allocated to your traffic history for the second offence, which may result in a driver licence sanction.

Speeding offences double demerit point group				
Queensland Road Rules Section	Description	Demerit points	Additional demerit points	Total demerit points
20+21	Exceed speed limit in speed zone by more than 20 km/h but not more than 30 km/h	4	4	8
20+21	Exceed speed limit in speed zone by more than 30 km/h but not more than 40 km/h	6	6	12
20+21	Exceed speed limit in speed zone by more than 40 km/h	8	8	16
20+22	Exceed speed limit in speed limited area by more than 20 km/h but not more than 30 km/h	4	4	8
20+22	Exceed speed limit in speed limited area by more than 30 km/h but not more than 40 km/h	6	6	12
20+22	Exceed speed limit in speed limited area by more than 40 km/h	8	8	16
20+23	Exceed speed limit in school zone by more than 20 km/h but not more than 30 km/h	4	4	8
20+23	Exceed speed limit in school zone by more than 30 km/h but not more than 40 km/h	6	6	12
20+23	Exceed speed limit in school zone by more than 40 km/h	8	8	16
20+24	Exceed speed limit in shared zone by more than 20 km/h but not more than 30 km/h	4	4	8
20+24	Exceed speed limit in shared zone by more than 30 km/h but not more than 40 km/h	6	6	12
20+24	Exceed speed limit in shared zone by more than 40 km/h	8	8	16
20+24A(2)(a)	Tractor with sugar cane trailer exceed 50 km/h by more than 20 km/h but not more than 30 km/h	4	4	8
20+24A(2)(a)	Tractor with sugar cane trailer exceed 50 km/h by more than 30 km/h but not more than 40 km/h	6	6	12
20+24A(2)(a)	Tractor with sugar cane trailer exceed 50 km/h by more than 40 km/h	8	8	16
20+24A(2)(b)	Oversize vehicle requiring escort exceed 80 km/h by more than 20 km/h but not more than 30 km/h	4	4	8
20+24A(2)(b)	Oversize vehicle requiring escort exceed	6	6	12

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20+24A(2)(b)	Oversize vehicle requiring escort exceed 80 km/h by more than 40 km/h	8	8	16
20+24A(2)(c)	Road train exceed 90 km/h by more than 20 km/h but not more than 30 km/h	4	4	8
20+24A(2)(c)	Road train exceed 90 km/h by more than 30 km/h but not more than 40 km/h	6	6	12
20+24A(2)(c)	Road train exceed 90 km/h by more than 40 km/h	8	8	16
20+24A(2)(d)	Bus with GVM >5 tonne (t) or vehicle with GVM >12 t exceed 100 km/h by more than 20 km/h but not more than 30 km/h	4	4	8
20+24A(2)(d)	Bus with GVM >5 t or vehicle with GVM >12 t exceed 100 km/h by more than 30 km/h but not more than 40 km/h	6	6	12
20+24A(2)(d)	Bus with GVM >5 t or vehicle with GVM >12 t exceed 100 km/h by more than 40 km/h	8	8	16
20+25(2)(a)	Exceed 50 km/h (lower default speed limit BUA) by more than 20 km/h but not more than 30 km/h	4	4	8
20+25(2)(a)	Exceed 50 km/h (lower default speed limit BUA) by more than 30 km/h but not more than 40 km/h	6	6	12
20+25(2)(a)	Exceed 50 km/h (lower default speed limit BUA) by more than 40 km/h	8	8	16
20+25(2)(b)	Exceed 100 km/h (default speed limit) by more than 20 km/h but not more than 30 km/h	4	4	8
20+25(2)(b)	Exceed 100 km/h (default speed limit) by more than 30 km/h but not more than 40 km/h	6	6	12
20+25(2)(b)	Exceed 100 km/h (default speed limit) by more than 40 km/h	8	8	16

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For example, if you commit a speeding offence of 25 km/h over the speed limit, you will be allocated four demerit points for that offence. If you commit a second speeding offence of 32 km/h over the speed limit within one year after the first offence, you will be allocated six demerit points for the second offence, plus an additional six demerit points for it being within one year after the first offence. You will have 16 demerit points allocated to your traffic history, which will result in a driver licence sanction.