



What to do about your traffic fine

This factsheet explains your options if you receive a penalty notice.

What are my options?

If you receive a penalty notice in your name, you can:

1. Pay the penalty amount in full
2. Pay the penalty amount in part over a period, provided full payment is made by the due date on the penalty reminder notice
3. Name the person driving your car at the time of the offence
4. Elect to have the offence heard in court by completing the court election section of the notice
5. Request the SDRO to review the circumstances by explaining the situation and attaching evidence to support your case

If you do not choose one of the above options by the due date of the penalty reminder notice, the SDRO will take enforcement action which will result in additional costs being added to your fine.

What if I want to have the offence heard in court?

You should obtain legal advice before electing to have the offence heard in court. See our factsheet called Taking Your Traffic Fine to Court.

What if I want to request a review of the circumstances?

If you want to request a review of the circumstances of the fine you should do this before the time for payment has expired.

Your request for a review should explain the reasons for the request and the details of your driving record.

You will need to show that you were innocent or that there were extenuating circumstances which are a sufficient excuse for the offence.

What if I don't pay the penalty notice by the due date?

If you do not pay by the due date, the SDRO will send you a reminder notice giving you 28 days to pay the fine.

If you still don't pay, you will receive an enforcement order and a \$50 fee will be added to your existing fine. If you have multiple unpaid fines, the \$50 fee will be added to each unpaid fine.

If you do not pay the enforcement order by the due date, your drivers licence may be suspended and your car registration cancelled. A further enforcement cost of \$40 will also apply.

What do I do if I am having trouble paying the fine?

If you are having problems paying an enforcement order, contact the SDRO before the payment due date to find out what options are available.

One option is to pay your enforcement order by instalments. If your application is approved, you will be given a 'Time to Pay' order. You will then need to make regular payments to the SDRO until the fine and all enforcement costs are fully paid.