

## Miscellaneous Traffic Offences

The penalties for a range of traffic offences have been assessed on the basis of risk or parity with similar offences. The monetary fines and demerit points incurred have increased or decreased based on this assessment. The tables show the new penalty that will apply from 1 January 2007 onwards. They do not show all traffic offences that are possible within each category, only those offences with revised penalties are listed.

### Making turns

Offence	Fine	Demerit points	Previous Fine	Previous Demerits
Not complying with markings when making a right turn	\$100	2	\$100	3
Making a U-turn contrary to a NO U-TURN sign	\$100	2	\$100	3
U-turn at intersection contrary to NO U-TURN sign	\$100	2	\$100	3
U-turning without a clear view	\$100	2	\$100	3
Right turn into abutting land from an inappropriate position	\$100	2	\$100	3

### Traffic-control signals

Offence	Fine	Demerits	Previous Fine	Previous Demerits
Not leaving a traffic light intersection as soon as possible with yellow light	\$100	0	\$100	2
Not leaving a traffic light intersection as soon as possible if congested	\$100	0	\$50	0
Not giving way at a pelican crossing (marked foot crossing), overtaking a vehicle stopped at a crossing	\$100	3	\$100	2

### Giving way

Offence	Fine	Demerits	Previous Fine	Previous Demerits
Not giving way when entering a carriageway	\$150	3	\$100	3
Not giving way when entering land abutting a carriageway	\$150	3	\$100	3
Not giving way to pedestrians on a pedestrian crossing	\$200	3	\$200	4
Not giving way on a painted island	\$150	3	\$150	2
Not giving way in a median turning bay	\$150	3	\$150	2
Not giving way when moving from the boundary of a carriageway	\$150	3	\$150	2
Not giving way when turning from a median strip parking area	\$150	3	\$150	2

### Traffic signs and road markings

Offence	Fine	Demerits	Previous Fine	Previous Demerits
Not obeying traffic lane arrows	\$100	2	\$100	3
Stopping on 'Keep Clear' markings	\$100	0	\$100	2

### Roundabouts

Offence	Fine	Demerits	Previous Fine	Previous Demerits
Inappropriate use of lanes when entering a multi-lane roundabout	\$100	0	\$50	0
Not obeying arrows when driving in or leaving roundabouts	\$100	2	\$100	3

### Keeping left and other driving provisions

Offence	Fine	Demerits	Previous Fine	Previous Demerits
Entering choked intersection	\$100	0	\$50	2
Not keeping left	\$50	2	\$50	0
Not keeping left of median strip	\$150	3	\$150	4
Driving on or over median strip, painted island	\$100	1	\$100	3
Failure to give way when changing lanes	\$100	3	\$100	2

### Lights and warning devices

Offence	Fine	Demerits	Previous Fine	Previous Demerits
Using fog lights inappropriately	\$100	1	\$100	3
Using headlights on high beam inappropriately	\$100	1	\$50	1
Spotlight on vehicle used to dazzle another road user	\$100	1	\$50	0
Portable warning triangles not being carried by heavy vehicles	\$100	0	\$100	3
Driver of a truck failing to use portable warning triangles for fallen load	\$100	3	\$50	0

### Pedestrians

Offence	Fine	Demerits	Previous Fine	Previous Demerits
Pedestrians inappropriately crossing at pedestrian lights	\$50	0	\$150	0
Crossing at traffic lights without pedestrian lights and disobeying the red signal	\$50	0	\$150	0
Pedestrian inappropriately crossing a railway line at a level crossing	\$100	0	\$50	0
Pedestrian unreasonably obstructing a vehicle or other person	\$100	0	\$50	0

## Bicycle riders

Offence	Fine	Demerits	Previous Fine	Previous Demerits
Not stopping for red bicycle light	\$50	0	\$150	0
Not stopping for a yellow bicycle light	\$50	0	\$100	0

## Duties of persons travelling on or in a vehicle

Offence	Fine	Demerits	Previous Fine	Previous Demerits
Driving or travelling with body or limbs protruding from a vehicle	\$50 (driver or passenger)	1 (driver)	\$50 (driver or passenger)	3 (driver)
Driving while a passenger has body or limb protruding from a vehicle	\$50	1	\$50	3

## Drivers of public buses

Offence	Fine	Demerits	Previous Fine	Previous Demerits
Not stopping for a yellow B light	\$100	2	\$150	3

## Miscellaneous duties of drivers

Offence	Fine	Demerits	Previous Fine	Previous Demerits
Driving vehicle on a path	\$100	0	\$100	3
Not giving way when driving on a path	\$100	3	\$100	0
Not giving way when driving a motor vehicle (other than ride-on lawn mower or motorised wheelchair) on a nature strip	\$100	3	\$100	0
Failing to make load secure	\$150	0	\$100	0
Driving backwards for unreasonable distance and without due safety	\$100	1	\$100	3
Driving with interrupted view	\$100	1	\$100	3
Using a hand-held mobile phone	\$100	3	\$100	1

Remember, this is a guide only and should not be relied on for legal purposes.

Full details of all traffic offences and penalties are contained in the Road Traffic Code 2000. Copies can be viewed at the Library and Information Service of Western Australia and are available for purchase from the State Law Publisher, 10 William Street, Perth WA 6000 or online at [www.slp.wa.gov.au](http://www.slp.wa.gov.au)