

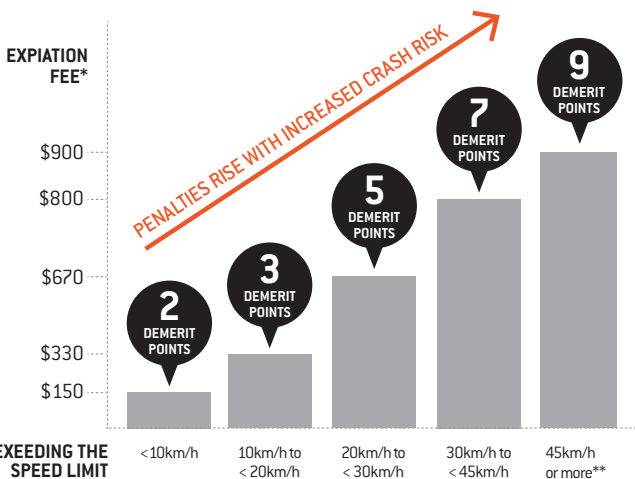


Speeding penalties are changing

On 1 September 2012, the penalties for speeding are changing. Research shows that speeding significantly increases the risk and severity of crashes and that reducing speeding will save lives and injuries on our roads.

Speeding penalties from 1 September include:

- > The expiation fee for the lowest offence will reduce from \$260 to \$150 and demerit points will double from 1 to 2.
- > Higher demerits and expiation fees for higher level offences.



* \$60 victims of crime levy also applies.
Additional fees apply to road trains exceeding the prescribed speed limit (road trains).
** Immediate loss of licence applies for 45km/h or more.

Speeding penalties from 1 September 2012

Exceeding the speed limit	Demerit Points	Expiation Fees ¹	Expiation Fees ¹ (road trains)
By less than 10km/h	2	\$150	\$400
By 10km/h but less than 20km/h	3	\$330	\$500
By 20km/h but less than 30km/h	5	\$670	\$770
By 30km/h but less than 45km/h	7	\$800	\$900
By 45km/h or more (excessive speed)**	9	\$900	\$1000

¹ \$60 victims of crime levy also applies. Road train expiation fee applies only to exceeding the prescribed speed limit (road trains).

Aside from the \$60 Victims of Crime levy, all revenue collected from anti-speeding devices goes into the Community Road Safety Fund.

What happens if you exceed the speed limit?

You'll have to pay the expiation fee or go to court and you'll incur demerit points. The more demerit points you accumulate, the greater the likelihood that you will lose your licence.

For example, you could be disqualified from driving if you:

- > accumulate 12 or more demerit points in any three year period.
- > accumulate four or more demerit points or commit any speeding offence of 10km/h or more over the speed limit, on a Learner's Permit or Provisional Licence.
- > accumulate two or more demerit points on a Probationary Licence or while on Good Behaviour Conditions.

How will sticking to the speed limit save lives?

The risk of a casualty crash approximately doubles with each 5km/h increase in speed on a 60km/h road or with each 10km/h increase in speed on a 110km/h road.

A reduction of 5km/h in average travel speed would reduce deaths and serious injuries on rural roads by about 30% and urban crashes by about 25%.

Driving over the speed limit:

- > means you have less time to react to avoid a crash
- > means it takes longer to stop the vehicle to avoid a crash
- > increases your chances of being involved in a crash
- > increases the severity of injury in a crash.