

Ontario Ministry of Transportation - Demerit Point System

Drivers convicted of certain driving-related offences have demerit points recorded on their records. It is a common misconception that drivers "lose" points due to convictions for certain traffic offences. In fact, a driver begins with zero demerit points and accumulates demerit points for convictions. Demerit points stay on your record for two years from the offence date. If you collect enough points, you can lose your driver's licence. Below is a table outlining the demerit point penalties for driving offences:

7 Points	
Failing to remain at the scene of a collision	Failing to stop when signaled/requested by a police officer
6 Points	
Careless Driving	Racing
Exceeding the speed limit by 50 km/h or more	Failing to stop for a school bus
5 Points	
Driver of a bus failing to stop at an unprotected railway crossing	
4 Points	
Exceeding the speed limit by 30 to 49 km/h	Following too closely
3 Points	
Exceeding the speed limit by 16 to 29 km/h	Driving through, around or under a railway crossing barrier
Failing to yield the right-of-way	Failing to obey a stop sign, traffic control stop/slow sign, traffic light or railway crossing signal
Failing to obey the directions of a police officer	Driving the wrong way on a divided road
Failing to report a collision to a police officer	Improper driving when road is divided into lanes
Crowding the driver's seat	Going the wrong way on a one-way road
Driving or operating a vehicle on a closed road	Crossing a divided road where no proper crossing is provided
Failing to slow and carefully pass a stopped emergency vehicle	Failing to move, where possible, into another lane when passing a stopped emergency vehicle
Improper passing	Improper use of high occupancy vehicle lane
2 Points	
Improper opening of a vehicle door	Prohibited turns
Towing people — on toboggans, bicycles, skis, etc.	Failing to obey signs
Failing to stop at a pedestrian crossing	Failing to share the road
Improper right turn	Improper left turn
Failing to signal	Unnecessary slow driving
Reversing on a divided high-speed road	Driver failing to wear a seat belt
Driver failing to ensure that a passenger less than 23 kg is properly secured	Driver failing to ensure that a passenger under 16 years is wearing a seat belt
Failing to lower headlamp beams	Backing on a highway
Driver failing to ensure infant/child passenger is properly secured in an appropriate child restraint system or booster seat	