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## Recovery of driver's licence points

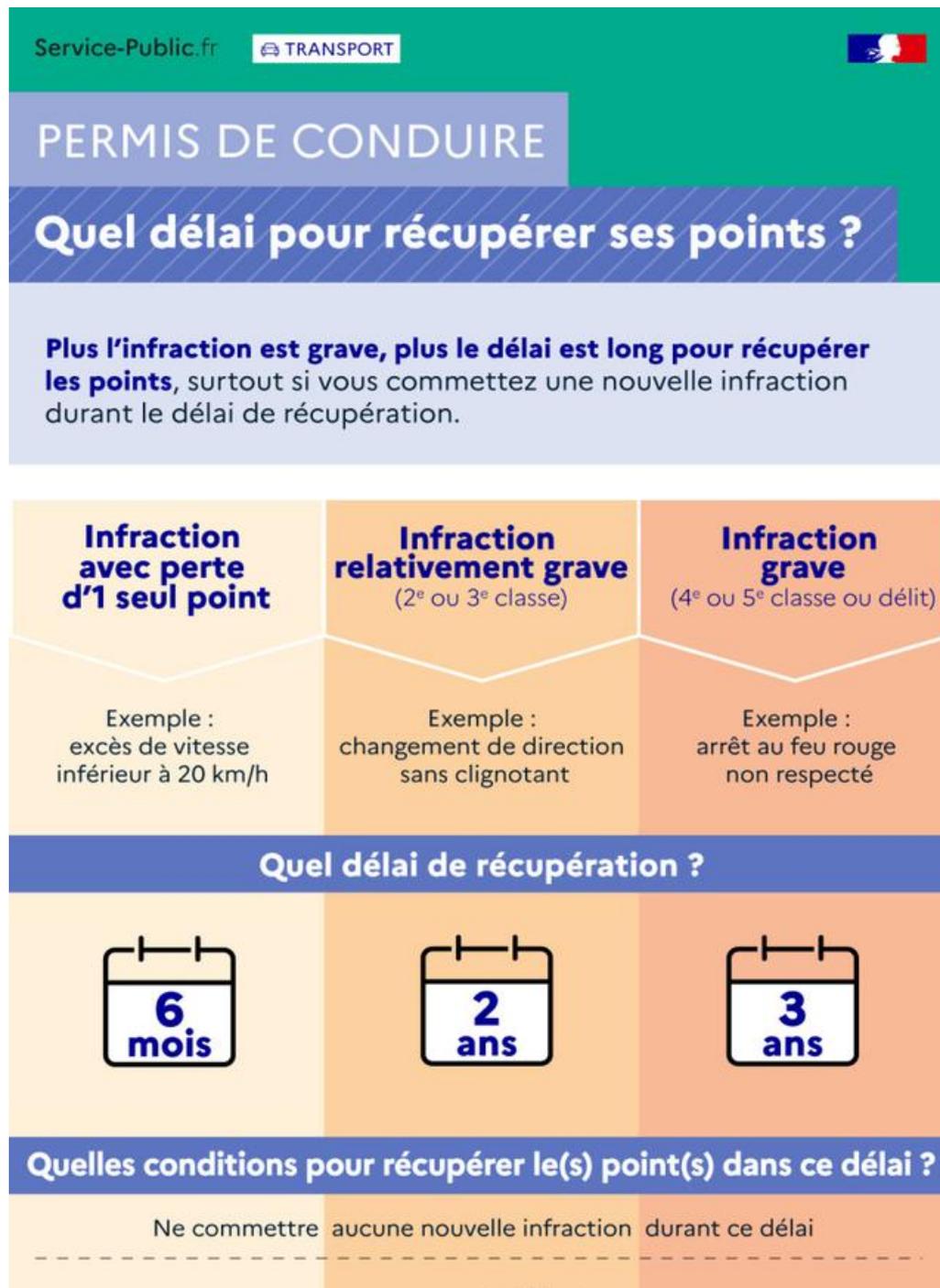
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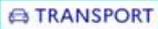
You've lost driver's licence points and you want to know when you're going to get them back? This page explains the rules for a normal 12-point permit and 6-point probationary licence.

### Normal 12-point permit

Point recovery is automatic after a certain time or by participating in road safety awareness training.

Auto Recovery: how soon?



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## PERMIS DE CONDUIRE

### Quel délai pour récupérer ses points ?

**Plus l'infraction est grave, plus le délai est long pour récupérer les points**, surtout si vous commettez une nouvelle infraction durant le délai de récupération.

Infraction avec perte d'1 seul point	Infraction relativement grave (2 <sup>e</sup> ou 3 <sup>e</sup> classe)	Infraction grave (4 <sup>e</sup> ou 5 <sup>e</sup> classe ou délit)
Exemple : excès de vitesse inférieur à 20 km/h	Exemple : changement de direction sans clignotant	Exemple : arrêt au feu rouge non respecté
<b>6 mois</b>	<b>2 ans</b>	<b>3 ans</b>
<b>Quelles conditions pour récupérer le(s) point(s) dans ce délai ?</b>		
Ne commettre aucune nouvelle infraction durant ce délai		

Ne pas avoir déjà des points à récupérer à la suite d'une infraction grave

## À partir de quand démarre le délai ?

À partir de la date définitive\* de l'infraction

À partir de la date définitive\* de la dernière infraction commise

\* La date définitive de l'infraction est la date à laquelle l'infraction est établie. L'infraction est établie par le paiement de l'amende, une décision judiciaire définitive, l'émission du titre d'amende forfaitaire majorée, ou l'exécution d'une composition pénale.



### Attention

**Le retrait de tous les points (solde à zéro) entraîne l'interdiction de conduire.** Vous devez passer un contrôle médical avant de pouvoir repasser le permis (code ou code + conduite si vous avez le permis depuis moins de 3 ans).

## Le saviez-vous ?



Vous pouvez récupérer **jusqu'à 4 points par an** dans la limite des 12 points du permis en faisant un **stage de sensibilisation à la sécurité routière**.  
Seule condition : votre permis ne doit pas être invalidé (solde à zéro).



**Une réattribution automatique de points** est prévue **au bout de 10 ans** sous conditions.

6 months

If you lose **1 point**, you get it **after 6 months**.

You must not commit another crime offence to the highway code during this 6 month period.

Points are removed **where the infringement is established**.

The time to get the short points **from the date on which the offence is established**.

**The offence is established** by:

- payment of the last standard fine,
- or issue of enforceable title a standard fine increased,
- or the execution of criminal,
- or by a final judgement.

2 years

You get your **12 points** at the end of **2 years** if:

- Your folder does not contain offence or serious offences ( 4th Class and 5th Class)
- You do not commit a new offence within this 2 year period.  
The period of 2 years shall run from the last offence committed.

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3 years

You get your **12 points** at the end of **3 years** if:

- Your folder contains offence or a serious offence (4th Class and 5th Class)
- You do not commit a new offence within this 3 year period.  
The 3-year period begins with the last offence committed.

Points are removed **where the infringement is established** .

The time to get the short points **from the date on which the offence is established** .

**The offence is established** by:

- payment of the last standard fine,
- or issue of enforceable title a standard fine increased,
- or the execution of criminal,
- or by a final judgement.

10 years

You recover **your lost points** at the end of **10 years** if you fail to recover them because you commit a new offence every time within the time limit.

However, **3** must be completed:

- Points withdrawn must relate to tickets for 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th classes
- You must not have reached a zero point balance
- You must not have returned to 12 points (no total replenishment since this violation)

Points are removed **where the infringement is established** .

The time to get the short points **from the date on which the offence is established** .

**The offence is established** by:

- payment of the last standard fine,
- or issue of enforceable title a standard fine increased,
- or the execution of criminal,
- or by a final judgement.

*Example :*

You have your 12 points. You commit 4th Class Contravention. You lose four points. You pay the fine on **2 January 2020** .

You should get back your 12 points within 3 years, on January 2, 2023.

However, in the meantime, you are committing a violation of 2<sup>e</sup> class. You lose three points. You pay the fine on **20 January 2021** .

You will get your 12 points within 3 years, that is **20 January 2024** provided that no new offence is committed during this period.

*Example :*

You have your 12 points. You have a violation resulting in the removal of 1 point. You pay the fine on **2 January 2021** .

You should recover this point after 6 months, that is **2 July 2021** .

However, in the meantime you are committing a violation of 4<sup>e</sup> class. You lose 2 extra points by paying the fine on **10 March 2021** .

Your points balance is **9 points out of 12** .

You will no longer receive the 1 point refund scheduled for 2 July 2021.

You will get your 12 points within 3 years, that is **10 March 2024** provided that no new offence is committed during this period.



**Please note** : points cannot be recovered if your licence is **invalidated by an administrative decision** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1704?lang=en>) or **annulled by court order** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F21774?lang=en>).

Recovery by doing an internship: how does it work?

You can recover points by following a [road safety awareness training](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F14208?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F14208?lang=en>).

Your licence must be valid (you must have 1 point or more).

The stage allows to recover **up to 4 points within maximum 12 points** licence.

Duration **2 days**.

You can **maximum internship per year**.

The internship is **paying**. The price, freely fixed by the trainee organisation, is on average €200.

You are notified by mail of the recovered points (sending mail may take several weeks).

In practice **points added** on your licence **when the administration registers your probationary certificate**. That's the [Cert \(\)](#) the driver's licence that you depend on.

## How do you know when points are being withdrawn?

The online service **Telepoints** view **number of points** that you have on your driver's licence.

**▲ Warning** : there is **shift** between the time the traffic violation is committed and the time that Telepoints records the loss of points. Similarly, there is a time lag between when points are reassigned and when Telepoints records the addition of points.

You can also view information on the validity and categories of your driving licence ( **restricted information**).

You can access the online service with [FranceConnect](#).

You can also access it with your **NEPH file number** and **Telephoto PIN**.

If necessary, the online service allows **get your SMS Telephoto PIN**.

The **NEPH file number** is indicated on the driving licence and on your [full disclosure statement](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F34791?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F34791?lang=en>).

The **Telephoto PIN** shall be indicated on the letter accompanying the driving licence in a secure format" *credit card*" or on a letter advising you of a point withdrawal (48N, 48M, 48SI). The Telephoto PIN is also indicated on your full information statement.

 Driver's licence: consult his points and statements (Telepoints)

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Go to  
online service   
(<https://tele7.interieur.gouv.fr/tlp/>)

You also receive a **letter** (*letter 48*).

This letter indicates **number of points removed** and **number of points remaining** on your licence (balance).

**🔔 Please note** : letter sent **at the address indicated on the carte grise of a radar-flashed vehicle**. If you moved without [change address on carte grise](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F12118?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F12118?lang=en>), you cannot contest the withdrawal of points by claiming lack of information.

## Loss of points: how much per offence?

View **simulator** to find out how many points are withdrawn according to the offence committed:

 What is the risk in case of a road violation?

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Go to  
simulator   
(<https://www.service-public.fr/simulateur/calcul/Infraction>)

## How do I make a complaint?

You **make a claim** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F35218?lang=en>) if you are **not agree with your point balance** .

To find out how to make a complaint, use the online service "Make an online appeal":

 **Make an online appeal regarding the driving licence**

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Accessible without the need to create an account.

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You can also **the letter informing you of the withdrawal of points** to find out how to appeal.

You can **administrative appeal** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2474?lang=en>) the Prefect and/or the Ministry of the Interior and **appeal to the administrative judge** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2026?lang=en>).

## 6-point probationary licence

The trial permit concerns you if you have obtained the driving licence for 1<sup>re</sup> time or following a invalidating or judicial annulment.

### How to get points?

You lost 1 point

If you lose **1 point** during **probationary period** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2390?lang=en>), you get it after **6 months**.

You must not commit another crime offence to the highway code during this 6 month period.

Otherwise, you lose this point.

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The time to get the short points **from the date on which the offence is established** .

**The offence is established** by:

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- or by a final judgement.

You lost 2 points

You can choose to follow a **road safety awareness training** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F14208?lang=en>).

The stage allows you to recover **up to 4 points** within the maximum points of your probationary licence.

Duration **2 days**.

You can **maximum internship per year** .

The internship is **paying**. The price, freely fixed by the trainee organisation, is on average €200.

You are notified by mail of the recovered points (sending mail may take several weeks).

In practice **points added** on your licence **when the administration registers your probationary certificate** . That's the Cert () the driver's licence that you depend on.

You lost 3 points

You **obligatory** follow **road safety awareness training** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F14208?lang=en>) to get your points.

The stage allows you to recover **up to 4 points** within the maximum points of your probationary licence.

Duration **2 days**. You can **maximum internship per year**.

The internship is **paying**. The price, freely fixed by the trainee organisation, is on average €200.

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You lost 6 points

If **lose 6 points** during **1<sup>re</sup> year of probation**, you **not recover**.

Your licence **loses its validity**.

You can't drive anymore **6 months**, or follow **road safety awareness training** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F14208?lang=en>).

You **rewrite permit tests** : general theoretical test (code) and practical test (driving).

You can go to the tests without waiting for the end of the driving prohibition period.

 **Reminder** : if you commit offence during **probationary period** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2390?lang=en>), the annual increase of points is interrupted.

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1 or 2 point indent

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You are informed by **single letter**(*letter 48*).

This letter indicates **number of points removed** and **number of points remaining** on your licence (balance).

Removal of 3 points or +

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You are informed by **recommended letter AR** () (*letter 48N*).

The letter informs you of **removing points** and **the obligation to follow road safety awareness training** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F14208?lang=en>).

You **wait to receive the letter 48N to register for the internship** .

This training will allow the fine to be refunded if necessary.

You must follow this course in **4 months** upon receipt of the letter.

If you refuse, you risk a fine of €135 and a 3-year suspension of the licence.

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## Statute and miscellaneous references

- Route Code: Articles L223-1 to L223-9  ([https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section\\_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006159515](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006159515))  
*Rules relating to the point permit*
- Route Code: items R223-1 to R223-4-1  ([https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section\\_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006177146](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006177146))  
*Point Removal Procedure*
- Route Code: items R224-1 to R224-19-1   
([https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section\\_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006177148/#LEGISCTA000006177148](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006177148/#LEGISCTA000006177148))  
*Administrative detention and suspension after finding of infringement*
- Route Code: items R412-1 to R412-5  (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006177120>)  
*Vehicle user equipment rules*
- Route Code: items R415-1 to R415-15  (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?idSectionTA=LEGISCTA000006159602&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006074228>)  
*Rules for Intersections and Passing Priority*
- Circular of 11 March 2004 on the general rules governing point driving licences and probationary licences (PDF - 156.8 KB)   
([http://circulaire.legifrance.gouv.fr/pdf/2013/05/cir\\_36943.pdf](http://circulaire.legifrance.gouv.fr/pdf/2013/05/cir_36943.pdf))

## Online services and forms

- Driver's licence: consult his points and statements (**Telepoints**) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R17121?lang=en>)  
Online service
- Make an online appeal regarding the driving licence (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R60964?lang=en>)

Online service

- **What is the risk in case of a road violation?** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R53432?lang=en>)  
Simulator

#### For more information, please contact

- **The point permit** [↗](http://www.securite-routiere.gouv.fr/permis-de-conduire/le-permis-a-points/mes-points) (<http://www.securite-routiere.gouv.fr/permis-de-conduire/le-permis-a-points/mes-points>)  
*Ministry of Transport*
  - **Driving alcohol: regulation and sanctions** [↗](http://www.securite-routiere.gouv.fr/connaître-les-regles/reglementation-et-sanctions/alcool) (<http://www.securite-routiere.gouv.fr/connaître-les-regles/reglementation-et-sanctions/alcool>)  
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