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Driver's licence: scale of points withdrawn by violation

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The point permit system applies to all driving licences. Points may be withdrawn if you do not follow the rules of the road. The number of points removed goes from 1-6 depending on the severity of the offence. If you commit multiple offences at the same time, it can be withdrawn maximum 8 points.

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Alcohol and Narcotics

Offences related to alcohol or drug use: class of offence and number of points withdrawn

Alcohol or narcotics	Category of offence	Number of points removed
Driving with a blood alcohol content between 0,5 and 0,8 g/litre of blood (0,25 and 0,4 mg/litre of air expired)	Contravention - 4 ¹ class	6
Driving with a blood alcohol \geq 0.8 g/litre of blood or in manifest drunkenness	Delivered	6
Recidivism of driving with a blood alcohol \geq 0,8 g/litre of blood or in manifest drunkenness	Delivered	6
Refusal to undergo blood alcohol testing	Delivered	6
Conduct after use of narcotics or refusal to screen narcotics	Delivered	6
Failure to comply with the requirement to drive a vehicle equipped with an approved electronic alcohol ignition interlock device	Delivered	6

⚠ Warning : if you probationary period (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2390?lang=en>), in early learning, supervised or supervised, the maximum permitted alcohol level is **0,2 g/l of blood** (i.e. 0.10 mg/l air).

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Speed

Offences relating to non-compliance with speed limits: class of offence and number of points withdrawn

Speed	Contravention Class	Number of points removed
Speed exceeding 20 km/h	3 ¹ class	1
Excess speed ≤ 20 km/h if maximum speed ≤ 50 km/h	4 ¹ class	1
Excess speed ≥ 20 km/h and less than 30 km/h	4 ¹ class	2
Excess speed ≥ 30 km/h and less than 40 km/h	4 ¹ class	3
Excess speed ≥ 40 km/h and less than 50 km/h	4 ¹ class	4
Speed exceeding 50 km/h	5 ¹ class	6
Transport, holding, use of equipment to detect or disrupt speed checks (radar detectors)	5 ¹ class	6

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Traffic, parking and behaviour

Traffic and parking	Contravention Class	Number of points removed
Continuous Line Overlap	4 ¹ class	1
Accelerating a Driver About to Be Exceeded	4 ¹ class	2
Left-hand traffic on two-way pavement	4 ¹ class	3
Dangerous overflow	4 ¹ class	3
Continuous Line Crossing	4 ¹ class	3
Failure to respect safety distances between two vehicles	4 ¹ class	3
Change direction without warning	2 ¹ class	3
Emergency stop belt traffic	4 ¹ class	3
Dangerous parking	4 ¹ class	3
Use of handheld phone while driving or handheld kit, an earpiece or a helmet	4 ¹ class	3
Priority Denial	4 ¹ class	4
Failure to stop at red light, stop or give way	4 ¹ class	4
Circulation forbidden	4 ¹ class	4
Night traffic without lighting or insufficient visibility without lighting	4 ¹ class	4
Non-compliance with the obligation to give way to pedestrians who regularly enter a road crossing or who clearly intend to cross	4 ¹ class	6
Failure to give way to pedestrian traffic in a pedestrian area or meeting area	4 ¹ class	6
Driving despite administrative or judicial suspension of the driving licence or retention of the driving licence	Delivered	6
Involuntary injuries to a third party resulting in a work interruption of more than 3 months	Delivered	6
Refusal to comply	Delivered	6

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Equipment: helmet, gloves, seatbelt

Equipment offences: class of offence and number of points withdrawn

Helmet or safety belt	Contravention Class	Number of points removed
In the case of driving a 2-wheel drive: gloves defect	3 ¹ class	1
In the case of driving a 2-wheel drive: helmet defect	4 ¹ class	3
Failure to wear seat belts	4 ¹ class	3

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Vehicle: windows, passengers

Vehicle-related offences: class of offence and number of points withdrawn

Windows	Contravention Class	Number of points
Non-compliance with the transparency of front windows (driver and passenger windcreens and windows)	4 ¹ class	3
Non-compliance with passenger transport within seating capacity	4 ¹ class	3

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Statute and miscellaneous references

- Route Code: Articles L233-1 to L233-2 [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006159520) (https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006159520)
Refusal to comply
- Route Code: Articles L235-1 to L235-5 [↗](#)
(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006159522/#LEGISCTA000024041725)
Conduct after use of substances or plants classified as narcotic
- Route Code: Articles L234-1 to L234-18 [↗](#)
(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006159521/#LEGISCTA000006159521)
Alcohol content greater than or equal to 0,80g per litre
- Route Code: items R234-1 to R234-7 [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006159570/) (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006159570/>)
Alcohol content greater than or equal to 0,20g per litre

- **Route Code: items R316-1 to R316-10** [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006159582/) (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006159582/>)
Manoeuvring, steering and visibility controls.
- **Penal Code: Articles 131-3 to 131-9** [↗](http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?idSectionTA=LEGISCTA000006181728&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006070719) (<http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?idSectionTA=LEGISCTA000006181728&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006070719>)
Corrections
- **Route Code: Articles R412-1 and R412-5** [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006177120/) (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006177120/>)
Vehicle user equipment
- **Route Code: items R413-1 to R413-16** [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006177128/#LEGISCTA000006177128) (https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006177128/#LEGISCTA000006177128)
Maximum permitted speeds
- **Route Code: items R417-1 to R417-13** [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006159604) (https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006159604)
Unsafe, inconvenient or abusive parking
- **Route Code: items R412-6 to R412-16** [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006177121/) (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006177121/>)
General principles of circulation
- **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
- **What is the risk in case of a road violation?** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R53432?lang=en>)
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For more information, please contact

- **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>)
Ministry of Transport
- **Offence Guide** [↗](https://www.antai.gouv.fr/dossier-infraction?lang=fr) (<https://www.antai.gouv.fr/dossier-infraction?lang=fr>)
Ministry of the Interior