

# Revocation and Suspension of Driver's License Under the Demerit Point System

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The Demerit Point System is used when automobile or moped drivers commit a traffic offense or cause a traffic accident, and mandatory demerit points are issued to the driver's total. Depending on the accumulated total, their license may be suspended or revoked.

### Basic Points and Additional Penalty Points

#### \* Basic points

Basic points are mandatory demerit points issued for each minor traffic offense. Traffic offenses fall into two basic categories: Specific Traffic Offences and General Traffic Offences.

For Specific Traffic Offenses, one of the following mandatory demerit point totals will be issued to the driver's total depending on the type and severity of the traffic offense: 62 points; 55 points; 51 points; 48 points; 45 points; or 35 points.

For Minor Traffic Offense, one of the following mandatory demerit point totals will be issued to the driver's total: 25 points; 23 points; 19 points; 16 points; 15 points; 14 points; 13 points; 12 points; 6 points; 3 points; 2 points; or 1 point.

#### \* Additional Penalty Points

Additional penalty points are issued to drivers who caused an injury or a fatal traffic accident, depending on the severity of the accident, or to drivers who failed to take measures for hazardous prevention after causing a traffic accident resulting in the destruction of structures, other property, etc.

#### Injury or fatal traffic accident or traffic accident resulting in the destruction of structures

		degree of responsibilities		
		Driver's carelessness	Other reasons	
Types of Traffic Accident	Fatal	20 points	13 points	
	Severe Injury	Requiring 3 months for recovery, or resulting in residual disability	13 points	9 points
		Requiring more than 30 days or less than 3 months for recovery	9 points	6 points
	Minor Injury	Requiring more than 15 days for recovery	6 points	4 points
		Requiring less than 15 days for recovery	3 points	2 points
Property damage accident to a structure		3 points	2 points	

**\* If drivers commit a breach of duty to rescue the other party in a traffic accident (hit and run), 35 basic points will be added to the driver's total.**

If drivers commit a breach of duty to take measures for hazardous prevention in a property damage accident (hit and run or leaving the scene of an accident), 5 additional penalty points will be added to the driver's total.

## Period in which Demerit Points are Accumulated

The mandatory demerit points are issued on the day you committed the offense or caused the traffic accident, and all points issued in the last three (3) years are added to your total. But your past accumulated points will be removed from your total if you:

- are the licensed person who has been accident-free and offense-free for more than one (1) year in the valid qualified period.
- are the person whose license has been revoked or suspended, and has been accident-free and offense-free during your mandated revocation or suspension period.
- are the licensed person who committed a minor offense (less than 3 points), but had been offense-free in the two (2) years previous to the minor offense, and also have been offense-free for three (3) months after committing the minor offense. These time periods are valid only in the qualified period.
- are the person who attended the Traffic Offender's Lecture because 6 points had been added to your total when causing a traffic accident (6 points may be added for one offense), or by multiple minor traffic offenses (1-3 points).

\* The qualified period is the period that does not include the time your driver's license has been suspended or invalid.

## Revocation and Suspension to be put into execution

Depending on how many times your driver's license has been revoked or suspended in the last three (3) years, the suspension or revocation and the period of disqualification of your driver's license will be decided. The period of disqualification is listed in the table below. The period of disqualification for those who have a past license revocation record will be longer than that for those who do not.

### Revocation

#### Specific Traffic Offense

Number of times punishment has been imposed, such as license suspension, in the last 3 years	Period of Disqualification (For drivers who have a past license revocation record)							
	3 years (5yrs)	4 years (6yrs)	5 years (7yrs)	6 years (8yrs)	7 years (9yrs)	8 years (10yrs)	9 years (10yrs)	10 years
0	35 - 39 points	40 - 44 points	45 - 49 points	50 - 54 points	55 - 59 points	60 - 64 points	65 - 69 points	70 points or more
1	-	35 - 39 points	40 - 44 points	45 - 49 points	50 - 54 points	55 - 59 points	60 - 64 points	65 points or more
2	-	-	35 - 39 points	40 - 44 points	45 - 49 points	50 - 54 points	55 - 59 points	60 points or more
3 times or more	-	-	-	35 - 39 points	40 - 44 points	45 - 49 points	50 - 54 points	55 points or more

## Specific Traffic Offenses are:

1. Intentionally killing or injuring someone or intentionally damaging building, etc., while driving an automobile, etc.
2. Dangerous driving causing death or injury
3. Driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence of drugs
4. Traffic obstruction (significant danger to traffic)
5. Breach of driver's duty to rescue the other party in a traffic accident

\* If you commit any of these offenses and the offense results in a traffic accident and, in addition, fail in the driver's duty to rescue the other party in a traffic accident (hit and run), 35 basic points will be added.

## General Traffic Offense

Number of times punishment has been imposed, such as license suspension, in the last 3 years	Period of Disqualification (For drivers who have a past license revocation record)				
	1 years (3yrs)	2 years (4yrs)	3 years (5yrs)	4 years (5yrs)	5 years
0	15 – 24 points	25 – 34 points	35 – 39 points	40 – 44 points	45 points or more
1	10 – 19 points	20 – 29 points	30 – 34 points	35 – 39 points	40 points or more
2	5 – 14 points	15 – 24 points	25 – 29 points	30 – 34 points	35 points or more
3 times or more	4 – 9 points	10 – 19 points	20 – 24 points	25 – 29 points	30 points or more

### Note:

\* Period of Disqualification is the period that you are not qualified to take any examination for a driver's license (except for a learner's license).

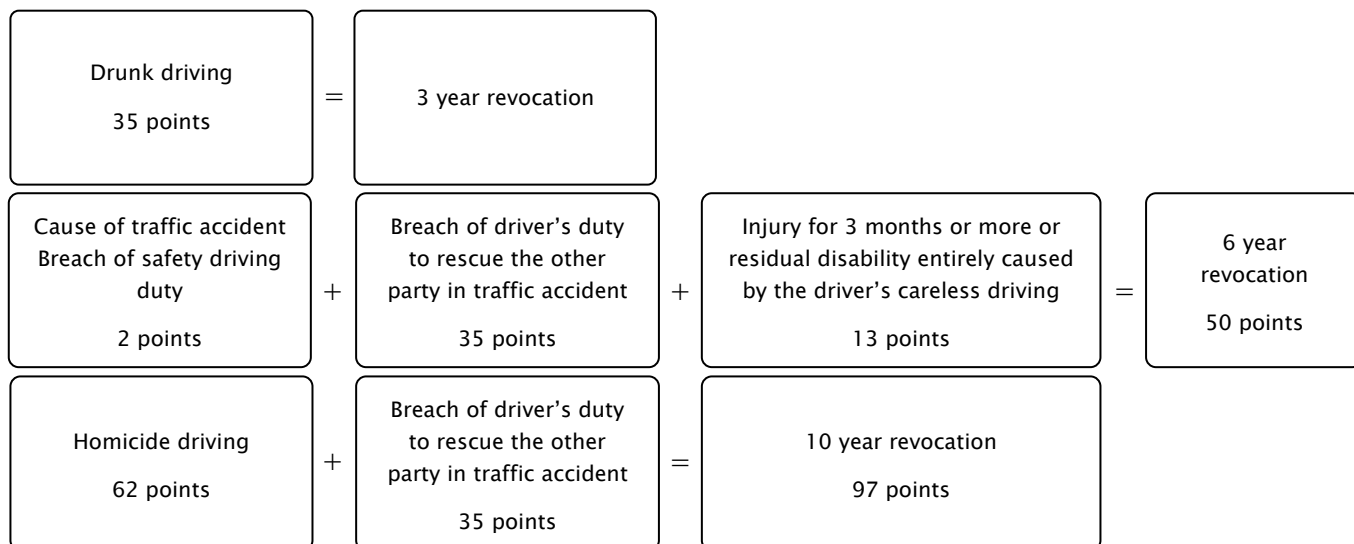
\* 'Drivers who have a past license revocation record' are those whose driver's license has been revoked, rejected or revoked afterward because of traffic offenses, having induced others to commit serious traffic offenses or having caused injury or death off the road, or who have been prohibited to drive an automobile, etc.

## Suspension

		Number of times punishment has been imposed, such as license suspension, in the last three (3) years				
		0	1	2	3	4 times or more
suspended period	30 days	6 – 8 points	–	–	–	–
	60 days	9 – 11 points	4 – 5 points	–	–	–
	90 days	12 – 14 points	6 – 7 points	2 points	–	–
	120 days	–	8 – 9 points	3 points	2 points	–
	150 days	–	–	4 points	3 points	2 points
	180 days	–	–	–	–	3 points

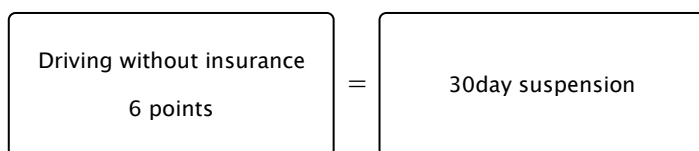
## Your driver's license will be revoked in the following case:

### Example: in the case where you have no previous traffic offenses

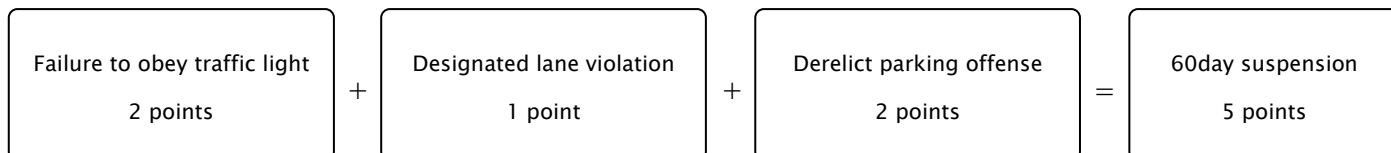


## Your driver's license will be suspended in the following cases:

### Example1: in the case where you have no previous traffic offense offenses



### Example2: in the case where you have one (1) previous traffic offense



## A hearing will be held in the following case:

If you are subject to a license suspension for more than 90 days or a revocation due to accumulated demerit points, a hearing arranged by the Public Safety Committee or the Chief of Prefectural Police will be held. You, or your proxy, can state your opinion of the penalty or submit evidence in your favor.

## Shortening of the period of suspension.

If you attend the lecture course provided by the Public Safety Committee, your period of suspension will be shortened as the table below indicates. This depends on your theory test mark and attitude at the lecture.

Period of suspension	Period will be shortened to:
30 days	Less than 29 days
60 - 120 days	Less than half of suspended days
150 days	Less than 70 days
180 days	Less than 80 days

## Location

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