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I Have Received a Fine

What Should I Do?



Fines don't just go away.
Act now to avoid extra costs
and loss of licence.



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State Debt Recovery (SDR) receives and processes fines issued by various government departments, including local councils, NSW Police and NSW Roads and Maritime Services. SDR also operates the fine enforcement system to collect unpaid fines.

Why is a fines system needed?

The fines system is designed to influence behaviour by making sure individuals take responsibility when they break the law.

It also means people can satisfy minor penalties through the payment of a monetary penalty without going to court.

What are my options when I receive a fine?

When you receive a fine, you can:

1. pay in full, **or**
2. make part payments, provided it is paid in full by the due date on the Penalty Reminder Notice, **or**
3. if you are in financial hardship, we may extend the deadline on a payment plan:
 - by two months **or**
 - over a longer period if you are on government benefits, **or**
4. have the fine transferred to the driver you name on a statutory declaration, if it was not you, **or**

5. request a review either online or by post if there were special circumstances and attaching documentary evidence, **or**
6. take the matter to court either online or by post.
Note: Courts may impose additional costs.

Go to myPenalty at www.sdros.nsw.gov.au to pay, view images, act on or find out more about your penalty.

What happens if I don't finalise my fine?

If you do not finalise your fine by the due date on the Penalty Reminder Notice, SDR will issue an Overdue Fine Notice adding additional costs (reduced cost applies for juveniles). It must be paid within 28 days.

If you do not pay the Overdue Fine Notice:

- your driver licence may be suspended and your car registration cancelled. Each of these will incur an additional cost. You also won't be able to do any business with Roads and Maritime Services
- SDR can authorise the Sheriff to take your goods or possessions
- SDR can also take money from your wages or bank account through garnishee.

Other options

Go to myEnforcement Order at www.sdros.nsw.gov.au or call us to pay or set up a payment plan and avoid further debt recovery action.

If you are on a government benefit and would like regular small payments to come straight out of your benefit rather than having to organise payment yourself, SDR can do this through the Centrepay system.

If you keep up your regular payments, SDR will hold all enforcement action. Generally, a suspended driver licence or cancelled registration can be reinstated soon after you start making payments.

What if I can't pay?

If you have mental or alcohol/drug issues, are homeless or are experiencing acute economic hardship, you may be suitable to enter into a Work and Development Order (WDO). A WDO allows you to satisfy your fine through unpaid work or certain courses or treatment. A WDO can only be made if an application is supported by an approved organisation or qualified health practitioner. Further information is available at www.sdros.nsw.gov.au

Fines Hardship Review Board

If SDR refuses to let you pay by instalments or enter into a WDO, you may apply to the Fines Hardship Review Board (FHRB). It is an independent body that can review one of these decisions, but **cannot** consider if you are liable for the fine or not.

