

DEFINITION OF TERMS

PENALTY POINTS: These are Points allotted to traffic offences accumulated in the driver's record. If a driver receives a statutorily maximum number of points, the driver shall be warned and or have his licence suspended or withdrawn.

FINE: Is payment of a sum of money made to satisfy a claim of an offence committed as penalty.

WARNING: Is notification issued to a traffic offender who has accumulated 10 - 14 penalty points.

SUSPENSION: Is the temporal removal or interruption of authority or right to drive a vehicle or ride a motorcycle/tricycle, as a punishment for a period of time, having accumulated 15 to 20 penalty points.

WITHDRAWAL: The act or condition of taking away the authority or the denial of the right to drive a motor vehicle or ride a motorcycle/tricycle on Nigeria roads, having accumulated 21 and above penalty points.

USE OF NOTICE OF OFFENCE SHEET

The Notice of Offence sheet is issued by a Road Marshal to a traffic offender who has violated any of the Road Traffic Laws and Regulations. It is a legal document and as such should be properly understood and filled, as it may be tendered in the law court for prosecution purposes.

INTERPRETATION OF OFFENCES

The following are the offences, their categories, definitions, penalties and penalty points:

1. **ASSAULTING MARSHAL ON DUTY (AMD) 10 pts/₦10,000. Category 2:**
Manhandling a Road Marshal in the course of his lawful duties. This offence may attract prosecution in a law court.
2. **ATTEMPTING TO CORRUPT MARSHAL ON DUTY (ACS) 10 pts/₦10,000. Category 2: Offering bribe (monetary or material) to Road Marshal(s) by traffic offender(s) in order to pervert the course of justice. This offence may attract prosecution in a court of law.**

3. **CAUTION SIGN VIOLATION (CSV) 3 pts/₦3,000. Category 3:**
Failure to display the C-caution sign at the front and the rear of the vehicle in the case of a broken down vehicle. In addition, failure to put in place red light at the rear of the vehicle at night.

4. **CONSTRUCTION AREA SPEED LIMIT VIOLATION (CAV) 3 pts/₦3,000. Category 3:** Failure to adhere to speed limits posted at construction sites.

5. **DANGEROUS DRIVING (DGD) 10pts/₦50,000. Category 1:-**

Driving in a manner that is reckless and poses threats to the lives of the driver and other road users e.g. forcing other vehicles or other road users off the road or engaging in acts that could easily result in crashes or driving at high speed in places of high pedestrian traffic.

6. **DO NOT MOVE VIOLATION (DNM) 2pts/₦2,000. Category 2:**

Driving a vehicle on which 'DO NOT MOVE' sticker has been pasted indicating that the vehicle's movement has been restricted. Examples of vehicle(s) on which 'DO NOT MOVE' sticker may be pasted are;

- a. A rickety vehicle.
- b. Vehicle awaiting towing.
- c. Vehicle suspected to be stolen.

7. **DRIVER'S LICENCE VIOLATION (DLV) 10pts/₦10,000. Category 2:**

Driving without being in physical possession of a valid Driver's Licence for the category of vehicle being driven. The classes of Driver's Licence are as follows:-

Class A - Motorcycle

Class B - Motor vehicle of less than 3 tones gross weight other than motorcycle, taxi, stage carriage or omnibus.

Class C - Motor vehicle of less than 3 tones gross weight, other than motorcycle.

Class D - Motor vehicle other than motorcycle, taxi, stage carriage or omnibus but excluding an articulated vehicle or vehicle drawing a trailer, agricultural machines and tractors and earth moving vehicles.

Class E - Motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, articulated vehicle, agricultural machines, tractors and earth moving vehicles.

Class F - Agricultural machines and tractors.

Class G - Earth moving vehicles

Class J - Special, for physically handicapped persons.

8. **DRIVING UNDER ALCOHOL/DRUG INFLUENCE (DUI) 5pts/₦5,000.**
Category 2: Driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other psychotropic substance.
9. **DRIVING WITH WORN OUT TYRE (TYV) 3pts/₦3,000. Category 1:**
Driving a vehicle with tyres which threading are worn-out.
10. **DRIVING WITH EXPIRED/WITHOUT SPARE TYRE (EWT) 2 pts/₦2,000. Category 3:** Driving a vehicle with tyre(s) which by its date of manufacturing has expired or without a spare tyre.
11. **EXCESSIVE SMOKE EMISSION (ESE) 5pts/₦5,000. Category 1:**
Driving a vehicle with smoke emission, capable of blurring the vision of other road users.
12. **FAILURE TO COVER UNSTABLE MATERIALS (FCM) 5pts/₦5,000.**
Category 1: Failure to cover securely unstable materials such as gravel, sand, refuse, etc. which are capable of spilling on the highway thereby constituting hazards.
13. **FAILURE TO FIX RED FLAG ON PROJECTED LOAD (FFF) 3pts/₦3,000. Category 1:** Driving a vehicle with a projected load in excess of
2.8m without adequate warning, i.e. a red flag fixed at the end of the projected load in daytime and a red warning light at night.

14. **FAILURE TO MOVE OVER (FMO) 3pts/₦3,000. Category 1:**

In the case of slow moving vehicles on a single carriageway, failure to move out of the road when at least four vehicles have queued behind. In addition, on a dual carriageway, failure to move over to the slow lane for other road users moving at higher speed to pass or failure to adhere to a traffic officer's instruction.

15. **FAILURE TO REPORT ROAD CRASH (FRC) 10 pts/₦20,000.**

Category 1: A driver who is involved in a crash or sees a crash, but fails to report the crash to FRSC and/or other appropriate authorities shall be held liable for an offence of failure to report road crash.

16. **FIRE EXTINGUISHER VIOLATION (FEV) ₦3,000. Category 2:**

Driving a vehicle without the appropriate category of Fire Extinguisher specified for the type of vehicle or with expired fire Extinguisher.

17. **INADEQUATE CONSTRUCTION WARNING SIGN (ICW) ₦50,000.**

Category 1: Failure of a road construction company to provide adequate warning and/or directional/diversion signs at road repairs or road construction sites.

18. **LIGHT/SIGN VIOLATION (LSV) 2 pts/₦2,000. Category 2:**

Failure to use headlights, rear lights between 1900hrs and 0630hrs or when it is dark while on the highway or failure to use directional signal indicators when required to do so or non-observance of traffic light.

19. **MEDICAL PERSONNEL/HOSPITAL REJECTION OF ROAD CRASH**

VICTIM (RCV) ₦50,000. Category 1: Hospital or Medical personnel refusal to accept and administer treatment on Road Crash survivors or accept corpse(s) of victim(s).

20. **OPERATING MECHANICALLY DEFICIENT VEHICLE (MDV) 5 pts/**

₦5,000. Category 1: Being on the highway with a mechanically deficient vehicle, such as emits dark fumes that impair vision, driving a vehicle with bent chassis, driving a damaged vehicle, etc. This offence may attract prosecution and may have to be validated with a vehicle inspection report before a court trial.

21. **OBSTRUCTING MARSHAL ON DUTY (OMD) 3 pts/₦3,000. Category 2:**

Interference and wilful disruption/obstruction of Road Marshal while carrying out his lawful duty.

22. **OPERATING A VEHICLE WITH FORGED DOCUMENTS (OFD) 10 pts/₦10,000. Category 2:** Driving while being in the possession of forged or fake driver's licence or vehicle registration documents.

23. **OVERLOADING (OLV) 10 pts/₦10,000. Category 1:**

Driving on the highway with a vehicle loaded with passengers or goods over the prescribed number or weight, respectively.

24. **PASSENGERS' MANIFEST VIOLATION (PMV) 10 pts/₦10,000. Category 2:** Driving a commercial vehicle on an interstate journey on the highway without a detailed copy of the Passengers' Manifest (that is, the list of passengers in a vehicle, contact address, destination, next of kin and phone number).

25. **RIDING MOTORCYCLE WITHOUT USING CRASH HELMET (RMH) 2 pts/₦2,000. Category 1:** Riding a motorcycle without a crash helmet(s) properly strapped to the head and fastened under the chin by both the rider and passenger.

26. **ROAD OBSTRUCTION (ROB) 5 pts/₦5,000. Category 1:**

Obstructing the highway by indiscriminate parking or repair of broken down vehicles on the road or obstructing the highway with any other object, or stopping on the highway in a manner that inhibit free traffic flow at any point in time or endangers the life of the driver and/or other road users.

27. **ROAD MARKING VIOLATION (RMV) 5 pts/₦5,000. Category 1:**

Failure to observe road markings, regulatory, prohibitory or mandatory road traffic signs.

28. **ROUTE VIOLATION (RTV) 10 pts/N10,000. Category 1:**

Contravention of the provision of any traffic law or regulation relating to directions and routes to be followed by vehicles e.g. facing on-coming vehicles or plying route prohibited for certain categories of vehicles.


29. **SEATBELT USE VIOLATION (SUV) 5 pts/N5,000. Category 1:**


Driving a vehicle without using Seat Belt and/or without ensuring that other passengers in the vehicle use Seatbelts.

30. **SPEED LIMIT VIOLATION (SLV) 5 pts/N5,000. Category 1:**

Driving a vehicle or riding a motorcycle/tricycle on the highway in excess of the prescribed speed limits for a category of vehicle or road. Maximum speed limits for different categories of motor vehicles are as follows:

SPEED LIMITS FOR VEHICLES IN Km/hr

TYPES OF VEHICLE	BUILD UP AREA 	HIGHWAY	EXPRESSWAY
MOTORCYCLES	50	50	
PRIVATE CARS	50	80	100
TAXIS & BUSES	50	80	90
TANKERS/TRAILERS	45	50	50

<p>TOW VEHICLE</p>  <p><small>k7050141 www.fotosearch.com</small></p>	45	45	45
<p>TOW VEHICLE</p> <p>WHILE TOWING</p> <p>WHILE NOT TOWING</p>	50	60	70

31. **UNAUTHORIZED REMOVAL/TAMPERING WITH ROAD SIGNS (UTS) 5pts/ N5,000. Category 1:** Removing or tampering with any road sign(s) or indicator(s) which is or are meant to direct, warn, prohibit or caution road users.

32. **UNDER AGE DRIVING/RIDING (UDR) N10,000. Category 1:**
Driving a motor vehicle and riding a motorcycle before attaining the age of 18yrs.


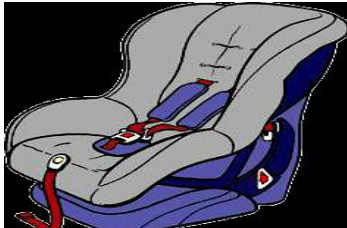
33. **USE OF PHONE WHILE DRIVING (UPD) 4pts/N4,000. Category 1:**
Driving or riding a vehicle while making use of phone even at traffic hold up. This also applies to use of hands free devices.

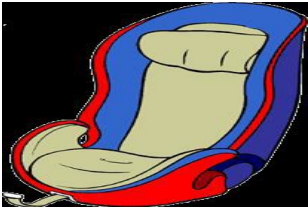
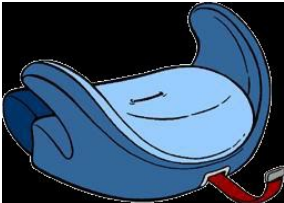
34. **VEHICLE LICENCE VIOLATION (VLV) 3pts/ N3,000. Category 2:**
Driving or riding a vehicle with expired licence or not being in possession of one.

35. **NUMBER PLATE VIOLATION (NPV) 3pts/ N3,000. Category 1:**
Driving a vehicle without Number Plates, use of fake Number Plates, covering the Number Plates, using mutilated Number plates, expired Number Plates or failure to display Number Plates appropriately.

36. **VEHICLE WINDSHEILD VIOLATION (WSV) 2pts/ N3,000. Category 1:**
Operating a motor vehicle without windscreen(s) or with damaged windscreen(s).

37. **WRONGFUL OVERTAKING (WOV) 3pts/ N3,000. Category 1:**
Overtaking a vehicle when it is not safe or legal to do so thereby endangering the life of the driver, and/or passenger(s) and other road users, e.g. at brow of a hill, a bend, on narrow bridge, built up areas, crowded road, intersection, bus-stop etc.
38. **PROJECTED LOAD IN EXCESS OF PRESCRIBED LIMIT (PLE) 3 pts/ N3,000. Category 1:** Driving a Vehicle with projected or oversized load(s) which is /are not contained within the permissible overall dimension of the vehicle.
39. **VEHICLE MIRROR VIOLATION (VMV) 3 pts/N3,000. Category 1:**
Driving a vehicle without the inner and/or the two side mirrors or driving with damaged mirror(s).
40. **LEARNERS DRIVING REGULATION VIOLATION (LDV) 10 pts/N3,000. Category 1:** A learner driving a vehicle without being accompanied by a licenced driver-instructor sitting beside him or failing to take a driving test before the expiration of his third Learner's Permit or takes a test and failed or drives a vehicle with passenger(s) on board or drives on an expressway.
41. **CHILD RESTRAINT VIOLATION (CRV) 6 pts/N3,000. Category 1:**
Carrying a child under the age of 12yrs in a vehicle without use of a child's car seat or carrying a child in a child car seat without the child car seat being properly fitted and the child strapped in the car seat. The followings are categories of child restraint according to the weight of the children for whom they are suitable;

<p>Rearward-facing Baby Seats</p> 	<p>Group 0 for babies up to 10 kgs (22 lbs) roughly from birth to 69 months, or Group 0+ for babies up to 13kg (29lbs) roughly from birth to 12 - 15 months. They can only be used in the rear of the car and only move them to a forward-facing seat once they have exceeded the maximum weight for the baby seat, or the top of their head is higher than the top of the seat.</p>
<p>Forward-facing child seat</p> 	<p>Group 1 for children weighing 9-18kgs (20-40lbs) roughly from 9 months to 4 years. They can be used in the front or rear of the car, but it is safer to put them in the rear, especially if there is a passenger airbag in the front. Only move your child to a booster seat once they have exceeded the maximum weight for the child seat, or the top of their head is higher than the top of the seat.</p>

<p>Forward-facing child seat</p> 	<p>Group 2 for children weighing 15 25kgs (33 55lbs) roughly 4 to 6 years. They can be used in the front or rear of the car, but it is safer to put them in the rear, especially if there is a passenger airbag in the front.</p>
<p>Booster Cushion</p> 	<p>Group 3: for children weighing 22 36kgs (48 79lbs) roughly from 6- 11 years. They can be used in the front or rear of the car, but it is safer to put them in the rear, especially if there is a passenger airbag in the front. Booster seats and booster cushions do not have an integral harness to hold the child in place. The adult seat belt goes around the child and the seat. So it is important that the seat belt is correctly adjusted.</p> <p>The basic points to note are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · the belt should be worn as tight as possible · the lap belt should go over the pelvic region, not the Stomach · the diagonal strap should rest over the shoulder, not the neck.

42. **CHILD SITTING POSITION VIOLATION (CPV) 6 pts/N3,000. Category 1:** Carrying a child under the age of 12 years in the front seat of a vehicle.
43. **DRIVING RIGHT-HAND STEERING VEHICLE (DRV) 10 pts/N3,000.**
Category 1: Driving a vehicle which steering is on the right hand side.
44. **OTHER OFFENCES VIOLATIONS:** Any other offence(s) not categorised under the offences listed in the Notice of Offence Sheet.