AARTO ACT NOW ENFORCED IN EMTHANJENI

For Emthanjeni motorists: know what to do when you receive a traffic infringement notice

Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences Act 46 of 1998

RTIA
Road Traffic Infringement Agency
Justice in Adjudication

Objectives of the AARTO Act

The primary objectives of the AARTO Act are to enhance road safety, promote compliance with traffic laws, establish an efficient administrative system for adjudicating traffic infringements, and implement a demerit points system to deter habitual offenders.

Got an AARTO notice?
Do not ignore it. Check the details, choose what you want to do, and respond before the deadline.

1. CHECK	2. CHOOSE	3. ACT	4. KEEP PROOF
Vehicle, date, place, amount	Pay, nominate, represent, instalments	Use the 32-day window	Receipts and confirmations

Why AARTO Matters

- Makes traffic fines easier to manage.
- Helps drivers deal with notices early.
- Uses demerit points to encourage safer driving.

Infringement vs Offence

Infringement	Offence
A less serious traffic matter handled through the AARTO process.	A serious traffic matter that can only be dealt with in a criminal court.
Examples: speeding camera fine, expired licence disc, illegal parking, not wearing a seatbelt.	Examples: drunk driving, reckless driving, driving while suspended, leaving an accident scene.

Elective Options for Infringers

- **Pay:** Pay if you accept the notice.
- **Nominate:** Give the correct driver's details if you were not driving.
- **Challenge it:** Send reasons and proof if you think the notice is wrong.
- **Pay monthly:** Apply for approved instalments.
- **Review:** Follow the appeal or review steps if allowed.

Process Flow & Time Frames

Step	What to do	Time
Notice	Read it and choose an option.	32 days
Reminder	If you ignore it, extra costs may be added.	32 days
Enforcement	Your licence or vehicle transactions may be blocked until resolved.	If ignored

Demerit Point System

- **Demerit points are warning marks** on your driving record.
- Every driver starts with **zero points**.
- Points may be added when you **pay a fine**, **admit responsibility**, or **lose a challenge**.
- If you collect too many points, your **driving licence can be suspended**.
- Maximum of **15 demerit points allowed.**
- Lose **1 point every 3 months** if no additional points accumulated.
- If licence is suspended for the **third time licence will be cancelled.**
- The aim is to encourage **safer driving**, not just to collect fines.

Demerit point system to be enforced when phase 3 of AARTO rollout is implemented. Date to be determined by Minister of Transport.

Examples of Offences

Can lead to arrest and will be dealt with in criminal court.

- Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Reckless or dangerous driving.
- Driving without a valid driving licence.
- Driving while your driving licence is suspended.
- Leaving the scene of a crash.
- Driving with no number plates affixed to the vehicle.
- Driving an unregistered vehicle and / or unlicenced vehicle.

Examples of Infringements

Infringement notice to be issued.

- Speeding.
- Ignoring a road sign, robot, or road marking.
- Expired licence disc.
- Illegal parking or stopping.
- Using a cell phone while driving.

Quick Compliance Tips

- Check the notice as soon as you receive it.
- Write down the deadline.
- Keep proof of payment or any documents you send.
- Update your address and contact details.
- Do not ignore reminders or enforcement notices.

Payment of infringement

- Be paid at any registering authority or driving licence test centre.
- Online Banking: Major banks like FNB, Standard Bank, Capitec Bank, Nedbank, and ABSA allow online payments for traffic fines.
- Pay City: This platform provides notifications of new traffic infringements and allows payments via cell phone banking.
- Retail Locations: You can pay at retailers such as Pick n Pay, Checkers, Shoprite, Boxer, and some Spars.
- Fines SA: This platform offers nationwide coverage for AARTO traffic fines and allows various payment methods.

Make sure to pay within 32 days of the infringement notice to qualify for a 50% discount on the fine amount.

Need Help? Contact RTIA

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