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AARTO Act 46 of 1998

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YOUR GUIDE TO ROAD TRAFFIC INFRINGEMENTS, PROCESSES & DEMERIT POINTS

RTIA
Road Traffic Infringement Agency
Justice in Adjudication

PURPOSE OF THE AARTO ACT

The Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences (AARTO) Act was introduced to modernise and streamline the handling of road traffic infringements in South Africa. Its core purposes include:

- Creating a fair, transparent administrative system for traffic infringements
- Reducing the burden on criminal courts
- Improving road safety through consistent enforcement
- Introducing the Demerit Points System to encourage responsible driving
- Ensuring accountability for road users
- Standardising infringement processes across municipalities

THE AARTO PROCESS & TIME FRAMES

1 Infringement Notice (Day 0–32)

- Issued via post, email, SMS, or roadside
- 50% discount applies if paid within 32 days
- Infringer may choose from elective options (see next section)

2 Courtesy Letter (Day 33–64)

- Sent if no action is taken within 32 days
- Discount removed
- Additional administrative fee added
- Payment or representation still possible

3 Enforcement Order (After Day 64)

- Issued when no action is taken after Courtesy Letter
- Blocks renewal of driving licence and vehicle licence disc
- Infringer may apply for revocation using AARTO 14

ELECTIVE OPTIONS FOR AN INFRINGER

✓ Pay the Fine

- 50% discount if paid within 32 days
- Full amount + admin fees after Courtesy Letter

✓ Submit a Representation (AARTO 08)

- Used to dispute the infringement
- Must include supporting evidence

✓ Nominate the Actual Driver (AARTO 07)

- Applicable when someone else was driving the vehicle

✓ Apply for Instalment (AARTO 04)

- Allows payment of the fine over an agreed period

✓ Request Review or Revocation (AARTO 14)

- Used to challenge an Enforcement Order

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INFRINGEMENTS & OFFENCES

INFRINGEMENTS (ADMINISTRATIVE)

- Managed through AARTO
- No arrest involved
- Examples: speeding, seatbelt violations, camera infringements
- Demerit points may apply

VS

OFFENCES (CRIMINAL)

- Managed through the criminal court system
- May involve arrest or court appearance
- Examples: drunk driving, reckless driving, dangerous driving, no driving licence
- No AARTO elective options available

WHERE INFRINGEMENTS CAN BE PAID

Payments can be made at:

- AARTO Online Portal
- RTIA Offices
- Municipal Traffic Departments
- Selected Post Offices
- Approved retail partners (where applicable)

DEMERIT POINT SYSTEM (Maximum of 15 points)

How Points Are Allocated

- Each infringement carries a specific number of demerit points
- Points accumulate on the infringer's driving licence

Suspension

- At 16 points, the licence is suspended for 3 months
- Each additional point adds another 3 months

Cancellation

- Three suspensions = licence cancellation
- Driver must complete rehabilitation program, reapply and redo all testing

Point Reduction

- 1 point removed every 3 months without new infringements

15 MAX POINTS

VISIT THE AARTO WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

aarto.gov.za

The official source for:

- Paying fines
- Checking infringement status
- Understanding the AARTO process
- Forms and resources
- Latest updates and news

AARTO WEBSITE: aarto.gov.za

Obey the rules | Drive safely | Stay alert | Save lives

AARTO: Fair. Transparent. Accountable. For Safer Roads.

DRIVE RESPONSIBLY. ARRIVE SAFELY.

This is an extract from Schedule 3 Charge list as per Government Gazette No.54922 dated 30 June 2026 for offences.
This will lead to the arrest of the offender that have to appear before a criminal court of law.
These are not all offences in Schedule 3 and only an extract for information purposes.

SCHEDULE 3 : AARTO REGULATIONS, IN TERMS OF SECTION 29 OF ACT 46, 1998								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Charge code	Short statutory reference	Short charge wording-	Classification of offence, infringement	Penalty units	Demerit points	Penalty in Rand value	Penalty minus discount in Rand value/	Operator charge / juristic person who is not an operator charge
1002	Sect. 4(2)	Failed to license a vehicle with the appropriate registering authority	Offence	Offence	0	NAP	-	3512
1003	Sect. 4(2)	Failed to register a vehicle with the appropriate registering authority	Offence	Offence	0	NAP	-	3512
1016	Sect. 3 I(h)	Failure to furnish name, address etc. when instructed by officer	Offence	Offence	0	NAP	-	
1023	Sect. 3J r/w 3F(f) and (i)	Failure when so required to furnish name and address on instruction of traffic officer	Offence	Offence	0	NAP	-	
1211	Reg. 35(5)	Failed to affix both number plates of a vehicle thereto	Offence	Offence	0	NAP	-	3512
1212	Reg. 35(6)(a)	Displayed a licence number, or anything purporting to be a licence number, not applicable to the vehicle	Offence	Offence	0	NAP	-	3512
1214	Reg. 35(6)(b)	Vehicle with licence numbers which were in any way obscured or had become illegible	Offence	Offence	0	NAP	-	3512
1225	Reg. 35(6)(h)	Vehicle with each number plate not displaying the same licence number, letter type, colours and logo or landscape	Offence	Offence	0	NAP	-	3512
1234	Reg. 35(7)(f)	Vehicle with no front or rear number plate affixed thereto	Offence	Offence	0	NAP	-	3512
1246	Reg. 36(2)(a)	Vehicle on which a licence disc was displayed whilst such document was not applicable to such vehicle	Offence	Offence	0	NAP	-	
1261	Reg. 15	Manufacturer, builder or importer as agent of registering authority failed to register motor vehicle within seven days of manufacture or import	Offence	Offence	0	NAP	-	
1335	Sect. 68(3)	Produced a document to be used for purposes of the Act which differs in format or content from the document prescribed in the Act	Offence	Offence	0	NAP	-	
1506	Reg. 89(2)	Displayed a temporary or special permit on a vehicle, or anything purporting to be such a permit, which was not applicable to said vehicle	Offence	Offence	0	NAP	-	
1700	Sect. 12(a)	Operated a vehicle contrary to the class of vehicle to which such driving licence relates	Offence	Offence	6	NAP	-	3511
1703	Sect. 12(a)	Operated a vehicle without an A code driving licence issued to him or her, or of any document deemed to be a driving licence	Offence	Offence	6	NAP	-	
1704	Sect. 12(a)	Operated a vehicle without a B code driving licence issued to him or her, or of any document deemed to be a driving licence	Offence	Offence	6	NAP	-	3511
1705	Sect. 12(a)	Operated a vehicle without a C1 code driving licence issued to him or her, or of any document deemed to be a driving licence	Offence	Offence	6	NAP	-	3511
1709	Sect. 12(a)	Operated a vehicle without an EC code driving licence issued to him or her, or of any document deemed to be a driving licence	Offence	Offence	6	NAP	-	3511
1722	Sect.25(7)	Failed to return a cancelled or suspended licence to the authorities	Offence	Offence	0	NAP	-	
1723	Sect.30	Holder of learner's or driving licence allowed another person to use such licence	Offence	Offence	0	NAP	-	
2002	Reg. 124(b)	Being the holder of a professional driving permit, allowed another person to use such permit	Offence	Offence	6	NAP	-	
2557	Reg. 176(3)	Vehicle fitted with lamp/lamps emitting a blue light or capable of emitting a blue light.	Offence	Offence	0	NAP	-	3512
3500	Sect. 45	As owner or operator of a goods vehicle, GVM >3500kg., failed to register as operator of such vehicle	Offence	Offence	0	NAP	-	3509
4506	Sect. 59(4)(a)	Operated a vehicle at a speed of 100+ km/h which is in excess of the general speed limit of 60 km/h which is applicable to that urban road	Offence	Offence	6	NAP	-	
4576	Sect. 59(4)(c)	Operated a goods vehicle, the GVM > 9000 kg., at a speed of 120+ km/h which is in excess of the 80 km/h being the speed limit prescribed by the Minister	Offence	Offence	6	NAP	-	
5600	Sect. 63(1)	Operated a vehicle recklessly	Offence	Offence	6	NAP	-	
5603	Sect. 65(1)(a)	Operated a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a drug having a narcotic effect	Offence	Offence	6	NAP	-	
5616	Sect. 66(1)	Without reasonable cause or without the consent of the owner, operator or person in lawful charge of a vehicle, interfered with such vehicle in a way as described in this regulation	Offence	Offence	6	NAP	-	
5701	Sect. 25(4)	Person drove while being disqualified to do so	Offence	Offence	0	NAP	-	
5702	Sect. 25(3)(a)	Failed to hand in documents to issuing authority in prescribed manner	Offence	Offence	0	NAP	-	
5703	Sect. 27(1)(a) and (b)	Person who is disqualified for a third time or documents suspended for a third time fails to immediately hand documents to issuing authority	Offence	Offence	0	NAP	-	