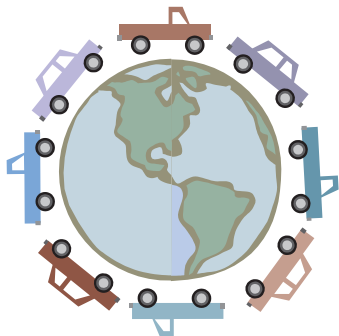


## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

### Your Driving Attitude Counts, NOW More Than Ever



## SCHEDULE

### Motor Vehicles Act

Section No.	Description	Demerit Points
5	Operating a vehicle without valid certificate of registration	2
54	Operating a vehicle while certificate of registration suspended or cancelled	2
66(1)	Operating a vehicle without a valid driver's licence	2
78(3)	Operating a vehicle in contravention of term or condition	2
119	Operating a vehicle while prohibited or disqualified or while driver's licence is suspended	5
128(1)	Operating a vehicle without lights in operation	1
128(2)	Failing to dim lights	2
138(1)	Sounding horn or bell so as to make unreasonable noise	1
138(2)	Operating a vehicle in manner causing loud and unnecessary noise	2
146(1),(2),(4)(a)	Operating a vehicle without wearing a seat belt	2
146(4)(b)	Failing to secure child in child restraint system	2
154(1)	Careless driving	6
161(1)	Failing to stop vehicle at red light	3
163	Failing to obey traffic control device	2
166,212	Failing to stop	3
169/1	Speeding 15 km/hr or less in excess	2
169/2	Speeding 16 km/hr up to and including 30 km/hr in excess	3
169/3	Speeding 31 km/hr up to and including 50 km/hr in excess	5
171	Driving at unreasonable speed	3
172	Driving unreasonably slowly	2
174	Driving on the left when prohibited	2
177	Driving across median	3
182,183	Overtaking on left unsafely	2
184	Overtaking turning vehicle unsafely	2
188, 189	Failing to be overtaken properly	2
190	Overtaking a vehicle improperly	2
192	Following too closely	3
193, 194	Backing up unsafely	2
195	Improper right turn	2
196, 197	Improper left turn	2
200,201,202	Signaling improperly	2
204-207, 209	Failing to yield right of way	2
208	Failing to obey yield sign	2
215	Failing to stop at railway crossing	3
217(1)	Failing to stop for school bus	4
225(1)	Driving without adequate control or view	2

226(1)(a)	Permitting number of persons to exceed designated seating provisions	2
227	Driving improperly through canyons or mountains	1
228	Unauthorized coasting	1
230	Following or parking too closely to operational fire fighting vehicles	2
231	Driving over unprotected fire hoses	3
233	Driving on sidewalk	2
234	Opening vehicle door dangerously	2
235	Stunting	3
236	Racing	5
242	Unsafe operation of motorcycle	6
243	Failing to wear helmet while operating motorcycle	2
244	Operating motorcycles abreast	1
248	Towing of bicycle, play vehicle or person	4
250	Failing to yield right of way to pedestrian	2
251	Passing a stopped vehicle at crosswalk	3
259(1)(a)	Failing to remain at scene of accident	5
259(1)(b)	Failing to render all reasonable assistance	3
259(1)(d)	Failing to produce documentation	3
260(1)	Failing to provide information and documentation to driver or owner	3
262(1)	Failing to report accident	5

### Large Vehicle Control Regulations

5, 6, 7	Contravening vehicle dimension restrictions	1
8, 10, 11, 12	Failing to display required signs, lights, flags	1
8, 9	Operating vehicle without required escort vehicles	1
16(b)	Failing to maintain radio contact between escort vehicle and vehicle	1
17(3)	Failing to display proper over-dimension sign	1
18	Failing to secure load properly	3
20(2)	Operating truck tractor semi-trailer with excessive effective overhang	1
28	Operating pole truck with excessive load overhang	1
41(3)	Failing to obey sign, signal or marking relating to weigh scales	1

**\*\*\*DID YOU KNOW\*\*\* Driver's Licence "demerits" count as points against your driver's licence. An accumulation of demerit points could result in the loss of your driving privileges.**

Being a good driver is not only positive from a safety point of view, it also contributes to the public good. Keeping a good record allows you to maintain reasonable insurance premiums, and permits you the freedom to operate a vehicle without licence restriction(s).

## **THE DRIVER'S LICENCE DEMERIT POINT REGULATION**

The Driver's Demerit Point Regulation under the *Motor Vehicles Act* came into effect September 1, 1993.

The Demerit Point System is designed to identify persistent traffic violators, and protect pedestrians and careful motorists from drivers who abuse the privilege of operating motor vehicles.

The aim of the Demerit Point System is driver improvement. Drivers who consistently accumulate points can have their driving privileges suspended.

**When you transfer in or out of any North American jurisdiction your driver's record is transferred with you.**

**Demerit points will be recorded on the driver's record upon conviction of a driving related offence, and will remain on the driver's record for 24 months.**

## **HOW THE DEMERIT POINT SYSTEM WORKS**

- The Registrar of Motor Vehicles will add demerit points to your driving record as the Registrar becomes aware of your offences.
- **At eight (8) demerit points** – the Registrar will **notify the driver by registered mail** of the points accumulated.
- **At 12 or more demerit points** - the driver will be notified by registered mail of the number of points accumulated on his/her driver's record. The registered letter will identify the steps necessary to arrange a **telephone or personal interview with the Driver Examiner or a driver review officer**. The driver must attend the interview as arranged. If he/she fails to attend the interview when required to do so, the driver's licence will immediately be suspended until such time as the interview is held.
- **At 15 demerit points** – the driver's licence is **suspended for a period of 30 days** and will remain suspended until a re-instatement fee has been paid. The Registrar may demand surrender of the licence for the period of the suspension. At the conclusion of the suspension, the number of points on the driver's record is reduced to seven (7).

## **SOME POINTS TO CONSIDER**

Demerit points may be **reduced once in a two-year period**, if a driver successfully completes an approved driver improvement course.

**\*\*\*The Driver Improvement course will not affect the points remaining after serving a demerit point suspension.\*\*\***

If the driver reaches a level of 15 points a second time, the driver's licence will be cancelled for a minimum period of 30 days to a maximum period of two years.

**Appeal Process:** A person may appeal the length of a suspension by submitting to the Minister of Transportation a notice of appeal within 45 days after receiving the notice of suspension.

## **DRIVER RECORD (ABSTRACT)**

- A driver record may be obtained from any issuing agency in the Northwest Territories.
- Your driver record will list all violations, suspensions or prohibitions issued within a three-year period.
- Demerit point accumulations are also shown on your driver record and expire after a 24-month period.

### **Driver Examiners**

Hay River	(867) 874-5001
Yellowknife	(867) 873-7402
Inuvik	(867) 777-7283
Ft. Simpson	(867) 770-3028