

DRIVER'S LICENSE POINTS INFORMATION

Warning:

If you are convicted of a moving traffic violation, demerit points will be assigned to your driver's license. The number of points is based on the type of violation. If you accumulate 12 points in 12 months or 18 points in 24 months, DMV is required to suspend or revoke your driving privileges, regardless of the hardships involved.

There are three ways you can reduce the number of points on your license:

Take a Defensive Driving Course

- Any driver can take a defensive driving course once every 12 months.
- The list of approved programs can be found at:

http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/akol/driving_schools.htm

- Once you successfully complete the DDC program, the program will fax the DMV proof of completion. DMV will then deduct 2 points from your accumulated driver's license points.

No Traffic Convictions for 12-Months

DMV will remove two points from your license if you have no traffic convictions for 12 months after your last conviction.

No Traffic Convictions for Five Years Preceding Point Calculation

DMV will remove one point for each 12 consecutive months of licensed, violation-free driving within the 5 years preceding their point calculation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions or need more information, please contact the Division of Motor Vehicles. A list of their offices can be found at: www.doa.alaska.gov/dmv/office/contacts.htm

A WORD ABOUT "POINTS"

Alaska has a law aimed squarely at crash prevention through identification, control, and rehabilitation of recognized problem drivers. The law works this way:

1. Convictions for moving traffic violations are assigned numeric point values ranging from 2 points to 10 points.
2. Violations with the highest likelihood of contributing to crashes are assigned the higher point values.
3. Accumulating 12 points in 12 months or 18 points in 24 months requires the mandatory suspension or revocation of the driving privilege, regardless of the hardships involved.
4. No limited "work purpose" license is available should a suspension or revocation of the driving privilege be required.
5. Traffic law violators are sent a warning letter upon reaching the half way mark towards a point suspension. Violators are advised to take steps to correct their poor-driving behavior.
6. Credits may be earned for violation-free driving and/or completion of a defensive driver course (DDC). A DDC may be taken once every 12 months for a point reduction.
7. A provisional license holder who accumulates 6 or more points in a 12-month period or 9 or more points in a 24-month period must complete a driver improvement course approved by the Division.
8. Repeated traffic law violations may require a personal interview with a Motor Vehicle Hearing Officer. To keep their privilege to drive, drivers appearing for the interview may be required to comply with certain recommendations designed to improve their driving abilities.