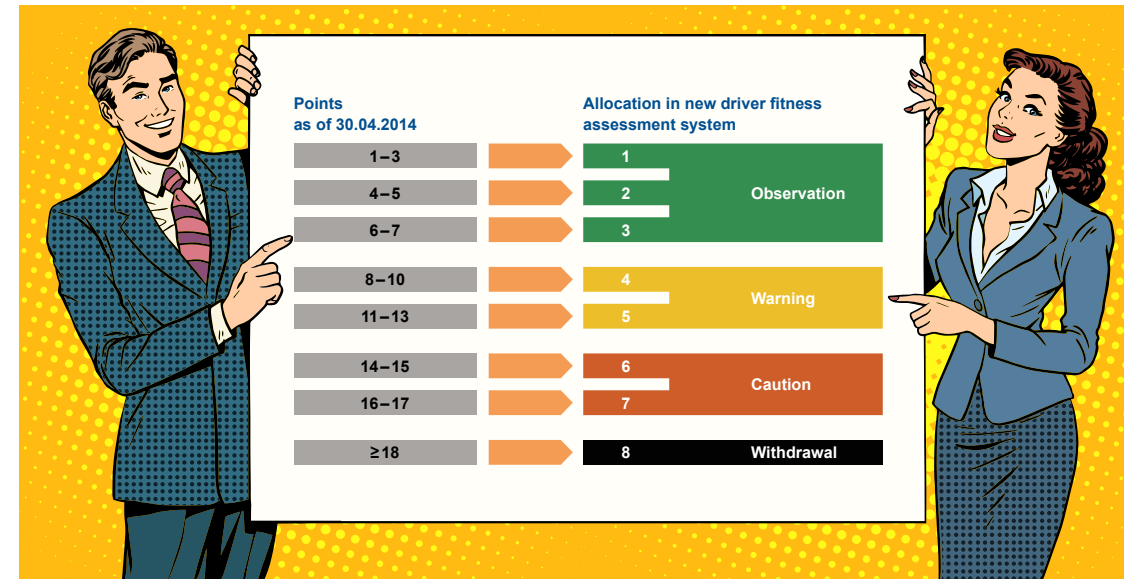## / Comparison of points evaluation

In the VZR, criminal offences were evaluated according to type and seriousness with 5 – 7 points and regulatory offences with 1 – 4 points. However, in the FAER, offences are evaluated as follows:

1 point
- **serious offence:**
  Regulatory offences **without** standard driving ban and minimum 60 euro fine (e.g. mobile phone offences)

2 points
- **very serious offence:**
  Regulatory offences **with** driving ban and minimum 60 euro fine (e.g. alcohol-related offences or driving at a minimum of 31 km/h too fast in an urban area)
- **criminal offences without withdrawal** of driving licence

3 points
- **criminal offences with withdrawal** of driving licence or with a temporary driving licence ban

/ Points deduction

The constructive seminar shall be replaced by a driver fitness course. The driver fitness course features elements of traffic education and psychology. Anyone who voluntarily attends a driver fitness course with between 1 and 5 points may have one point deducted every 5 years. Someone with 6 to 7 points may also voluntarily attend the driver fitness course, but they will not have any points deducted.

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Points as of 30.04.2014		Allocation in new driver fitness assessment system	
1 – 3	→	1	
4 – 5	→	2	Observation
6 – 7	→	3	
8 – 10	→	4	
11 – 13	→	5	Warning
14 – 15	→	6	
16 – 17	→	7	Caution
≥18	→	8	Withdrawal

/ Register of Driver Fitness replaces Central Register of Traffic Offenders

The Register of Driver Fitness replaces the Central Register of Traffic Offenders on 1 May 2014, when the fifth amendment to the Straßenverkehrsgesetz comes into effect.

/ Points conversion

Points as of 30.04.2014 → **Allocation in new driver fitness assessment system**

Points as of 30.04.2014	Allocation	Category
1–3	1	Observation
4–5	2	Observation
6–7	3	Observation
8–10	4	Warning
11–13	5	Warning
14–15	6	Caution
16–17	7	Caution
≥18	8	Withdrawal

For information entered in the Central Register of Traffic Offenders (German: Verkehrszentralregister (VZR)) by 30.04.2014, the VZR deletion regulations remain in place for a period of five years. After this five-year period, all old points for regulatory offences and for most criminal offences shall be deleted.

For information which is entered in the Register of Driver Fitness (German: Fahreignungsregister (FAER)) after the law comes into effect, i.e. from 1 May 2014, only the new deletion regulations in the FAER shall be valid. This is regardless of when the offence took place or came into legal effect.

/ Focus on traffic safety

In the FAER there are two cumulative conditions for whether an offence is entered or not. One of these conditions is that the offence must be listed in Appendix 13 of the Fahrerlaubnisverordnung (German Driving Licence Regulation) and therefore directly endangers traffic safety. The other is that the fine for the regulatory offence must exceed the new entry limit of 60 euro. Offences which do not fulfil these conditions shall not be registered.

/ Comparison of deletion deadlines

	VZR Until 30.04.2014	FAER From 01.05.2014
Regulatory offences (serious offences)	2 years	2.5 years
Regulatory offences (very serious offences)	2 years	5 years
Criminal offences (without driving licence withdrawal)	5 or 10 years	5 years
Criminal offences (with driving licence withdrawal)	10 years	10 years
Beginning of period	Varies	All begin from the date of legal effect
Restrictions on deletion	Extension of deletion deadline in case of repeat offences	Ceases to exist, each offence ages individually

Transition period: entries are kept for a year after the deletion deadline has passed. The transition period prevents entries from being deleted although a new offence has taken place prior to the end of the deletion period which requires a measure but only once the expiry of the deletion deadline of decisions already saved in the register has been communicated.