

Probation period for new drivers

Currently, new drivers are notable for their inexperience and willingness to take risks in road traffic. The risk of accidents which result should be counteracted by a two-year probation period. Individual measures for new drivers, such as participating in constructive seminars, increasing the length of the probation period from 2 to 4 years and traffic psychology advice are intended to ensure that the new driver who has become known to the authorities recognises the deficiencies in their attitude to driving, reflects on their driving conduct and makes positive changes.

For new drivers on probation, as well as the Driver Fitness Assessment System, there will be further evaluation of their driving offences based on serious offence (e.g. exceeding the speed limit) and less serious offences (e.g. technical deficiencies in their vehicles).

	Traffic violation	Measures taken by the appropriate driving licence authority
Level 1	One serious offence or 2 less serious offences	The driver will be ordered to take part in a constructive seminar. The length of the probation period increases by 2 years
Level 2	Another serious offence or 2 less serious offences	Warning. Taking psychological advice on traffic will be recommended.
Level 3	Another serious offence or 2 less serious offences	The driving licence will be withdrawn.



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Register of Driver Fitness and point system

Legal basis

- Straßenverkehrsgesetz [German Road Traffic Act] (StVG)
- Fahrerlaubnis-Verordnung [German Regulation on Driving Licences] (FeV)

Why do I get points?

- 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**



The Register of Driver Fitness will also include:

- decisions made by authorities regarding driving licence measures (e.g. withdrawal, disallowance, waiver) and
- certificates of attendance at driver fitness course, constructive seminars¹⁾ and participation in traffic psychology sessions¹⁾

What are the consequences of points?

1 to 3 points	Observation
4 to 5 points	Warning Information on voluntary driver fitness course.
6 to 7 points	Caution Information on risk of driving licence being withdrawn in case of further offences and Information on voluntary driver fitness course
8 points and over	Withdrawal of driving licence

¹⁾ only for new drivers on probation

How do I have points deducted?

A special driver fitness course is being designed for the Driver Fitness Assessment System. It combines elements of traffic education and psychology. People who have fewer than 5 points and voluntarily attend a driver fitness course may have a point deducted once in 5 years.

When are points deleted?

Entries and points in the Register of Driver Fitness will be wiped out after a certain period of time has passed. The deletion periods are

2.5 years for decisions regarding a regulatory offence endangering traffic safety

5 years for decisions regarding a regulatory offence **very serious** endangering traffic safety and criminal offences **without** withdrawal of driving licence

10 years for decisions regarding criminal offences, **with** withdrawal of driving licence.

The deletion period begins on the date of legal effect for decisions regarding fines for regulatory offences as well as criminal court judgements. The final deletion of decisions will take place after an additional transition period of one year.

How do I get the information about my points score?

You will receive free information on the entries saved about you. There are different ways to apply for: the new valid identity card (issued after 1st November 2010) with on-line function enables applicants to use our online Service.

Additional requirements are a card-reader unit and an identityApp at your disposal, the identity app2 installed and started on your computer and last but not least the activated online identity card function.

If possible an online application will be answered online as well. In exceptional cases the information from the register of driver fitness will be sent by post.

Another possibility is the application by post. Please send your application for information from the Register of Driver Fitness in writing and signed by you, giving your personal details (date of birth, birth name, family name, first name(s), birthplace) and your address to the Kraftfahrt-Bundesamt, Fahreignungsregister in 24932 Flensburg. Your signature must be officially confirmed on the application or alternatively a photocopy of your ID card (front and back) or your valid passport will suffice. Please enclose these with the application. The application form may be obtained at www.kba.de (Forms).

At our on-site-service at our official residence in Flensburg you'll get direct information about your entries in the Register of Driver Fitness.