

## Probationary period for novice drivers

Young novice drivers in particular are characterised by inexperience and a willingness to take risks in road traffic. The resulting risk of accidents is to be counteracted with a two-year probationary period. Individual measures for the novice driver, such as participation in remedial seminars, the extension of the probationary period from 2 to 4 years and traffic psychology counselling are intended to ensure that the convicted novice driver recognises the deficits in his or her attitude to road traffic, improves and to rethink and positively change their driving behaviour.

In the case of probationary novice drivers, in addition to the driving aptitude assessment system, an weighting of the traffic conspicuity according to serious offences (e.g. speeding) and less serious offences (e.g. technical (e.g. speeding) and less serious offences (e.g. technical vehicle defects) is carried out.

	Traffic offence	Measures taken by the competent Driving licence authority
Stage 1	One serious or two less serious offences	The participation in a remedial seminar is ordered.  <b>The probationary period is extended by two years.</b>
Stage 2	Another serious or two further less serious offences	Warning.  Participation in a traffic psychology counselling is recommended.
Stage 3	Another serious or two further less serious offences	The driving licence is revoked.



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## / Getting to the point

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# Driving Fitness Register and Points System

## / Legal basis

- Road Traffic Act (StVG)
- Ordinance on the admission of persons to road traffic (Driving License Ordinance – FeV)

## / What do I get points for?

- 1 point** ● **serious violation:**  
Misdemeanor without regular driving ban and at least 60 Euro fine (e.g. taking a child without securing it or not provide for securing a child in a motor vehicle, disregarding red lights as a cyclist)
- 2 points** ●● **very serious violation:**  
Misdemeanor **with** regular driving ban and and a fine of at least 60 euros (e.g. alcohol offence or speeding at least 31 km/h in built-up areas)  
**Criminal offenses without revocation of driving license**
- 3 points** ●●● **criminal offenses with revocation**  
of the driving license or a driving license suspension

Furthermore:

- administrative decisions on measures concerning the driver's license
- Certificates of participation in a driving aptitude seminar, postgraduate seminar<sup>1)</sup> and participation in a traffic psychology consultation<sup>1)</sup> are recorded in the FAER.

## / What are the consequences of points?

1 to 3 points	<b>preregistration</b>
4 to 5 points	<b>admonition</b> Reference to the voluntary driving aptitude seminar.
6 to 7 points	<b>warning</b> Reference to the imminent revocation of the driving license in case of further violations and Reference to the voluntary driving aptitude seminar.
8 points and more	<b>withdrawal</b> of the driving license

<sup>1)</sup> exclusively for novice drivers on probation (FaP)

## / How do I reduce points?

For the driving suitability assessment system, a special driving suitability seminar has been designed. It combines traffic educational elements with traffic psychological elements. Anyone who voluntarily attends a driving aptitude seminar with a point total of no more than 5 points can reduce a point once within 5 years.

## / When are points deleted?

Entries and points in the driving suitability register are erased after the expiry of certain periods. The erasure periods are

- 2.5 years for decisions on the basis of a traffic safety-impairing administrative offense
- 5 years in the case of decisions on the grounds of administrative offences and criminal offences that are particularly detrimental to traffic safety and do not involve the withdrawal of the driving license
- 10 years in the case of decisions for criminal offenses, with revocation of the driver's license.

The redemption period begins with the day of the legal force both with fine decisions because of misdemeanors and with criminal convictions. The final deletion of the decisions takes place after an additional overlay period of one year.

## / How do I find out my points total?

You can obtain information free of charge about the entries stored about your person. If you have an ID card with the online ID function in credit card format, you can request information about your personal data, including points, online and also receive it directly online as a file in the well-known PDF format.

The postal application is another option. Send your personally signed application for information from the driver suitability register in writing to stating your personal data (date of birth, maiden name, surname, first name(s), place of birth) and your address to the Kraftfahrt-Bundesamt, Fahreignungsregister in 24932 Flensburg. Your signature must be officially authenticated on the application; alternatively, a copy of your valid identity card (front and back) or your valid passport will suffice and should be enclosed with the application.

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