

Table 1. Offences Incurring Penalty Points and Fixed Charge Notices with effect from 3 August 2012

<b>OFFENCES INCURRING PENALTY POINTS</b> <i>These are summary descriptions of the offences and not a legal interpretation.</i>	Penalty points on payment	Penalty points on conviction	Fixed Charge €	
			Amount paid in 28 days	Amount paid in next 28 days
Using vehicle (car) without (NCT) test certificate	m*	5	Court Fine	
Driving vehicle before remedying dangerous defect	m*	3	Court Fine	
Driving dangerously defective vehicle	m*	5	Court Fine	
Using vehicle without certificate of roadworthiness	m*	5	Court Fine	
Bridge strikes, etc.	m*	3	Court Fine	
Holding a mobile phone while driving	2	4	60	90
Dangerous overtaking	2	5	80	120
Failure to act in accordance with a Garda signal	1	3	80	120
Failure to stop a vehicle before stop sign/stop line	2	4	80	120
Failure to yield right of way at a yield sign/yield line	2	4	80	120
Crossing continuous white line	2	4	80	120
Entry by driver into hatched marked area of roadway, e.g. Carriageway reduction lane	1	3	80	120
Failure to obey traffic lights	2	5	80	120
Failure to obey traffic rules at railway level crossing	2	5	80	120
Driving a vehicle on a motorway against the flow of traffic	2	4	80	120
Driving on the hard shoulder on a motorway	1	3	80	120
Driving a vehicle (subject to an ordinary speed limit of 90 kms per hour or less) on the outside lane on a motorway	1	3	80	120
Failure to drive on the left hand side of the road	1	3	60	90
Failure to obey requirements at junctions, e.g. Not being in the correct lane when turning onto another road	1	3	60	90
Failure to obey requirements regarding reversing of vehicles, e.g. Reversing from minor road onto main road	1	3	60	90
Driving on a footpath	1	3	60	90
Driving on a cycle track	1	3	60	90
Failure to turn left when entering a roundabout	1	3	60	90
Driving on a median strip, e.g. Boundary between two carriageways	1	3	60	90
Failure to stop for school warden sign	1	4	80	120
Failure to stop when so required by a member of the Garda Síochána	2	5	80	120
Failure to leave appropriate distance between you and the vehicle in front	2	4	80	120
Failure to yield	2	4	80	120
Driving without reasonable consideration	2	4	80	120
Failure to comply with mandatory traffic signs at junctions	1	3	60	90
Failure to comply with prohibitory traffic signs	1	3	60	90
Failure to comply with keep left/keep right signs	1	3	60	90
Failure to comply with traffic lane markings	1	3	60	90
Illegal entry onto a one-way street	1	3	60	90
Driving a vehicle when unfit	m*	3	Court Fine	
Parking a vehicle in a dangerous position	m*	5	Court Fine	
Breach of duties at an accident	m*	5	Court Fine	
Speeding	2	4	80	120
Driving without insurance	m*	5	Court Fine	
Driver of car or goods vehicle not wearing safety belt	2	4	60	90
Driver permitting person under 17 years of age to occupy a seat when not wearing safety belt	2	4	60	90
Driver of car or goods vehicle permitting child under 3 years of age to travel in it without being restrained by appropriate child restraint	2	4	60	90

Driver of car or goods vehicle permitting child over 3 years of age to travel in it without being restrained by appropriate child restraint	2	4	60	90
Driver of car or goods vehicle permitting child to be restrained by rearward facing child restraint fitted to a seat protected by active frontal air-bag	2	4	60	90
Driver of bus not wearing safety belt	2	4	60	90
Using vehicle – (a) whose weight un-laden exceeds maximum permitted weight, (b) whose weight laden exceeds maximum permitted weight, or (c) any part of which transmits to ground greater weight than maximum permitted weight	1	3	200	300
Driver found to be driving carelessly	m*	5	Court Fine	
Drink Driving Offences (In all cases where the BAC is between 50 mg and 80 mg of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood)	3	n/a	200	
<b>12 Penalty Points = Automatic Disqualification!</b>				
<b>* Mandatory Court Appearance</b>				

**Table 1- Penalty Points Offences effective 3 August 2012**

The two offences described in the Table below have been removed from the Penalty Point Schedule-

OFFENCES INCURRING PENALTY POINTS	Penalty points on payment	Penalty points on conviction	Fixed Charge €	
			Amount paid in 28 days	Amount paid in next 28 days
Failure by Driver to comply with front seat belt requirements	2	4	60	90
Failure by Driver to comply with rear seat belt requirements for passengers under 17 years	2	4	60	90

and replaced with the following new offences-

OFFENCES INCURRING PENALTY POINTS	Penalty points on payment	Penalty points on conviction	Fixed Charge €	
			Amount paid in 28 days	Amount paid in next 28 days
Driver of car or goods vehicle not wearing safety belt	2	4	60	90
Driver permitting person under 17 years of age to occupy a seat when not wearing safety belt	2	4	60	90

Four new seatbelt offences have been added to the schedule-

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Driver of car or goods vehicle permitting child under 3 years of age to travel in it without being restrained by appropriate child restraint	2	4	60	90
Driver of car or goods vehicle permitting child over 3 years of age to travel in it without being restrained by appropriate child restraint	2	4	60	90
Driver of car or goods vehicle permitting child to be restrained by rearward facing child restraint fitted to a seat protected by active frontal air-bag	2	4	60	90
Driver of bus not wearing safety belt	2	4	60	90

The seventh offence being added to the schedule relates to vehicle weights.

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Using vehicle – (a) whose weight un-laden exceeds maximum permitted weight, (b) whose weight laden exceeds maximum permitted weight, or (c) any part of which transmits to ground greater weight than maximum permitted weight	1	3	200	300

Table 2. Traffic Offences coming into the Fixed Charge system from 3 August 2012

General Description of Offence	Fixed Charge	
	If paid within 28 days	If paid within further 28 days
Using motor cycle without wearing crash helmet	80	120
Permitting passenger not wearing crash helmet to be carried on motor cycle	80	120
Using vehicle not equipped with prescribed lamps and identification mark lighting	60	90
Using trailer not equipped with prescribed lamps and identification mark lighting	60	90
Using vehicle not equipped with prescribed rear projecting load lamp or lateral projecting load lamp	60	90
Using trailer not equipped with prescribed marker lamp	60	90
Using public service vehicle not equipped with prescribed internal lighting	60	90