

This guide provides information about driver and vehicle sanctions.

Fines Victoria

If a fine remains unpaid, it is registered with the Director, Fines Victoria (the Director) for enforcement and a [Notice of Final Demand](#) may be issued.

Once a fine is registered with Fines Victoria, it does not expire and can be enforced at any time. The obligation remains on all fine recipients to pay their fines, as debts do not go away.

The earlier you deal with your fine, the more options you have available.

What are driver and vehicle sanctions?

The Director has the power under section 89 of the *Fines Reform Act 2014* to apply sanctions on a driver licence or permit and/or a vehicle registration(s), to encourage you to resolve your outstanding fine(s).

A sanction may include suspension of your licence and/or vehicle registration(s) or restrict your ability to transfer your vehicle or renew your licence.

What do I do if I have received a letter advising of a pending suspension?

The Director may issue you with a 'Suspension of Driver Licence and/or Vehicle Registration Pending' letter before applying a sanction.

If you receive this letter, you **must** take immediate action to deal with your fine(s) to prevent the suspension or your driver licence and/or a vehicle registration(s).

If you do not take action and your driver licence or permit and/or a vehicle registration(s) is suspended, you will receive a letter from VicRoads with the details of your suspension.

Heavy penalties apply for driving unlicensed and for driving an unregistered vehicle.

What are my options if my licence or car registration has been suspended?

You **should** deal with your fine(s) immediately.

Options for dealing with your fine(s) may include:

- paying the outstanding amount in full
- applying to pay by instalments. You may be required to make an upfront payment towards your fine debt before your application can be considered
- applying for a review of your fine if you believe it has been wrongly or unfairly issued, or there is a valid reason why your fine should be cancelled
- a review of your fine if you have special circumstances, such as mental illness, intellectual disability, substance addiction, family violence or homelessness
- applying for the Work and Development Permit, if eligible
- applying for the Family Violence Scheme, if eligible

Update your address

It is important that your address details with VicRoads and Fines Victoria are up to date. You are still liable for fines even if you miss a reminder message or notice.

To update your details visit:

vicroads.vic.gov.au/licences/renew-replace-or-update/update-your-details/change-of-address

Information and assistance

For more information about fines, and the options available to you, visit the Fines Victoria website at fines.vic.gov.au or call 1300 396 851.

If you need legal assistance visit fclc.org.au to find your local community legal centre or visit legaid.vic.gov.au.

For assistance with managing your finances visit fcvic.org.au/find-a-financial-counsellor/ to find your local financial counsellor.