

This fact sheet provides information about driver and vehicle sanctions.

Fines Victoria

If a fine remains unpaid, it can be registered with Fines Victoria for enforcement and a Notice of Final Demand will 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?

Fines Victoria has the power under section 89 of Victoria's *Fines Reform Act 2014* to apply sanctions on a driver licence or permit or vehicle registration, to encourage you to resolve your outstanding fines.

A sanction may include suspending or preventing you from renewing your driver licence or vehicle registration or restrict your ability to transfer a vehicle out of your name.

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

Fines Victoria 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 fines to prevent the suspension of your driver licence or a vehicle registration.

If you do not act and your driver licence or permit or vehicle registration 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 driver licence or vehicle registration has been suspended?

You **must** deal with all the fines included in the sanction for the suspension to be lifted.

Options for dealing with your fines 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.
- 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. If you apply for an enforcement review, the suspension of your driver licence or vehicle registration may not be lifted until after your application is decided.
- Applying for the Work and Development Permit, if eligible.
- Applying for the Family Violence Scheme, if eligible.

If you have just found out about your outstanding fines visit fines.vic.gov.au/Your-options/If-you-didnt-know-about-your-fine for information on options that might be available to you.

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 notice or message.

Update your details with VicRoads via



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

Update your details with Fines Victoria via



fines.vic.gov.au/Contact-Us/Online-enquiry

1. Select '**Submit an enquiry about ...**'
2. Select the 'Request type' and choose the option '**Something else**.'
3. Enter your personal or company details.
4. Include your updated address information in the free text box.

Information and assistance

If you have received a Pre-Sanction Letter or your driver licence or vehicle registration has been suspended and would like information on the options available, visit the Fines Victoria website or call between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm weekdays, except public holidays



fines.vic.gov.au



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fclc.org.au

legalaid.vic.gov.au



For assistance with managing your finances visit or finding your local financial counsellor visit.

fcvic.org.au/get-help