

This document 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 suspending or preventing you from renewing your driver licence and/or vehicle registration(s) 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?

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 of 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 driver licence or vehicle registration has been suspended?

You **must** deal with the fine(s) included in the sanction for the suspension to be lifted.

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
- 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 and/or vehicle registration may not be lifted until after your application is decided

- a review of your fine if you have special circumstances, such as mental illness, an intellectual disability, substance addiction, family violence or homelessness
- applying for the Work and Development Permit
- applying for the Family Violence Scheme

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.

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

Information and assistance

If you have received a Pre Sanctions Letter or your driver licence or vehicle registration has been suspended and would like information on 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 fcl.org.au to find your local community legal centre or visit legalaid.vic.gov.au. For assistance with managing your finances visit fcvic.org.au/find-a-financial-counsellor to find your local financial counsellor.