

POINT

SYSTEM

The Points System is meant to determine the number of traffic violations committed by a driver. The number of points for each violation is in accordance with the danger such a violation poses. If the total number of points for any type of violation reaches **20** in a **calendar year**, the driver faces certain procedures.

How the Points System Works

The **calendar year** is counted as **365** days from the date of the first traffic violation. When the total number of points reaches **20**, the limit for licence withdrawal during a particular **year**, the violator's licence will be withdrawn. The new **calendar year** is counted from the date of the first violation committed after the first withdrawal of the licence.

The points are automatically deleted if they do not reach the mandatory limit of **20** at the end of a **calendar year**, starting with the first violation. The new **calendar year** then begins with the first violation.

The Licences Covered Under the Points System

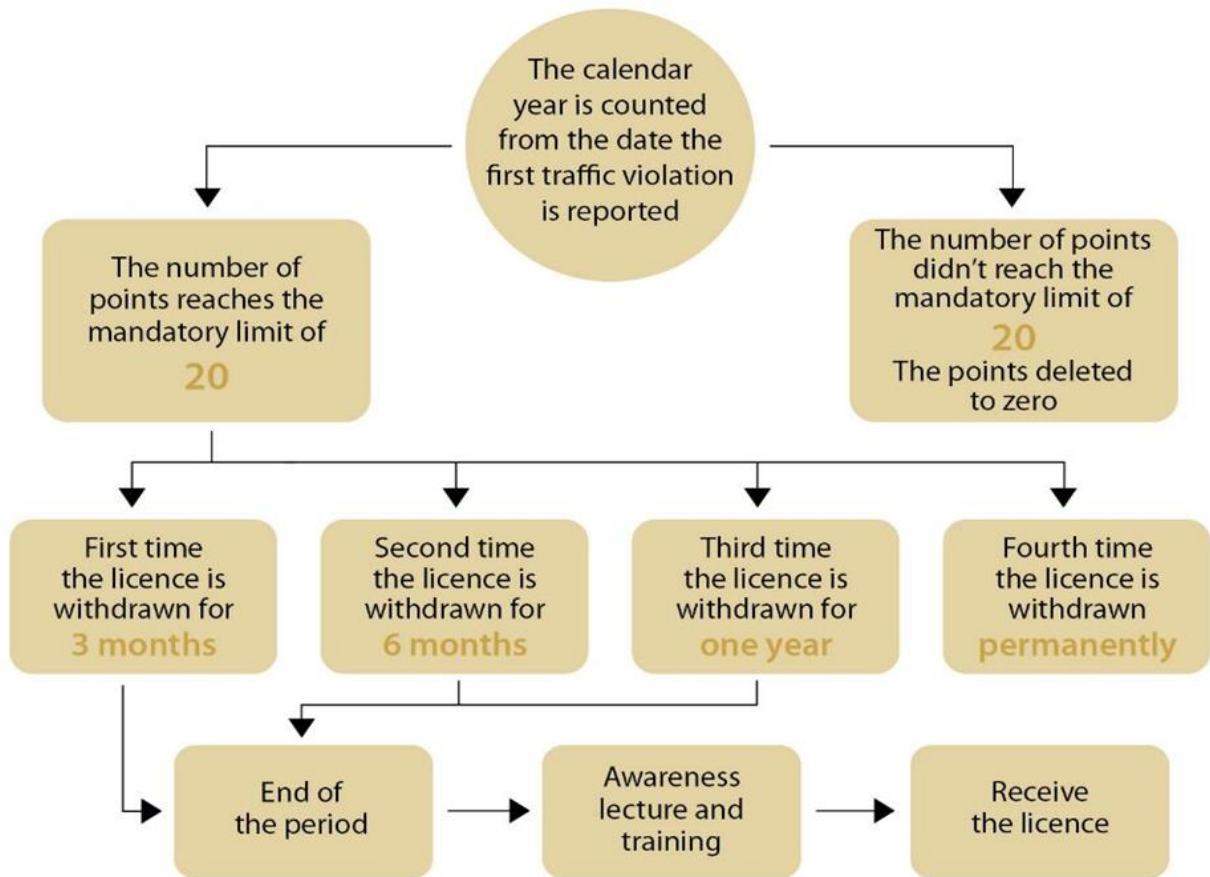
The system covers everyone who has a driving licence issued in Bahrain and commits a violation within the Kingdom. The points are marked against the driver's licence while the withdrawal covers all his/her licences.

Implications of accumulating up to 20 points

- 1 If a driver accumulates, for the first time, a total of **20 points** for committing violations during a **calendar year**, his driving licence will be withdrawn for **three months**.
- 2 If a driver accumulates, for the second time, a total of **20 points** for committing violations during a **calendar year**, his driving licence will be withdrawn for **six months**.
- 3 If a driver accumulates, for the third time, a total of **20 points** for committing violations during a **calendar year**, his driving licence will be withdrawn for **one year**.
- 4 If a driver accumulates, for the fourth time, a total of **20 points** for committing violations during a **calendar year**, his driving licence will be **revoked permanently**.

The licence will not be returned to the driver in the case of the first-, second- and third-time accumulation of points until he/ she has passed an awareness course. The duration and conditions of the course will be decided by the General Directorate of Traffic.

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- 1 All Bahraini licences.
- 2 The violations listed in the table above.
- 3 The violations committed in Bahrain.
- 4 The points would double for the violations listed in the table if the licence has been issued for less than a year.

Article 47

Penalty for Driving Without a Licence

Without prejudice to the stipulations of this law or any higher penalty laid down in any other law, the penalty is a jail term of not more than **six months** and/ or a fine ranging from **BD50 to BD500**.

Classification of Violations in Accordance with their Severity:

Violations	Points
Traffic violation that causes the death of one person or more.	10
<p>1 Driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs.</p> <p>2 Driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs and causing damage to private or public property.</p>	8
<p>1 Exceeding the speed limit by 30% .</p> <p>2 Jumping the red signal .</p>	7

Violations

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1 Driving a vehicle with a number plate which has been withdrawn, or was not issued for the vehicle, or was issued for another vehicle, or which has the information on it disfigured, covered over or altered.

2 Intentionally disrupting the traffic on a public road.

3 Street-racing without permission.

4 Fleeing from a site after causing an accident or committing a violation.

5 Using a vehicle for a purpose not specified on the licence.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="205 266 958 355">1 Causing injuries to one or more persons. <li data-bbox="205 407 958 542">2 Wrong overtaking through the emergency lane, the pavement or something similar. <li data-bbox="205 595 958 683">3 Not giving way to official motorcades or emergency vehicles. <li data-bbox="205 736 958 915">4 The driver of a passenger transport vehicle, a goods carrier or a private vehicle not keeping to the right lane. <li data-bbox="205 967 958 1056">5 Making or receiving a mobile phone call while driving. 	<div data-bbox="1058 595 1200 768" style="background-color: #d9c89c; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;"> 3 </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="205 1136 958 1367">1 Driving a vehicle without a licence, or with a licence not meant for driving a particular vehicle or one that has been withdrawn or cancelled. <li data-bbox="205 1420 958 1555">2 Permitting a person without a driving licence to drive one's vehicle. <li data-bbox="205 1607 958 1742">3 A goods carrier violating the load regulations or not covering the goods. 	<div data-bbox="1058 1329 1200 1503" style="background-color: #d9c89c; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;"> 2 </div>

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- 4** Parking a vehicle in a parking space meant for those with special needs, or for emergency vehicles or public transport vehicles.
- 5** Refusing to show one's ID or vehicle's papers to the personnel of the General Directorate of Traffic or Public Security.
- 6** Driving without wearing a seatbelt.
- 7** Driving a motorcycle without wearing the helmet.
- 8** Ignoring the traffic police instructions.
- 9** Not following the rules on when to enter the yellow box.
- 10** Exceeding the speed limit by **30%**.

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In all cases the number of points would double if the violator has his/ her driving licence issued within less than one year.