



Amendments to the Road Traffic Act

**STRENGTHENING
DETERRENCE
AGAINST
IRRESPONSIBLE
DRIVING**



Enhance Criminal Penalties For Irresponsible Driving Offences

- ✓ Streamline irresponsible driving offences into two classes of offences – Dangerous Driving and Careless Driving
- ✓ Penalties for irresponsible driving offences will depend on the circumstances under which the offences were committed and the level of harm caused
- ✓ Increase the maximum penalties for irresponsible driving offences and higher penalties for repeat offenders
- ✓ Additional levers to keep irresponsible motorists off the roads quicker and for longer periods of time



Enhanced Penalties For Drink-Driving Offences

- ✓ Motorists who drink-and-drive and cause accidents will face additional penalties, on top of those for Dangerous or Careless Driving offences
- ✓ Repeat offenders for drink-driving offences will face higher penalties and longer disqualification periods
- ✓ Penalties for drink-driving offences, in which no accidents were caused, will also be enhanced



Mandatory Minimum Sentences For Egregious Irresponsible Driving Offences

- ✓ Impose mandatory minimum jail sentences (MMS) for the most egregious offences – Dangerous Driving Causing Death or Grievous Hurt
- ✓ Additional MMS penalties for Dangerous Driving offences committed under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- ✓ Repeat offenders will also face higher MMS penalties



Tighten Regulatory Regime Against Irresponsible Driving

- ✓ Streamline the licence suspension and revocation process to reduce the time taken for TP to suspend or revoke a licence
- ✓ Lengthen the maximum licence suspension period for serial offenders, from three years to five years



An Overview of Enhanced Criminal Penalties for DANGEROUS DRIVING



Dangerous Driving Causing Death	Dangerous Driving Causing Grievous Hurt	Dangerous Driving Causing Hurt	Dangerous Driving
Maximum Penalties 1st Offence: 8 years (MMS: 2 years)	Maximum Penalties 1st Offence: 5 years (MMS: 1 year)	Maximum Penalties 1st Offence: 2 years, \$10,000	Maximum Penalties 1st Offence: 1 year, \$5,000
2nd Offence: 15 years (MMS: 4 years)	2nd Offence: 10 years (MMS: 2 years)	2nd Offence: 4 years, \$20,000	2nd Offence: 2 years, \$10,000
Minimum DQ Period 10 years	Minimum DQ Period 8 years	DQ	DQ
Immediate Suspension	Immediate Suspension	Immediate Suspension	Immediate Suspension

Add-on penalties if the offence is committed while the driver was under the influence of alcohol or drugs



Add-On Imprisonment Term and Fine	Add-On Imprisonment Term and Fine	Add-On Imprisonment Term and Fine	Add-On Imprisonment Term and Fine
1st Offence: +2 years (MMS +1 year)	1st Offence: +1 year, (MMS +6 months) and +\$2,000 - \$10,000	1st Offence: +1 year, +\$2,000 - \$10,000	1st Offence: +1 year, +\$2,000 - \$10,000
2nd Offence: +4 years (MMS +2 years)	2nd Offence: +2 years, (MMS +1 year) and +\$5,000 - \$20,000	2nd Offence: +2 years and +\$5,000 - \$20,000	2nd Offence: +2 years and +\$5,000 - \$20,000
Add-On DQ 1st Offence: Min +2 years	Add-On DQ 1st Offence: Min +2 years	Add-On DQ 1st Offence: Min +2 years	Add-On DQ 1st Offence: Min +2 years
2nd Offence: Min +5 years	2nd Offence: Min +5 years	2nd Offence: Min +5 years	2nd Offence: Min +5 years
Subsequent Offence: Life	Subsequent Offence: Life	Subsequent Offence: Life	Subsequent Offence: Life

DQ: Disqualification from Driving

MMS: Minimum Mandatory Sentence



An Overview of Enhanced Criminal Penalties for CARELESS DRIVING



Careless Driving Causing Death	Careless Driving Causing Grievous Hurt	Careless Driving Causing Hurt	Careless Driving
Maximum Penalties 1st Offence: 3 years, \$10,000	Maximum Penalties 1st Offence: 2 years, \$5,000	Maximum Penalties 1st Offence: 1 year, \$2,500	Maximum Penalties 1st Offence: 6 months, \$1,500
2nd Offence: 6 years, \$20,000	2nd Offence: 4 years, \$10,000	2nd Offence: 2 years, \$5,000	2nd Offence: 1 year, \$3,000
Minimum DQ Period 8 years	Minimum DQ Period 5 years	DQ	DQ
Immediate Suspension	Immediate Suspension	No Immediate Suspension	No Immediate Suspension

Add-on penalties if the offence is committed while the driver was under the influence of alcohol or drugs



Add-On Imprisonment Term and Fine	Add-On Imprisonment Term and Fine	Add-On Imprisonment Term and Fine	Add-On Imprisonment Term and Fine
1st Offence: +2 years	1st Offence: +1 year and +\$2,000 - \$10,000	1st Offence: +1 year, +\$2,000 - \$10,000	1st Offence: +1 year, +\$2,000 - \$10,000
2nd Offence: +4 years	2nd Offence: +2 years and +\$5,000 - \$20,000	2nd Offence: +2 years and +\$5,000 - \$20,000	2nd Offence: +2 years and +\$5,000 - \$20,000
Add-On DQ	Add-On DQ	Add-On DQ	Add-On DQ
1st Offence: Min +2 years	1st Offence: Min +2 years	1st Offence: Min +2 years	1st Offence: Min +2 years
2nd Offence: Min +5 years	2nd Offence: Min +5 years	2nd Offence: Min +5 years	2nd Offence: Min +5 years
Subsequent Offence: Life	Subsequent Offence: Life	Subsequent Offence: Life	Subsequent Offence: Life

DQ: Disqualification from Driving



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