

Licence Penalties

ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEET

Fines subject to change without notice.
Current to 30 June 2026

For more information contact Council's Road Safety Officer on 8757 9000

Driving or riding with a disqualified, cancelled or suspended licence (includes refusal of a licence)

	First offence	Two or more offences in five years
Court-imposed fine	Up to \$3,300	Up to \$5,500
Gaol term	Up to 18 months	Up to two years
Additional licence disqualification	From 12 months to unlimited	From two years to unlimited
Additional licence disqualification if no specific court order	Three months	Two years

Driving or riding without ever having held an Australian licence

	First offence	Two or more offences in five years
Penalty notice	\$1,079	N/A
Court-imposed fine	Up to \$2,200	Up to \$3,300
Gaol term	N/A	Up to 18 months
Additional licence disqualification	Unlimited	Minimum three years

The offence of "driving or riding but never held a licence" is applied when a person drives on an expired overseas licence.

Driving or riding with an Expired licence

	First offence	Two or more offences in five years
Licence expired within the last two years	\$704	\$1,079
Licence expired more than two years ago	\$844	\$1,688

Driving or riding a vehicle that requires a higher licence class than you possess

	First offence	Two or more offences in five years
Class C, R, LR or MR licence	\$704	\$1,079
Class HR, HC or MC licence	\$844	\$1,688

Example: You ride a motorbike but only have a car licence - first offence = \$704

As the owner of a vehicle, you need to also check that anyone who drives or rides your vehicle has the correct licence. You could potentially be putting yourself at risk of receiving a fine for 'permitting' the offence. Usually this penalty is the same as the driver or rider's penalty.

If you claim you did not know they were unlicensed or did not have the correct licence you can receive a fine for not inspecting their licence (\$140).