

Proposed stiffer penalties under Road Traffic Act

Offence	Maximum penalties (1st offence; 2nd offence)	Disqualification from driving (minimum periods indicated by ≥)	Immediate suspension	Add-on maximum penalties for dangerous and careless driving offences, should motorist have committed offence while under the influence of alcohol/drugs or failed to provide specimen for analysis	
				Add-on imprisonment term and fine (1st offence; 2nd offence)	Add-on disqualification from driving (1st offence; 2nd offence; subsequent offence)
Dangerous driving causing death	8 years (minimum mandatory sentence or MMS 2 years); 15 years (MMS 4 years)	Yes (≥10 years)	Yes	+2 years (MMS +1 year); +4 years (MMS +2 years)	+≥2 years; +≥5 years; Life
Dangerous driving causing grievous hurt	5 years (MMS 1 year); 10 years (MMS 2 years)	Yes (≥8 years)	Yes	+1 year (MMS +6 months) and +\$2,000 to \$10,000; +2 years (MMS +1 year) and +\$5,000 to \$20,000	+≥2 years; +≥5 years; Life
Dangerous driving causing hurt	2 years, \$10,000; 4 years, \$20,000	Yes	Yes	+1 year, +\$2,000 to \$10,000; +2 years and +\$5,000 to \$20,000	+≥2 years; +≥5 years; Life
Dangerous driving	1 year, \$5,000; 2 years, \$10,000	Yes	Yes	+1 year, +\$2,000 to \$10,000; +2 years and +\$5,000 to \$20,000	+≥2 years; +≥5 years; Life
Careless driving causing death	3 years, fine; 6 years, fine	Yes (≥8 years)	Yes	+2 years; +4 years	+≥2 years; +≥5 years; Life
Careless driving causing grievous hurt	2 years, \$5,000; 4 years, \$10,000	Yes (≥5 years)	Yes	+1 year and +\$2,000 to \$10,000; +2 years and +\$5,000 to \$20,000	+≥2 years; +≥5 years; Life
Careless driving causing hurt	1 year, \$2,500; 2 years, \$5,000	Yes	No	+1 year, +\$2,000 to \$10,000; +2 years and +\$5,000 to \$20,000	+≥2 years; +≥5 years; Life
Careless driving (option of composition retained)	6 months, \$1,500; 1 year, \$3,000	Yes	No	+1 year, +\$2,000 to \$10,000; +2 years and +\$5,000 to \$20,000	+≥2 years; +≥5 years; Life
Driving under influence	1 year, \$2,000 to \$10,000; 2 years and \$5,000 to \$20,000	Yes (≥2 years) Yes (≥5 years; Life)	Yes	–	–