

Texas Points Surcharge

Points System

The Driver Responsibility law (TRC § 708; Article 10, House Bill 3588, 78th Legislative Session) establishes a system which assigns points to convictions for moving violations classified as Class C misdemeanors and applies surcharges to offenders, based upon the type of offense and the time period in which the citation was received.

For each conviction, the Texas Department of Public Safety (**DPS**) will assign points to a person's driver license as follows:

- Two points for a moving violation conviction in Texas or that of another state. (see law by visiting **37 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §15.89.**)
- Points will not be assigned for speeding less than 10% over the posted limit or for seat belt convictions.
- Three points for a moving violation conviction in Texas that resulted in a vehicle crash.
- Effective September 1, 2005, Child Safety Seat Violations will accrue two points.

Points accrued remain on the driver record for a period of three years from conviction date. An offense committed prior to September 1, 2003 will not apply to the assessment of points under the program.

Points Surcharges

DPS will assess a surcharge when the driver accumulates a total of six points or more on their record during a three-year period. The driver must pay a \$100 surcharge for the first six points and \$25 for each additional point.

Annual Surcharges for Certain Convictions

Drivers who receive a conviction for any of the following offenses that occur on or after September 1, 2003 are required to pay an annual surcharge for three years from the date of conviction.

- Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility (No Insurance),
- Driving While License Invalid,
- Driving without a Valid License,
- Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) or a DWI related offense.

Surcharges are automatically assessed for these convictions and do not accrue points. All surcharges assessed for this program are in addition to all other reinstatement fees required for other administrative actions and do not replace any administrative suspension, revocation, disqualification or cancellation action that results from these same convictions.

The Driver Responsibility program is administered by the State of Texas. Any fees owed as outlined in the information above are in addition to what you may owe the local court. For additional information visit the Texas Department of Public Safety/Driver Responsibility Program.