

Kentucky's Point System

Kentucky's license point system identifies habitually negligent drivers. All drivers start with zero points. Points are accumulated when a driver is cited for various moving hazardous violations. For drivers age 18 and older, accumulating 12 points within a two-year period may result in suspended driving privileges. For drivers under age 18, the point limit is seven.

Violation	Points
▶ 10 mph or less over speed limit on limited access highway	0
▶ 11-15 mph over speed limit on limited access highway	3
▶ 15 mph or less over speed limit on any non-limited access highway	3
▶ 16-25 mph over speed limit on any road or highway	6
▶ 26 mph over speed limit on any road or highway	Hearing-possible suspension
▶ Attempting to elude police officer	Hearing-possible suspension
▶ Racing	Hearing-possible suspension
▶ Failure to stop for church or school bus	6
▶ Committing a moving hazardous violation involving an incident	6
▶ Committing two or more moving hazardous violations in any continuous occurrence	6
▶ Improper passing	5
▶ Reckless driving	4
▶ Following too close	4
▶ Driving on wrong side of roadway	4
▶ Changing drivers in a motor vehicle	4
▶ Vehicle not under control	4
▶ Failure to yield to emergency vehicle	4
▶ Failure to yield	3
▶ Failure to yield right-of-way to funeral procession	3
▶ Stop violation (traffic signal, railroad crossing, stop sign)	3
▶ Wrong way on a one-way street	3
▶ Too fast or too slow for road conditions	3
▶ Improper driving, improper start, or improper turn	3
▶ Careless driving	3
▶ Improper lane usage	3
▶ Improper use of left lane/limited access highway	3
▶ Failure to illuminate headlights or failure to dim headlights	3
▶ Failure to comply with Instructional Permit requirements	3
▶ Texting while driving	3
▶ Any other moving hazardous violation	3

How long do points stay on my record?

By law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is required to maintain driver history for five years. Points assessed are removed two years from date of conviction, not the date of the citation. The violation will remain on the record for five years. Three-year records are also maintained for insurance companies to obtain.



What about out-of-state citations?

Out-of-state speeding citations do not transfer points to Kentucky. (This does NOT apply to speeding citations received in a commercial vehicle.) If the citation requirements are not satisfied, Kentucky's Division of Driver Licensing is notified and sends a letter informing the driver they have 30 days to do so. If the requirements are not satisfied within 30 days, the license is suspended and the driver must pay a \$40 reinstatement fee for a new license. **All other moving hazardous violation citations received in another state do transfer to Kentucky and the appropriate points are assessed to the driving record.**

What is different for drivers under age 18?

Upon accumulating seven points within a two-year period, a hearing may be conducted and driving privilege may be suspended. Under the Graduated Driver's License (GDL) Law, if you get a ticket/citation during the Permit or Intermediate phase, the 180-day period will begin anew. You must hold the Permit or Intermediate license for a full 180-days conviction-free before progressing to the next licensing phase.

How often do I renew or update my license?

If you are over age 21, your license must be renewed every four years during your birth month. If under age 21, your license expires on your 21st birthday. You have up to 30 days after your birthday to renew. If the license is expired over one year, you must take both the written and eye exam before you renew. Your license must be renewed in the Circuit Court Clerk's office in your county of residence.

What if my address or name changes?

By law you must obtain a new license with the correct information from your Circuit Court Clerk's office within ten days of the change or you can be cited for non-compliance.

What if I lose my license?

Report to the Circuit Court Clerk's office in your county of resident to request a new card. You will need to provide a birth certificate, social security card and proof of legal address.

Can I sign up for traffic school?

You may be referred by the Courts to attend State Traffic School once every year.

How do I sign up for organ donation?

The organ donor section on the back of your license gives you the opportunity to donate any or all of your body organs to hospitals upon your death. You must also sign up for the organ donor registry at <https://www.donatelifeky.org/default.aspx>. You may also donate \$1 to the Trust for Life fund when you renew your license.



How do I identify a medical alert?

A decal may be purchased for \$1 to alert medical personnel of allergies or physical ailments.

Visit drive.ky.gov to access renew vehicle registrations, enroll in state traffic school, file trucking taxes, purchase driving history records, apply for a CDL and much more!