Ministry Announces Tough New Traffic Rules, Penalties 2017

Abu Dhabi: All passengers in a car will be required to wear seat belts failing which the driver of the vehicle will be fined AED 400 and slapped with four black points, according to a draft law on traffic regulations and penalties approved by the Ministry of Interior on Wednesday.

The new regulations, covering a comprehensive range of traffic discipline and violations, will be implemented across the country following their publication in the UAE Gazette.

The date of implementation of the regulations is to be confirmed.

Officially signed by Lieutenant General Shaikh Saif Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, the new regulations cover multiple violations, the penalties for which include heavy fines, black points, and impounding of vehicles.

Reckless driving will incur a fine of AED 2,000, 23 black points, and impounding of the vehicle for a period of 60 days. The same punishment and fine will be applied to drivers who endanger the lives of others. Reckless driving will also apply to buggy drivers, who will receive a AED 3,000 fine and have their buggy impounded for three months. Drivers caught under the influence of alcohol or drugs will have their license suspended for one year, starting from the day of the verdict.

Other regulations:
- Driving at 80km/h over the speed limit: AED 3,000 fine, 23 black points, and car impounded for 60 days.
- Lack of child safety seat for children up to 4 years of age: AED 400 fine and 4 black points.
- Driving without a licence plate: AED 3,000 fine, 3 black points, and vehicle impounded for 3 months.
- Stopping cars on the road and blocking traffic: AED 1,000 fine.
- Drivers who litter on the road: AED 1,000 fine and 6 black points.
- Carrying dangerous or flammable materials without official permission: AED 3,000 fine, 24 black points, and vehicle impounded for 30 days.
- Window tinting: Cars can have their windows tinted at 50 per cent, which has been increased from the 40 per cent limit. All windows except the front windshield can be tinted.
- Drivers who drive with learners permit will be suspended from driving for one year and get 24 black points, and they will not be allowed to reapply for a driving license during that period.
- Drivers with black points will have the points dropped one year from the date they pay their fine, provided they do not receive any other violation during the period.
- Heavy vehicle drivers who commit any traffic violations will have their licenses suspended for one year and receive a AED 3,000 fine. The drivers will have to take training sessions after the completion of the suspension term.
Motorcycle riders without a helmet: AED 500 fine and four black points. The same punishment will be applied if pillon riders are not wearing a helmet.

Car rallies on occasions such as National Day must receive permission from authorities or risk a fine of AED 500, four black points, and impounding of the vehicle for 15 days.

Full list
1. A: Driving a vehicle dangerously in a way that endangers his or other people’s lives
   • AED 2,000 and 23 black points - 60 days confiscation
   B: Driving in a way that harms public or private properties
   • AED 2,000 and 23 black points - 60 days confiscation
2. Driving under influence of alcohol
   • Penalty to be decided by the court
   • 23 black points - 60 days confiscation
3. Driving under the influence of drugs or similar substances
   • Penalty to be decided by the court
   • 60 days confiscation - license to be suspended for one year starting from the date the driver completes his punishment
4. Driving without a number plate
   • AED 3,000 and 23 black points - 90 days confiscation
5. A: Driving a heavy vehicle dangerously in a way that endangers his or other people’s lives
   • AED 3,000 and license to be suspended for one year
   B: Driving a heavy vehicle in a way that harms public or private properties
   • AED 3,000 and license to be suspended for one year
6. Heavy vehicle jumping the red light
   • AED 3,000 and license to be suspended for one year
7. Heavy vehicle causing his or another vehicle to overturn
   • AED 3,000 and license to be suspended for one year
8. Heavy vehicle not abiding by lane discipline
   • AED 1,500 and 12 black points
9. Loading a heavy vehicle in a way that endangers others or the road
   • AED 2,000 and 6 black points
10. Entering prohibited areas
    • AED 1,000 and 4 black points
11. Leaking, spilling or dropping of heavy vehicle’s load
    • AED 3,000 and 12 black points
12. Failure to fix reflective tapes on heavy vehicles
    • AED 500
13. Driving industrial, construction and mechanical equipment without a license
    • AED 1,500
14. Failure to raise the exhaust pipe in heavy vehicles
    • AED 1,500
15. Failure to cover a heavy vehicle’s load
    • AED 3,000
16. Failure to abide by loading and unloading in designated areas
    • AED 1,000 and 4 black points
17. Heavy vehicle overtaking in areas where it is prohibited
    • AED 3,000 and license to be suspended for one year
18. Driving a heavy vehicle that does not abide by safety standards
   • AED 2,000 and Six black points

19. A: Driving a vehicle against traffic
   • AED 600 and 4 black points - Light vehicle to be confiscated for 7 days
   B: Entering with a vehicle into prohibited areas
   • AED 1,000 and 8 black points - Light vehicle to be confiscated for 7 days

20. Driving with a car that causes noise pollution
   • AED 2,000 and 12 black points

21. Driving a vehicle that causes environmental pollution
   • AED 1,000 and 6 black points

22. A: Driving an uninsured vehicle
   • AED 500 and 4 black points - 7 days confiscation
   B: Driving unlicensed vehicle
   • AED 500 and 4 black points - 7 days confiscation

23. Driving a vehicle that is licensed from a foreign country illegally
   • AED 400

24: Driving a vehicle on a different license for a different type of vehicle
   • AED 400 and 12 black points

25: A: Driving a vehicle on an expired license
   • AED 500 4 black points - 7 days confiscation
   B: Driving a vehicle on an expired registration
   • AED 500 and 4 black points - 7 days confiscation if the registration more than three months ago

26: A: Driving a vehicle that does not abide by safety standards
   • AED 500
   B: Driving a vehicle that is unfit for driving
   • AED 500

27: A: Driving a car with one number plate
   • AED 400
   B: Driving a car with faded numbers on the plate
   • AED 400

28: Driving a vehicle at below the minimum speed set for the road (if any)
   • AED 400

29: Swerving suddenly
   • AED 1,000 and 4 black points

30: Reversing dangerously
   • AED 400 and 4 black points

30: Overtaking dangerously
   • AED 600 and 6 black points

32: A: Using the mobile while driving
   • AED 800 and 4 black points
   B: Not focusing on driving and being distracted in any way
   • AED 800 and 4 black points

33: A: Jumping a red light (light vehicle)
   • AED 1,000 and 12 black points - 30 days confiscation
   B: Jumping a red light (motorbike)
   • AED 800 and 4 black points - 30 days confiscation

34: Exceeding the maximum speed by not more than 80km/h
   • AED 3,000 and 23 black points - 60 days confiscation for light vehicles
35: Exceeding the maximum speed by more than 60km/h
   • AED 2,000 and 12 black points - 30 days confiscation
36: Exceeding the maximum speed by not more than 60km/h
   • AED 1,500 and 6 black points - 15 days confiscation
37: Exceeding the maximum speed by not more than 50km/h
   • AED 1,000
38: Exceeding the maximum speed by not more than 40km/h
   • AED 700
39: Exceeding the maximum speed by not more than 30km/h
   • AED 600
40: Exceeding the maximum speed by not more than 20km/h
   • AED 300
41: Disregarding policeman’s instructions
   • AED 400 and 4 black points
42: Overtaking from the hard shoulder
   • AED 1,000 and 6 black points
43: Entering the road dangerously
   • AED 600 and 6 black points
44: Overtaking in prohibited areas
   • AED 600
45: Running away from a policeman
   • **Light vehicle:** AED 800 and 12 black points - 30 days confiscation
   • **Heavy vehicle:** AED 1,000 and 16 black points
46: Causing death to somebody
   • Fine to be decided by court
   • 23 black points - 60 days confiscation
47: Causing a serious accident or injuries
   • Fine to be decided by court
   • 23 black points - 30 days confiscation
48: Escaping after a minor accident
   • **Light vehicle:** AED 500 and 8 black points - 7 days confiscation
   • **Heavy vehicle:** AED 1,000 and 16 black points
49: Allowing a child below 10 years or 145 CM height to sit in the front seat
   • AED 400
50: Failure to fix child seats for children under 4 years
   • AED 400
51: Failure to wear seatbelt by driver or by any of passengers
   • AED 400 for both the driver and passengers, with 4 black points to be issued against the driver
52: Failure to leave a safe distance
   • AED 400 and 4 black points
53: Entering road without making sure it is clear
   • AED 400 and 4 black points
54: Failure to give priority to emergency, police and protocol vehicles
   • AED 1,000 and 6 black points
55: Parking vehicles at fire extinguisher hose and areas designated for people with special needs
   • AED 1,000 and 6 black points
56: Stopping in the middle of the road without a valid reason
   • AED 1,000 and 6 black points
57: Stopping in the yellow box  
• AED 500
58: Parking vehicles on the left-hand side of the road in prohibited areas  
• AED 1,000
59: Stopping at Zebra crossings  
• AED 500
60: Parking behind other vehicles and blocking their way  
• AED 500
61: Stopping taxis in prohibited areas  
• AED 500 and 4 black points
62: Stopping vehicles and road turns  
• AED 500
63: Parking in a way without securing the car  
• AED 500
64: Parking illegally  
• AED 500
65: Parking in a way that endangers road users or blocking their way  
• AED 400
66: Parking on pavements  
• AED 400
67: Writing or posting on the vehicle without a permit  
• AED 500
68: Exceeding the percentage of car window tinting, or tinting a vehicle, which is not allowed to be  
• AED 1,500
69: Failure to give pedestrians priority at the designated crossings  
• AED 500 and 6 black points
70: Failure to abide by traffic signs  
• AED 500
71: Littering from vehicle windows while driving  
• AED 1,000 and 6 black points
72: Placing traffic signs and cones in a way that harms the road or block traffic  
• AED 550
73: Engine or sassy modifications without a permit  
• AED 1,000 and 12 black points - 30 days confiscation
74: Rubber neck and crowds at the scenes of traffic accident  
• AED 1,000
75: Using the vehicle for undesignated purpose  
• AED 300 and 4 black points
76: Transporting passengers illegally  
• AED 3,000 and 24 black points - 30 days confiscation
77: Transporting inflammable ale or dangerous materials without permission  
• AED 3,000 24 black points and confiscation for 60 days.
78: Transporting passengers in vehicle that is not licensed for passengers  
• AED 1,000 and 4 black points
79: Transporting extra passengers  
• AED 500 4 black points and confiscation for 7 days
80: Failure to take safety precautions when the car breaks down  
• AED 500
82: Expired tyres
   • AED 500 and 4 black points - 7 days confiscation
83: Failure to use indicators for road directions
   • AED 400
84: Failure to give priority to cars coming from the back or the left-hand side
   • AED 400
85: Failure to get the car technically tested after any major engine or Shasi modifications
   • AED 400
86: Light vehicles’ failure to abide by lane discipline
   • AED 500
87: Broken Car lights
   • AED 400 and 6 black points
88: Broken indicators or back lights
   • AED 400 and 2 black points
89: Pedestrian’s failure to abide by signals, or crossing from undesignated areas
   • AED 400
90: Schoolbus driver failing to activate the stop sign or abide by traffic instructions
   • AED 500 and 6 black points
91: Driver failing to stop when the bus drivers activates the stop sign
   • AED 1,000 and 10 black points
92: Using a leisure bike with three or more wheels
   • AED 3,000 and 90 days confiscation
93: Driving on lanes designated for buses or taxis
   • AED 400
94: Participating in a motorcade without a permit
   • AED 500 and 4 black points - 15 day confiscation
95: Changing the vehicle colour without permission
   • AED 800
96: Towing a car or a boat without a permit or towing a car or boat in an unsafe manner
   • AED 1,000
97: Broken or absence of back or sidelights on the tow truck
   • AED 500 and 4 black points
98: Obstructing the traffic in any other way not mentioned in this table
   • AED 500
99: Making a u-turn from undesignated areas or in an incorrect manner
   • AED 500 and 4 black points
100: Loading a light vehicle in a way that endangers others or the road
    • AED 500 and 4 black points
101: Overloading a light vehicle
    • AED 500 and 4 black points
102: Dropping or spilling load from a light vehicle
    • AED 500
103: Illegal use of commercial number plates
    • AED 500 and 7 days confiscation
104: Driving during the night or foggy conditions without turning on the headlights, or driving in foggy conditions in violation of authorities’ instructions
    • AED 500 and 4 black points
105: Using a car’s sound system or honking in a way that disturbs others, or driving at residential areas, education zones, hospitals in a way that endangers lives of others
   • AED 400 and 4 black points
106: Failure to present registration or driving license
   • AED 400
107: Driving school vehicles in times and areas that are prohibited
   • AED 400
108: Teaching someone to drive in a car that is not labelled as learning vehicle, or teaching without a license
   • AED 500
109: Not presenting a learners permit
   • AED 300
110: Failure to hand over a driving license when the maximum black points are accrued in the first traffic violation
    • AED 1,000
111: Failure to hand over a driving license when the maximum black points are accrued in the second traffic violation
    • AED 2,000
112: Failure to hand over a driving license when the maximum black points are accrued in the third traffic violation
    • AED 3,000
113: Failure to pick up confiscated car once the confiscation period is over
    • AED 50 per day and a maximum of AED 3,000
114: Failure to pick up confiscated heavy vehicle once the confiscation period is over
    • AED 100 per day and a maximum of AED 3,000