



ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES

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do it right.

when operating a motor scooter

- Rider/passengers must wear a crash helmet
- Riders must have a valid motor scooter Class 'M' licence
- Motorcycle or scooter must bear two valid licence plates -- front and in back and be licenced and registered
- Motor scooter must be licenced and covered by a policy of insurance
- The same traffic laws that apply to vehicle drivers apply to cycle riders.
- Obey all laws.



FIXED PENALTY TICKETS

TICKET LETTER	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE	COST
a.	Using a motor vehicle w/o having affixed thereto in the prescribed manner the identification marks on the license plates.	50.00
b.	Using a vehicle license plate of which are defaced or altered.	50.00
c.	Leaving a motor vehicle halted or parked on a road w/o stopping the engine and applying the hand brakes.	75.00
d.	Stopping a motor vehicle a distance of twenty feet from an intersection.	50.00
e.	Stopping alongside another motor vehicle.	100.00
f.	Failing to display license sticker on the front windscreen of a motor vehicle.	50.00
g.	Parking a motor vehicle in a No parking, Permissive Parking, Reserved Parking or Restricted Area.	50.00
ga.	Contravening any regulation to parking meters.	50.00
h.	Failing to stop at "Stop Signs".	50.00
i.	Using a motor vehicle that causes a loud noise or emits sparks or excessive smoke.	75.00
j.	Transporting improperly secured loose material.	75.00

FIXED PENALTY TICKETS*(Continued)*

TICKET LETTER	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE	COST
k.	Driving a motor vehicle at a greater speed than the maximum speed prescribed or notified under the act.	100.00
l.	Parking or driving on or over a sidewalk or pavement.	100.00
m.	Making a "U" turn on a public roadway where it is not permitted.	100.00
n.	Driving a vehicle on a public roadway w/o two illuminated headlamps between dusk and dawn.	75.00
o.	Driving a vehicle on a public roadway where the light emitted from headlamps are coloured.	50.00
p.	Riding a motorcycle w/o a helmet.	50.00
q.	Throwing any object from a moving vehicle.	50.00
r.	Driving a vehicle w/o illuminating the rear identification plate.	50.00
s.	Driving a vehicle on a public roadway w/o a red light being illuminated in the rear of the vehicle when the brake pedal is depressed.	75.00
t.	Driving a vehicle on public roadway with a missing or broken taillight lens or extinguished taillight.	50.00
u.	Driving a vehicle on public roadway w/o a rear illumination light at the rear of the vehicle between dusk and dawn.	75.00

FIXED PENALTY TICKETS*(Continued)*

TICKET LETTER	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE	COST
v.	Failing to comply with a "No Entry" sign.	100.00
w.	Driving w/o a front or rear identification plate.	50.00
x.	Parking less than twenty-five (25) feet from a corner.	50.00
y.	Making a Prohibited Left or Right Turn.	100.00
z.	Use or video television screens or video display.	100.00
aa.	Failing to pull vehicle to the left of the roadway and stopping in approach of an Ambulance, Fire Engine, or Police Vehicle on the sounding of a siren.	50.00
ab.	Failing to stop at a traffic light signal where the light is illuminated red.	200.00
ac.	Driving a motor vehicle on a public roadway when not the holder of a valid BVI Driver's License.	50.00
ad.	Covering, altering or defacing of license plates.	50.00
ae.	Failing to comply with any provision of the Road Traffic Seatbelt and Cellular Telephone Regulations 2004.	100.00
af.	Driving a motor vehicle bearing license plates issued to a motor vehicle that is pending licensing and registration and is to be used by a car dealer only.	100.00

Tint



Drive unlicensed vehicle

NON-TICKETABLE ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES

The following are non-ticketable road traffic offences. Violators are summoned to the Magistrate's Court to answer these charges. Fines for these violations are determined by the Magistrate guiding by the law.

<p>Driving when not covered by insurance</p>	<p>Contrary to Section 3 (2) of the Motor Vehicles Insurance Third Party Risks Ordinance, Chapter 242 of the Revised Edition 1991 of the Laws of the Virgin Islands.</p>	<p>Maximum penalty: \$1000 or imprisonment for twelve months or both</p> <p>A person conviction under this section may be disqualified for holding or obtaining a driver's license</p>
<p>Drive unlicensed vehicle</p>	<p>Contrary to Section 7 (1) of the Road Traffic Act, Chapter 218 of the Revised Edition 1991 of the Laws of the Virgin Islands.</p>	<p>Maximum penalty: \$150 or a term of imprisonment not exceeding four months</p>
<p>Drive without Driver's License</p>	<p>Contrary to Section 11 (1) of the Road Traffic Act, Chapter 218, of the Revised Edition 1991 of the Laws of the Virgin Island</p>	
<p>Tint</p>	<p>Contrary to Section 42 A (1) (a) (ii) of the Road Traffic Act, Chapter 218 as amended (by No. 9 of 2006) and in Contravention of Section 42D of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, (No. 14 of 2000) of the Laws of the Virgin Islands.</p>	<p>Contrary to Section 42 A (1) (a) (ii) of the Road Traffic Act, Chapter 218 as amended (by No. 9 of 2006) and in Contravention of Section 42D of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, (No. 14 of 2000) of the Laws of the Virgin Islands.</p>

Standing in tray of truck while in operation



Pedestrian crossing violations

Child Safety Seat, cellular phone use and passengers in tray of trucks

Offences under Road Traffic (Seatbelt/Cellular Telephone) Regulation 2004

1. No person shall drive a motor vehicle or permit a person, other than a child, to ride as a passenger in that motor vehicle, unless that person or that passenger is secured by a seat belt worn only by that person or passenger.
2. No driver of a motor vehicle shall permit a child to ride as a passenger in that motor vehicle unless the child is secured in a child passenger seat that is positioned on a rear passenger seat of the motor vehicle and fastened to the rear passenger seat by a seat belt.
3. No person shall sell, offer for sale, hire or otherwise deal in any motor vehicle which is required by these Regulations to be fitted with seat belts, unless that motor vehicle is fitted with seat belts in accordance with these Regulations.
4. No person who is the driver of a truck shall (a) drive the truck while a person is in the tray of the truck, or (b) permit a person to ride as a passenger in the tray of the truck, unless the person is seated on the floor of the tray of the truck.
5. No person shall ride as a passenger in the tray of a truck unless he is seated on the floor of the tray of the truck.
6. No person shall use a cellular or wireless telephone or device while driving a motor vehicle unless it is being used by way of a hand free device.

Any person(s) who contravenes these regulations commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$250.

Headlamps, Road obstruction

Road Traffic Regulation 2009

Motor Vehicle & Operation & Driver & Vehicle Licensing

1. A motor vehicle shall be equipped with at least two lamps at the front of the vehicle, one on each side. The two lamps at the front of a vehicle shall be lighted when a motor vehicle is in motion on a road at night, and the rays from the lamps shall be (a) uncoloured; (b) of an intensity as to illuminate the road ahead for a distance of at least seventy-five yards or a greater distance, if the vehicle is capable of proceeding at a speed greater than twenty miles an hour; and (c) sufficient to ensure the safety of the vehicle and the persons carried on the vehicle and to indicate clearly the presence of the vehicle to the approaching traffic. Colored lights are not permitted.
2. A driver of a motor vehicle shall, not negligently or wilfully prevent, obstruct, hinder or interrupt the free passage of any motor vehicle, person or animal;

A person who contravenes a provision of these Regulations other than sub regulation (1), commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120).

Pedestrian Crossing

Road Traffic (Amendment) Act 1993

1. The driver of every vehicle at or approaching a pedestrian crosswalk where traffic is not for the time being controlled by light signals, shall allow free and uninterrupted passage to any pedestrian who is on the carriageway at such crosswalk and such person shall have precedence over all vehicular traffic at such crosswalk.
2. No driver of any vehicle shall cause such vehicle or any part thereof to stop upon any pedestrian crosswalk unless either – he is prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond his control or it is necessary for him to stop in order to avoid an accident.
3. No person shall remain upon any pedestrian crosswalk longer than is necessary, for the purpose of passing from one side of the street to the other with reasonable despatch.

The driver of every vehicle who contravenes the provisions of this section is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00)

Turning at Intersections

Rules of the Road Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act (CAP 218)

1. Where a driver of a motor vehicle intends to turn to the left at an intersection he shall approach the intersection by keeping immediately to the left edge of the road and he shall make the left turn by keeping to the left edge of the road being entered.
2. Where the driver of motor vehicle intends to turn to the right at an intersection he shall approach the intersection by keeping immediately to the left of the centre of the road and he shall make the right turn by driving around the central point of intersection of the two roads and shall keep as close as possible to the left side of the intersecting road.

Tailgating

No driver of a motor vehicle on a road shall follow another motor vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of the other motor vehicle, the amount and nature of traffic and the condition of the road.

Every driver of a motor vehicle who contravenes any of the provisions of this section is guilty of an offence and on summary conviction is liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150).

Racing

Section 31 of the Road Traffic Act (CAP 218)

Any person who promotes or take part in a race or trial of speed between motor vehicles on a road shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or to both such penalty and imprisonment.

A person convicted of an offence under this section shall, unless the Court thinks fit to order otherwise, and without prejudice to the power of the Court to order a longer period of disqualification, be disqualified for holding a driver's license for a period of twelve months from the date of the conviction.

Tinted Vehicle

Road Traffic (Amendment) Virgin Islands Act, 2000

1. No person shall drive a motor vehicle where;
 - a. The whole or part of the glass of the windscreen is obscured by the application of any film, tint or other obscuring device;
 - b. By the application of any film, tint or other obscuring device, the whole or part of the front side windows has a visible light transmission rating of less than thirty five percent (35%);
 - c. By the application of any film, tint or other obscuring device, the whole or part of any other window or glass of the vehicle has a visible light transmission rating of less than twenty percent (20%); and
2. Where for reasons of security or other good reason it becomes necessary for the glass of the windscreen or any window of a motor vehicle of a class specified in subsection (3), to have, by the application of any film, tint or other obscuring device, a light visible transmission rating contrary to the provisions of subsection (1), the Chief Licensing Officer shall, with the approval of the Minister, issue a permit to allow the application of such film, tint or other obscuring device.

A person who contravenes any provision under section 42A or 42B commits an offence and is liable on conviction (a) to a fine not exceeding seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750), or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or both; and (b) on a second or subsequent offence to a one year suspension of his driver's licence in addition to the penalty prescribed under paragraph (a).

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