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NOTICE: New DMV Point System for Drivers' Licenses

BIC urges all trade waste licensees and registrants to share this information with drivers.

As of **February 16, 2026**, the New York State *Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)* has new rules that: add point values for alcohol related convictions, increase point values for certain violations, and add new and increased fines for some violations.

SUMMARY OF NEW DMV RULES:

- Points will stay on record for longer – for **24 months** from the date of the offense. *(Previously 18 months)*
- Drivers who get **between 7 and 10 points** in a 24-month period *(previously 18 months)* may be required to attend a driving improvement clinic.
- Drivers who get **11 or more points** in a 24-month period *(previously 18 months)* may be required to attend a formal hearing and could have their driver's license suspended or revoked.
- After **4 or more** alcohol or drug-related convictions, a driver's privileges will NOT be restored. *(Previously five or more convictions)*

CHANGES TO POINT VALUES:

- **11 POINTS:** Driving while intoxicated/ability impaired/drug-related offenses. *(Previously 0 points)*
- **11 POINTS:** Driving with a revoked or suspended license (aggravated unlicensed operation). *(Previously 0 points)*
- **8 POINTS:** Passing a stopped school bus. *(Previously 5 points)*
- **8 POINTS:** Vehicle over height limitations for highways and bridges. *(Previously 0 points)*

- **8 POINTS:** Speeding in a work zone. *(Previously between 3 and 11 points depending on the violation)*
- **5 POINTS:** Allowing a driver with a revoked or suspended license to operate (Facilitating aggravated unlicensed operation). *(Previously 0 points)*
- **5 POINTS:** Failure to use due care (for instance, colliding with a bicyclist or pedestrian). *(Previously 2 points)*
- **5 POINTS:** Leaving the scene of a personal injury crash without reporting it. *(Previously 3 points)*
- **5 POINTS:** Speed contests/racing. *(Previously 0 points)*

Please refer to the [full DMV regulations](#), which can be found under Title 15 of the New York State Codes, Rules, and, Regulations (NYCRR) and the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law (VTL), for more information.

New York is cracking down on repeat violators who threaten safety on our streets. This is a reminder that safety must always be the number one priority during trade waste operations. Together, we can achieve the City's Vision Zero goal of eliminating traffic fatalities.









ATTENTION TRADE WASTE DRIVERS

NEW DMV POINT SYSTEM

CHANGES TO DMV RULES:

- 
POINTS NOW STAY ON DRIVER'S RECORD FOR 24 MONTHS
 PREVIOUSLY 18 MONTHS
- 
DRIVERS WHO GET BETWEEN 7-10 POINTS IN A 24-MONTH PERIOD:
 MAY HAVE TO TAKE A CLASS
- 
DRIVERS WHO GET 11 OR MORE POINTS IN A 24-MONTH PERIOD:
 MAY HAVE TO ATTEND A HEARING AND LICENSE MAY BE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED
- 
DRIVERS WHO HAVE 4 OR MORE ALCOHOL OR DRUG CONVICTIONS:
 DRIVING PRIVILEGES WILL NOT BE RESTORED
 (PREVIOUSLY 5 OR MORE)

CHANGES TO POINTS FOR SOME VIOLATIONS	NEW Points	OLD Points
ALCOHOL OR DRUG OFFENSES	11	0
DRIVING WITH A SUSPENDED OR REVOKED LICENSE	11	0
PASSING A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS	8	5
VEHICLE OVER HEIGHT LIMIT	8	0
SPEEDING IN A WORK AREA	8	3-11
ALLOWING DRIVER TO OPERATE WITH A SUSPENDED OR REVOKED LICENSE	5	0
FAILURE TO USE DUE CARE (COLLIDING WITH CYCLIST OR PEDESTRIAN)	5	2
LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN INJURY CRASH	5	3
SPEED CONTESTS OR RACING	5	0