

Chapter 3

Your Driving Privilege

Points

Driver License Points

If you are convicted of certain motor vehicle violations in North Carolina, driver license points are placed against your driving record. If you accumulate seven points, you may be assigned to a driver improvement clinic. The clinic fee is \$65. Upon satisfactory completion of the clinic, three points are deducted from your driving record. If you accumulate as many as 12 points within a three-year period, your license may be suspended. The accumulation of eight points within three years following the reinstatement of your license can result in a second suspension.

If your driver license is suspended by the point system, it may be taken for:

- 60 days for the first suspension;
- 6 months for the second; and
- 12 months for the third.

When your driving privilege is reinstated, all previous driver license points are canceled. This does not pertain to insurance points.

Points are given for the following offenses:

<i>Conviction</i>	<i>Point Value</i>
Passing a stopped school bus	5
Aggressive driving	5
Reckless driving	4
Hit and run, property damage only	4
Following too closely	4
Driving on wrong side of road	4
Illegal passing	4
Failure to yield right of way to pedestrian pursuant to G.S. 20-158 (b) (2) b.	4
Failure to yield right of way to bicycle, motor scooter or motorcycle	4
Running through stop sign	3
Speeding in excess of 55 mph	3
Failure to yield right of way	3
Running through red light	3
No driver license or license expired more than one year	3
Failure to stop for siren	3
Driving through safety zone	3

No liability insurance	3
Failure to report accident where such report is required	3
Speeding in a school zone in excess of the posted school zone speed limit	3
Failure to properly restrain a child in a restraint or seat belt	2
All other moving violations	2
Littering pursuant to G.S. 14-399 when the littering involves the use of a motor vehicle	1

Schedule of point values for conviction of violations while operating a commercial motor vehicle:

Conviction	Point Value
Passing stopped school bus	8
Rail-highway crossing violation	6
Careless and reckless driving in violation of G.S.20-140(f)	6
Speeding in violation of G.S. 20-141(j3)	6
Aggressive driving	6
Reckless driving	5
Hit and run, property damage only	5
Following too closely	5
Driving on wrong side of road	5
Illegal passing	5
Failure to yield right of way to pedestrian pursuant to G.S. 20-158 (b) (2) b.	5
Failure to yield right of way to bicycle, motor scooter or motorcycle	5
Running through stop sign	4
Speeding in excess of 55 miles per hour	4
Failure to yield right of way	4
Running through red light	4
No driver license or license expired more than one year	4
Failure to stop for siren	4
Driving through safety zone	4
No liability insurance	4
Failure to report accident where such report is required	4
Speeding in a school zone in excess of the posted school zone speed limit	4
Possessing alcoholic beverage in the passenger area of a commercial motor vehicle	4
All other moving violations	3