



EXCERPTS FROM THE LAGOS STATE TRANSPORT SECTOR REFORM LAW, 2018

VEHICLE INSPECTION OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

S/N	Violation	Points	Penalty		
			Fine	Additional	
1.	Driving without valid driver's licence	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N20,000.00	Impound vehicle	Payment for removal, storage and evidence of payment for the licence
2.	Driving of a vehicle by person under 18 years	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Impound vehicle	Payment for removal and storage
3.	Learner driver without permit	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Impound vehicle	Payment of removal, storage and evidence of payment for the licence
4.	Learner driver on highways	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Dislodge driver	
5.	Learner driver unaccompanied by licenced driver	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Dislodge driver	
6.	Driving an unlicenced unregistered vehicle	4	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Imprisonment for a term of three (3) months	Or both fine and imprisonment
7.	Driving with a fake number plate	4	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender	Imprisonment for a term of six (6) months	

			N30,000.00		
8.	Driving a vehicle with unauthorised or defective number plate	2	1 st offender N20,000.00	Imprisonment for a term of six (6) months	Or both fine and imprisonment

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			Subsequent offender N30,000.00		
9.	Driving with a forged driver's licence	4	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Imprisonment for a term of six (6) months	Or both fine and imprisonment
10.	Driving without a valid MOT Test Certificate	2		Impound vehicle	Payment for removal, storage and evidence of payment for Certificate
11.	Driving without a valid Certificate of Road Worthiness	2		Impound vehicle	Payment for removal, storage and evidence of payment for Certificate
12.	Driving without a valid vehicle licence	2		Impound vehicle	Payment for removal, storage and evidence of payment for licence
13.	Not painting a commercial vehicle in approved colours	4	N25,000.00	Enforce painting	
14.	Driving a commercial vehicle without valid hackney permit	2		Impound vehicle	Payment for removal, storage and evidence of payment for permit

15.	Driving a commercial vehicle without Certificate of Road Worthiness	2		Impound vehicle	Payment for removal, storage and evidence of payment for Certificate
16.	Non-display of hackney permit	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Impound vehicle	
17.	No car hire service permit	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Impound vehicle	

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18.	Disobeying traffic control personnel	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Impound vehicle	LASDRI Training
19.	Neglect of traffic directions	2		Forfeiture of the vehicle to the state	1 st offence - one (1) year imprisonment and forfeiture of the vehicle to the State; 2 nd and subsequent offence - three (3) years imprisonment and forfeiture of the vehicle to the State and capturing of offender's data and biometrics
20.	Smoking, Drinking and Eating while driving	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Impound vehicle	Three (3) Months imprisonment or six (6) monthly community service

21.	Riding motorcycle without approved crash helmet for rider and passenger	1	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Imprisonment of not more than six (6) months	Three (3) months imprisonment or community service
22.	Riding motorcycle without rider's permit		1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Impound motorcycle and collect permit before release	Payment for removal, storage and evidence of payment for permit or community service
23.	Operating vehicle within restricted routes or beyond approved hour	3	N50,000.00	Impound vehicle	Six (6) months imprisonment or both fine and imprisonment
24.	Physical assault on traffic officer		N100,000.00	Six (6) months imprisonment or both fine and imprisonment	Compensation to assaulted officer

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25.	Commuter or conductor hanging on tailboard of moving vehicle	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Dislodge and impound vehicle	Community service
26.	Driving vehicles with doors left open	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00		Community service in addition to fine
27.	Driving a right hand vehicle	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Conversion	

28.	Riding Motorcycle/Tricycle with non-functional lamps	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Effect repairs	
29.	Driving private motor vehicle with non-functional lamps	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Effect repairs	
30.	Driving commercial vehicle with non-functional lamps	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Effect repairs	
31.	Driving trailers, tankers and tippers with non-functional lamps	4	N50,000.00	Impound vehicle	
32.	Driving company motor vehicles with non-functional lamps	3	N25,000.00	Effect repairs	
33.	Driving a trailer or other vehicle carrying containers unlatched and not properly secured	4	N250,000.00	Impound vehicle	
34.	Driving with worn-out tyre(s)	1	1 st offender N20,000.00		



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35.	Driving without a functional spare tyre	1	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00		

36.	Excessive smoke	1	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00		
37.	Fire extinguisher violation	1	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00		
38.	Windscreen violation	1	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00		
39.	Storage charge for impounded cars, jeeps and mini-buses per day		N1,000.00		
40.	Storage charge for impounded motorcycles and three (3) wheelers per day	2	N500.00		
41.	Storage charge for all other impounded vehicles (6 wheelers and above) per day	2	N2,000.00		
42.	Towing an impounded car, jeep or mini bus	4	N10,000.00		
43.	Towing other commercial vehicles excluding trailers (mini-buses)	2	N10,000.00		
44.	Towing a trailer or tanker (empty)		N50,000.00		
45.	Towing a trailer or tanker (loaded)		N100,000.00		
46.	Towing tippers and lorries (loaded)	1	N50,000.00		



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47.	Towing luxurious buses	1	N50,000.00		
48.	Towing an overnight breakdown trailer		N100,000.00		
49.	Towing tricycles	2	N2,000.00		
50.	Towing motorcycles	2	N500.00		
51.	Hire of Heavy duty recovery equipment (Towing/Recovery fees)			At Hirer's cost	
52.	Failure to pay penalty fee within prescribed time				Double the initial penalty

In addition to the penalties above, the VIS may direct the driver/rider to attend the Lagos State Drivers' Institute for training



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TRAFFIC OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

S/N	Offence	Point	Fine	Additional
1.	Violation of routes by commercial vehicles	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Impound vehicle in addition to counselling and enlightenment by LASDRI
2.	Non-display of route and route number on vehicle	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	

3.	Disobeying traffic control personnel	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Impound vehicle in addition to LASDRI training
4.	Parking on yellow line on a public highway / illegal parking	4	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Impound vehicle in addition to LASDRI training
5.	Neglect of traffic directions	2	Forfeiture of the vehicle to the State	Six (6) months imprisonment / one (1) year community service
6.	Vehicle crossing double yellow line / centre line	4	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Impound vehicle in addition to more training at LASDRI
7.	Staying within the yellow junction box (offside rule)	3	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Impound vehicle in addition to LASDRI training
8.	Failure to yield to right of way of pedestrians at a Zebra crossing	3	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Impound vehicle on addition to LASDRI training
9.	Failure to give way to traffic on the left at a roundabout	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Impound vehicle in addition to LASDRI training
10.	Smoking/ drinking alcohol while driving	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Three (3) months imprisonment or six (6) months community service
11.	Riding motorcycle without crash helmet for rider	1	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Three (3) months imprisonment or six (6) months community service
12.	Riding a motorcycle without a rider's permit	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Impound motorcycle and collect permit before release



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13.	Riding a motorcycle: i. Against traffic ii. On the kerb, median or road setbacks	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Three (3) months imprisonment/six (6) months community service
14.	Conveying more than one passenger at any given time both rider and passenger	2	1 st offender N50,000.00 Subsequent offender N100,000.00	Imprisonment for a term of three (3) months or both fine and imprisonment, six (6) months community service
15.	Instalment of musical gadget on a motorcycle	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Forfeiture of the gadget, counselling / Enlightenment
16.	Alteration of manufacturer's specification on motorcycle (e.g. Handle bar / leg)	2	N20,000.00	In addition revert back to manufacturer's specification
17.	Motorcyclist resisting arrest		1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Additional LASDRI Training before release
18.	Driving motor vehicle/motorcycle without side mirrors, indicators, break lights or rear lights	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Install/fix before release plus counselling and enlightenment at LASDRI
19.	Wrongful overtaking of other vehicle		1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Imprisonment for a term of three (3) years, or both fine and imprisonment
20.	Under aged person riding a motorcycle		1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Dislodge rider and impound motorcycle
21.	Motorcycle operating using horn designed for motor vehicles	1	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Remove horn and install normal specification
22.	Operating a motorcycle below	3		Impound motorcycle

	200cc engine capacity			
23.	Exceeding prescribed speed limit	2	N100,000.00	Imprisonment for a term of two (2) years, or both fine and imprisonment
24.	Tailgating an emergency vehicle	3	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Imprisonment for a term of three (3) months, or both fine and imprisonment
25.	Failure of slow moving vehicle to keep to the right lane	2	1 st offender N20,000.00	Impound vehicle plus LASDRI Training



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26.	Assault on a traffic officer (physical)	3	N100,000.00 or six (6) months imprisonment	Pay compensation to assaulted officer
27.	Driving in a direction prohibited by the Law / Neglect of Traffic Directions	4	Forfeiture of vehicle to the State	1 st offence - one (1) year imprisonment and forfeiture of the vehicle to the State; 2 nd and subsequent offence - three (3) years imprisonment and forfeiture of the vehicle to the State and capturing of data and biometrics
28.	Illegal U-turns	3	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	In addition, Driver training at LASDRI
29.	Wrongful overtaking of other vehicle	2	1 st offender N50,000.00 Subsequent offender N100,000.00	Imprisonment for a term of three (3) months, or both fine and imprisonment or six (6) months

				community service
30.	Over loading of a commercial vehicle on the highway	4	N50,000.00	Imprisonment for a term of three (3) months or six (6) months of community service
31.	Driving on the walkway or kerbs	4	N50,000.00	Impound vehicle plus three (3) months imprisonment
32.	Parking on the walkway or kerbs	3	N20,000.00	Impound vehicle plus three (3) months imprisonment
33.	Parking or stopping to pick passengers by a commercial vehicle on the highway - both Driver and Passenger	3	N50,000.00	Driver training at LASDRI or three (3) months imprisonment
34.	Bullion van driving in a direction prohibited by Law	5	Forfeiture of vehicle	Imprisonment for a term of three (3) years or payment of a fine of Five Hundred Thousand Naira (N500,00.00)



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35.	Abandoned vehicle on highway	2	N50,00.00 plus cost of towing	Imprisonment for a term of three (3) months
36.	Vehicle causing obstruction on highway if broken down	3	Commercial - N50,000.00 in addition to cost of towing Private - N25,000.00 in addition to cost of towing	
37.	Commuter or conductor hanging on tailboard of moving vehicle	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Dislodge and impound vehicle

38.	Driving vehicle with doors left open	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	One (1) month community service in addition to fine
39.	Making or receiving phone calls when driving without hands free	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Three (3) months community service
40.	Texting/Reading text messages while driving	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Three (3) months community service
41.	Counting money, or otherwise engaging in other activities when driving	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Three (3) months community service
42.	Driving without a strapped seat belt for both passengers	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Impound vehicle/strap on seat belt
43.	Failure to display reflective warning sign at point of break down	3	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Procure standardised Reflective sign before vehicle release
44.	Motorist resisting arrest	2	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Impound vehicle in addition to LASDRI training
45.	Use of BRT Lite corridor	3	1 st offender N20,000.00 Subsequent offender N30,000.00	Imprisonment for a term of six (6) months / one (1) year community service in addition to LASDRI training
46.	Wilful obstruction on highway	2	N50,000.00 in addition to cost of towing	Imprisonment for a term of three (3) months, or both fine and imprisonment
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54.	Towing tippers and lorries (loaded)		N50,000.00	
55.	Towing luxurious buses		N50,000.00	
56.	Towing an overnight breakdown (trailer)		N100,000.00	
57.	Towing tricycles		N2,000.00	
58.	Towing motorcycles		N500.00	
59.	Hire heavy duty recovery equipment (towing / recovery fees)			At hirer's cost
60.	Failure to pay penalty within prescribed time			Double the initial payment
61.	Operating vehicle within restricted routes or beyond approved hour	3	N50,000.00 / impound vehicle	Optional - Six (6) months imprisonment / one (1) year community service
62.	Not painting a commercial vehicle in approved colours	4	N25,000.00	Impound Vehicle and enforce painting before release
63.	Driving under the influence of alcohol / drugs	3	N100,000.00	One (1) year imprisonment

64.	Disobeying traffic light	2	N10,000.00	Optional - three (3) months imprisonment / six (6) months community service
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