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CHAPTER H-5
HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT
DEMERIT POINT SYSTEM REGULATIONS

Pursuant to section 284 of the Highway Traffic Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. H-5, Council made the following regulations:

1. (1) In these regulations (a) “Act” means the Highway Traffic Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. H-5;
   (b) “driver’s license” means any class of driver’s license issued pursuant to the Act other than an instruction permit;
   (b.1) “Stage 1 driver” means a person who holds a Stage 1 driver’s license;
   (b.2) “Stage 1 driver’s license” means an instruction permit issued under section 82 of the Act;
   (c) “suspension” includes disqualification from holding or obtaining a driver’s license for the period of suspension.

(2) For the purposes of these regulations, a person who formerly held an instruction permit and who holds a valid and subsisting driver’s license at the time these regulations come into force shall be deemed to be a newly licensed driver for a continuous period of two years following the first issuance of the person’s driver’s license. (EC1216/80; 659/87; 437/07)

2. (1) When any person is convicted in this province of an offence listed in the Schedule, the Registrar shall forthwith, upon receipt of notice of the conviction, enter on the person’s driving record the number of demerit points set out opposite that offence in column 2 of the Schedule, which entry is deemed to be effective as of the date of the conviction.

(2) When any person is convicted in any other province or territory of an offence listed in the Schedule, the Registrar shall forthwith, upon receipt of notice of such conviction, enter on the person’s driving record the number of demerit points set out in column 2 of the Schedule for the offence, or the analogous offence, as the case may be, which entry is deemed to be effective as of the date of the conviction.

(3) The short descriptions in column 3 of the Schedule are for convenience of reference only to the general nature of offences under the

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Recording of demerit points, conviction in this province

Recording of demerit points, out-of-province conviction

Descriptions

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provisions set out in column 1 and shall not be construed to limit the
offences for which demerit points are imposed.

(4) In these regulations, a reference to “an offence listed in the
Schedule” means
(a) the *Highway Traffic Act* offences listed in column 1 of the
Schedule for which convictions are entered in this province;
(b) the *Criminal Code* offences listed in column 1 of the Schedule
for which convictions are entered in this province or in another
province or territory;
(c) the *Government Property Traffic Act* (Canada) offence listed in
column 1 of the Schedule for which convictions are entered in this
province; and
(d) the provisions of the law of another province or territory which
are, in substance and effect, the same as one or more of the other
offences listed in column 1 of the Schedule for which convictions
are entered in that other province or territory.

(5) All other provisions of these regulations relating to convictions and
suspensions apply to the offences referred to in subsection (4).

(EC221/93; 304/11)

3. (1) Where the entry of demerit points pursuant to subsections 2(1) and
(2) would result in a suspension of license pursuant to section 13 or 17,
and an appeal is filed against the conviction which resulted in the demerit
points, the entry of the demerit points shall be stayed by the Registrar as
of the date of the filing of the appeal until such time as the appeal is
abandoned, dismissed, or allowed.

(2) Where the appeal is abandoned or dismissed, the Registrar shall
enter, or re-enter, as the case may be, the demerit points, to be effective
as of the date of the receipt, by the Registrar, of notice of the
abandonment or dismissal of the appeal.

(3) Where the conviction is sustained on appeal
(a) any suspension under section 13 shall be imposed notwith-
standing that the total demerit points of the driver have been reduced
under section 6 after the date of the original conviction for the
offence; and
(b) any suspension under section 17 shall be imposed notwith-
standing the expiration of the probationary period after the date of
the original conviction for the offence.

(4) Where the appeal of the conviction is allowed, the Registrar shall
not enter the demerit points for the conviction, and shall remove any
reference to the conviction from the person’s driving record. (EC221/93; 304/11)

4. (1) Where
   (a) a person is convicted of more than one offence for which
demerkit points are to be entered by the Registrar under subsection2(1) or (2);
   (b) the offences arise out of the same incident; and
   (c) each offence carries the same number of demerit points,
the Registrar shall only enter on the person’s driving record the number
of demerit points for the conviction of one of the offences.

(2) Where
   (a) a driver is convicted of more than one offence for which demerit
points are to be entered by the Registrar under subsection 2(1) or
(2);
   (b) the offences arise out of the same incident; and
   (c) each offence carries a different number of demerit points,
the Registrar shall only enter on the person’s driving record the number
of demerit points for the conviction of the offence carrying the highest
number of demerit points. (EC1216/80; 221/93; 304/11)

5. Where any person forfeits bail given upon a charge of an offence
listed in the Schedule, the Registrar shall record the forfeiture as a
conviction and shall record the demerit points imposed for the conviction
in the same manner as if such person were convicted of the offence.
(EC1216/80; 221/93)

6. When two years have elapsed from the date of a conviction for which
demerit points were entered on a person’s driving record, the Registrar
shall strike from the record the number of points entered in respect of
that conviction. (EC1216/80)

7. Upon the expiration of a period of suspension imposed under these
regulations, except section 12, the Registrar shall strike all demerit points
accumulated on or before the effective date of the suspension from the
driving record of the person whose license was suspended. (EC1216/80)

8. When
   (a) in the case of a newly licensed driver
      (i) a total of three or more but less than six demerit points within
twelve months, or
      (ii) a total of five or more but less than nine demerit points within
twenty-four months,
of the first issue of his driver’s license or, where his driver’s license has been suspended under section 13, of the date on which the last suspension expires; or
(b) in the case of any other driver (not being a driver to whom section 9 applies), a total of six or more but less than nine demerit points,
has been accumulated on the driving record, the Registrar shall send a warning notice to that driver advising him of the total of demerit points accumulated on his record and warning him that he may be required to appear before an officer of the division. (EC1216/80)

9. When in the case of a driver who does not have and has never had a driver’s license, a total of three or more demerit points has been accumulated on the driving record, the Registrar may send a warning notice to that driver advising him of the total demerit points accumulated on his record and may, by notice specifying a time and place therefor, require the driver to appear before him or an officer of the division designated by the Registrar for a driving record interview. (EC1216/80)

10. (1) The Registrar shall deduct three demerit points from the driving record of a person who has accumulated three but not more than eleven demerit points immediately upon that person successfully completing a Canada Safety Council driving course.
(2) The Registrar shall create a driving record for a person who has not accumulated demerit points and shall deduct three demerit points within a twenty-four month period after the successful completion of a Canada Safety Council driving course if that person accumulates three but not more than eleven demerit points within that period.
(3) A deduction under subsection (1) or (2) shall be made only once in any period of twenty-four months and shall have effect in respect of the oldest conviction then entered on the record. (EC1216/80; 304/11; 392/12)

11. (1) When in the case of any driver other than a newly licensed driver, a total of nine or more but less than twelve demerit points has been accumulated on the driving record, the Registrar shall, by notice, require that driver to appear before him or an officer of the division designated by the Registrar for a driving record interview.
(2) A person required to appear for a driving record interview under subsection (1) shall furnish such information and evidence as may be required to show cause why his license should not be suspended. (EC1216/80; 221/93)
12. (1) Where a person fails to appear when required to do so under subsection 11(1), the Registrar may by notice suspend his driver’s license until he complies with the requirement.

(2) Where the Registrar is of the opinion that a person has failed to show cause why his license should not be suspended, the Registrar may by notice suspend the license of that person for such period not exceeding three months as he deems advisable. (EC1216/80)

13. (1) The Registrar shall by notice suspend for a period of one month the driver’s license of a newly licensed driver if he has accumulated on his driving record

(a) a total of six or more demerit points within twelve months; or

(b) a total of nine or more demerit points within twenty-four months,

of the first issue of his driver’s license or, where his driver’s license has been suspended under this section, of the date on which the last suspension expires.

(1.1) The Registrar shall by notice suspend for a period of one month the driver’s license of a Stage 1 driver if the driver has accumulated any demerit points on the Stage 1 driver’s driving record.

(2) Where demerit points are assessed against a Stage 1 driver or a newly licensed driver for any of the offences set out in items 1 to 4b of the Schedule, the Registrar shall, by notice, suspend his driver’s license for a period of twelve months.

(3) The Registrar shall, by notice, suspend the driver’s license of a person, other than a newly licensed driver,

(a) for a period of twelve months, where twelve demerit points have been entered on the person’s driving record under these regulations in respect of convictions for any of the offences listed in items 1 to 4b of the Schedule; or

(b) for a period of three months, where twelve or more demerit points have been entered on the person’s driving record under these regulations in respect of convictions for any of the other offences listed in the Schedule.

(3.1) The Registrar shall suspend a person’s driving license under subsection (3) notwithstanding the fact that between the date the Registrar entered twelve or more demerit points on the person’s driving record under these regulations and the date the driver receives notice of the license suspension, the person is entitled to a striking or deduction from the person’s driving record of demerit points under these regulations.
(3.2) For greater certainty, the Registrar shall suspend a person’s driver’s license under subsection (3) notwithstanding that the Registrar has

(a) under section 6, struck any of the person’s demerit points from the person’s driving record after the Registrar had entered twelve or more demerit points on the person’s driving record under these regulations, prior to the demerit points being struck by the Registrar; or

(b) under section 10, deducted demerit points from a person’s driving record after the Registrar had entered twelve or more demerit points on the person’s driving record under these regulations, prior to the demerit points being deducted by the Registrar.

(4) Where the license of a driver has been suspended under subsection (1), (2) or (3), the Registrar may, before reinstating the license of the driver, by notice require the driver to appear before him or an officer of the division designated by the Registrar for a driving record interview and show cause why his license should be reinstated.

(5) Where the Registrar is of the opinion that the driver has failed to show cause why his license should be reinstated, he may by notice continue the suspension of that driver for such further period not exceeding three months as he considers advisable. (EC221/93; 437/07; 304/11)

14. Where a license is suspended under these regulations, the period of suspension shall be concurrent with the unexpired portion of any suspension or driving prohibition imposed under the authority of any other provision of law. (EC1216/80; 221/93)

15. Where a person is convicted of operating a motor vehicle while his driver’s license is suspended under these regulations except section 12, the Registrar shall by notice suspend his license for an additional period of six months. (EC1216/80; 221/93)

16. Any person whose driver’s license has been suspended under these regulations, except section 12, shall be placed on probation as a driver for period of one year immediately following the end of the period of suspension. (EC1216/80)

17. Where a person placed on probation as a driver under section 16 is convicted of any offence listed in the Schedule involving the use of a motor vehicle while in motion or the improper parking of a motor vehicle during the period of probation, the Registrar shall by notice suspend his license for an additional period
(a) of twelve months, where the conviction is in respect of an
offence listed in items 1 to 4b of the Schedule; or
(b) of three months, where the conviction is in respect of any other
offence listed in the Schedule,
and the additional period of suspension shall begin to run from the date
of that conviction. (EC221/93; 304/11)

18. The Demerit Point System Regulations (EC17/65 as amended) are
revoked but demerit points recorded under those regulations shall be
deemed to be recorded under these regulations. (EC1216/80)
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