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OFFENCES BY DEGREE

Offences on traffic rules and vehicle registration regulations are classified into 4 degrees. The higher the degree, the harsher the penalty.

The Royal Decree of 30 September 2005 determines the degree of violation of the provisions in the following regulations:

- The Royal Decree of 1 December 1975 containing general regulations on the police of road traffic and the use of the public road (traffic regulations);
- The Royal Decree of 8 January 1996 regulating the registration of commercial plates for motor vehicles and trailers;
- The Royal Decree of 20 July 2001 on the registration of vehicles.

Offences on provisions to which no degree has been assigned are first-degree offences.

Degree of offence	First degree	Second degree	Third degree	Fourth degree
Municipal administrative penalty	€ 58	€ 116	-	-
Immediate collection [1]	€ 58	€ 116	€ 174	€ 473 [2]
Amicable settlement	€ 85	€ 160	€ 235	-
Order to pay [3]	€ 115	€ 216	€ 317	-
Fine [4]	€80 to €2000	€ 160 to € 2000	€ 240 to € 4000	€ 320 to € 4000
Forfeiture of the right to steer	-	8 days to 5 years (possible)	8 days to 5 years (possible) [5]	8 days to 5 years (mandatory)

[1] Excluding administrative surcharge of €10.67 (2026 rate).
[2] Not possible for persons with residence or permanent domicile in Belgium. In principle, summonses are always issued.
[3] Amount of the amicable settlement increased by 35%.
[4] Excluding court costs and additional expenses.
[5] Mandatory if the guilty party has held the B driving licence for less than two years. See Law of 16 March 1968, art. 38, § 5.