

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

### **DL Points**

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on DL Points s.346, a proposed guidance document.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website:

<https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DMV62>

2. Mailing written comments to:

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### **WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at [wisconsin.dot.gov](http://wisconsin.dot.gov) to allow for ongoing comment.

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# Wisconsin's point system

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If you are convicted of a moving-traffic violation, you will receive demerit points on your driving record.

- The more demerit points you have, the more severe the penalties will be (see list below).
- Persons with a Probationary driver license are assessed double demerit points for their second and subsequent convictions.
- Courts report all moving-traffic convictions to the DMV.

## Suspension of driving privilege

When you accumulate 12 or more demerit points within a 12-month period, your driving privilege will be suspended. The type of driver license you have determines the requirements and timeframe of a suspension:

### **If you have a probationary driver license, instruction permit or have never been issued a license:**

- 12-30 points assessed – 6 month suspension
- More than 30 points assessed – 1 year suspension

### **If you have a regular driver license including a commercial driver license (CDL):**

- 12-16 points assessed – 2 month suspension
- 17-22 points assessed – 4 month suspension
- 23-30 points assessed – 6 month suspension
- More than 30 points assessed – 1 year suspension

## Occupational driver license

Under some circumstances you may be eligible for an Occupational driver license.

- Check your eligibility for an [occupational driver license](#).

## Point reduction

- You may reduce your point total by three points for attending an approved [traffic safety course](#).
  - Only one reduction is allowed in a three-year period

## Points assessed for convictions

You can obtain a complete listing of moving-traffic violations and the points assessed by downloading either of the following two publications:

- Driver Licensing Abbreviation Codes with Charge and Points [□ BDS108](#)
- Driver Licensing Conviction Charge Codes and Points with Statute Numbers [□ BDS109](#)

[□ Chapter Trans 101](#), Wisconsin Administrative Code provides complete details on the Wisconsin Point System.

## List of frequently assessed point violations

Points	Regular convictions
6	Attempting to elude an officer
6	Failure to perform duty after accident
3	Operating while revoked or suspended
6	Operating under the influence of intoxicant or drugs
6	Reckless driving or racing

6	Speeding 20 mph or more over limit
6	Violation of occupational license
4	Deviating from traffic lane
4	Driving on wrong side of highway or street
4	Failure to yield right of way
4	Failure to yield to emergency vehicle
4	Imprudent driving, too fast for conditions, failure to have vehicle under control
4	Inattentive driving
4	Failure by operator to stop for school bus when red lights are flashing
4	Speeding 11 through 19 mph over limit
4	Unnecessary acceleration
3	Arterial or traffic control violation
3	Driving wrong way on one way street
3	Failure to dim lights
3	Failure to give proper signal
3	Following too closely
3	Illegal passing
3	Improper brakes or lights
3	Operating with expired license or without any license
3	Operating with multiple licenses
3	Prohibited or illegal turn
3	Speeding 1 through 10 mph over limit
3	Violation of restriction
2	Obstructing traffic
2	Parking on highway in traffic lane, defective speedometer
0	License not in person's immediate possession
0	No registration plate light
<b>Points Commercial motor vehicle convictions</b>	
6	Operating while disqualified
6	Operating with alcohol concentration of 0.04 or more but less than 0.08 causing injury

6	Commercial speeding in excess (20 or more mph over limit)
4	Commercial speeding intermediate (15 through 19 mph over limit)
3	Possession of intoxicating beverage while operating or being on duty time with respect to a commercial motor vehicle
3	Unlawful commercial motor vehicle license or endorsement
0	Operating a commercial motor vehicle or being on duty time with respect to a commercial motor vehicle while having any measured alcohol concentration above 0.0 but less than 0.04 or within 4 hours of having consumed or having been under the influence of an intoxicating beverage, regardless of alcohol content
0	Operating with alcohol concentration of 0.04 or more but less than 0.08 and not causing injury
<b>Points Motorcycle convictions</b>	
3	Headlights not lit (daylight hours 0 points)
3	No cycle license
2	Defective or repaired handlebars
2	More than 2 riders (operator)
2	No eye protection (operator)
0	No protective headgear

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