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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	€ 64	€ 128	-	-
Immediate collection [1]	€ 64	€ 128	€ 191	€ 520 [2]
Amicable settlement	€ 94	€ 176	€ 259	-
Order to pay [3]	€ 127	€ 238	€ 350	-
Fine [4]	€ 100 to € 2500	€ 200 to € 2500	€ 300 to € 5000	€ 400 to € 5000
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 license for less than two years. See Law of 16 March 1968, art. 38, § 5.