

Overview of Services

The Director, Monetary Penalties Enforcement Service is the sole authority responsible for the collection and enforcement of monetary penalties imposed by way of infringement notice or by order of a court.

All monetary penalties are issued with a period of 28 days within which payment must be made. Failure to pay within this time results in enforcement action under the *Monetary Penalties Enforcement Act 2005* (the Act).

The Act provides for a range of enforcement sanctions that the Director will impose against those who have failed to pay their monetary penalty.

Options for dealing with a monetary penalty!

Unless withdrawn, paid in full or in accordance with an approved variation of payment conditions notice a monetary penalty will be subject to enforcement action.

Enforcement orders and sanctions attract additional fees which are also recoverable under the Act.

Infringement Notice (within 28 days of service)

1. Pay the monetary penalty in full;
2. Apply to the issuing authority for a withdrawal;
3. Elect to contest the offence in court; or
4. Apply for a variation of payment conditions

Court imposed fine (within 28 days)

1. Pay the monetary penalty in full;
2. Apply to the issuing authority for a withdrawal; or
3. Apply for a variation of payment conditions

Enforcement Order (within 14 days)

1. Pay the monetary penalty in full;
2. Apply to suspend the enforcement order; or
3. Apply for a variation of payment conditions

Variation of Payment Conditions Notice (VPCN)

1. Pay in accordance with the VPCN; or
2. Pay in full.

A range of flexible payment options are available as shown below. Anyone experiencing financial difficulties is encouraged to contact MPES to discuss how to vary their payment conditions.



BPAY

Biller Code 24661



INTERNET

www.servicetasmania.tas.gov.au



PHONE

1300 366 772



IN PERSON

Service Tasmania

FOR FURTHER OPTIONS

Call 1300 366 776 to discuss

Payments received by MPES are allocated, in accordance with specific rules provided for in the Act, to the oldest outstanding monetary penalty.

If a monetary penalty that has been paid is withdrawn and providing there are no other outstanding monetary penalties the enforcement debtor will receive a refund of any monies previously paid with respect to that penalty.

Deemed Convictions

Unless withdrawn or a notice to elect a court hearing has not been provided a person is automatically convicted of the offences set out in an infringement notice within 28 days of its issue and service.

Enforcement Sanctions

Imposed as a last resort against those who have failed to comply with the conditions of an enforcement order sanctions are used to encourage payment.

Once imposed enforcement sanctions remain in force until the monetary penalty is withdrawn, paid in full or in accordance with an approved VPCN.

Anyone who is overly disadvantaged through the imposition of an enforcement sanctions is encouraged to contact MPES to discuss payment options.

Further information

For further information visit www.justice.tas.gov.au/fines or phone 1300 366 776 or email fines@justice.tas.gov.au

Frequently Asked Questions

Where do monetary penalties come from?

MPES does not issue infringement notices or fines; it collects them on behalf of State and Local Government agencies and Tasmanian courts.

Most fines come from infringement notices issued by the Tasmanian Police Service or from Local Government Councils enforcing parking regulations and other local laws. These fines are referred to MPES for enforcement.

How to find out more about fines?

If you want to know more about your fines and why the fine was issued, or why it was referred to MPES, you should contact the agency that referred it. Contact details for the referring agency are included on your original infringement or notice of fine.

Why didn't I find out about my fine earlier?

If an infringement notice couldn't be given directly to you (parking, road safety camera etc), the address on your vehicle registration may have been used to post you the original notice.

Having an out of date address on your driver licence or vehicle registration is the most common reason why people miss their first chance to pay their fines.

Can my fines be waived?

MPES did not issue your infringement notice, so we are unable to waive your fine.

If you didn't know about your fine and have not elected a court hearing you may be able to apply to a court to set aside the deemed conviction, vary or reduce the penalty.

However, if you do not wish to go to court MPES must continue to enforce the fine unless the agency that referred it withdraws the infringement notice.

Disputes about the validity of the fine or complaints about how it was issued cannot be made with MPES; they must be made to the agency that issued the infringement notice.

What if you refuse to pay?

If you refuse to pay MPES will issue an enforcement order (this will attract an additional fee) for each outstanding infringement notice or fine.

If you continue to avoid payment MPES will publish your name, address, driver licence number and details of your monetary penalty on the internet.

What sanctions can MPES impose?

In addition to the above if you fail to comply with the conditions of an enforcement order the Director will impose any of the following enforcement sanctions.

Direct the suspension of your driver licence, or prevent you from obtaining one. Even if you have a driver licence from another State you will not be allowed to drive in Tasmania;

Direct the suspension of any vehicles registered in your name, this will prevent such vehicles from being driven or parked on any public street;

Seize and sell your property. This could include your vehicle(s) or even your house. You will also be liable for the cost of removing, storing and selling the property so a small fine could cost you a lot of money;

Order your employer or financial institution to deduct monies from your wages, or savings account.

MPES can even issue a warrant for your arrest where at anytime, anywhere, you will have to pay the overdue amount in full or be taken into custody. If you are arrested in Tasmania you will be imprisoned immediately for one (1) day for each \$120.00 owed.

What if you can't afford to pay?

MPES provides a range of payment options to suit most budgets. Instalment plans are available for regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments.

You can even arrange deductions through your Centrelink benefit so you don't have to worry about missing a payment.