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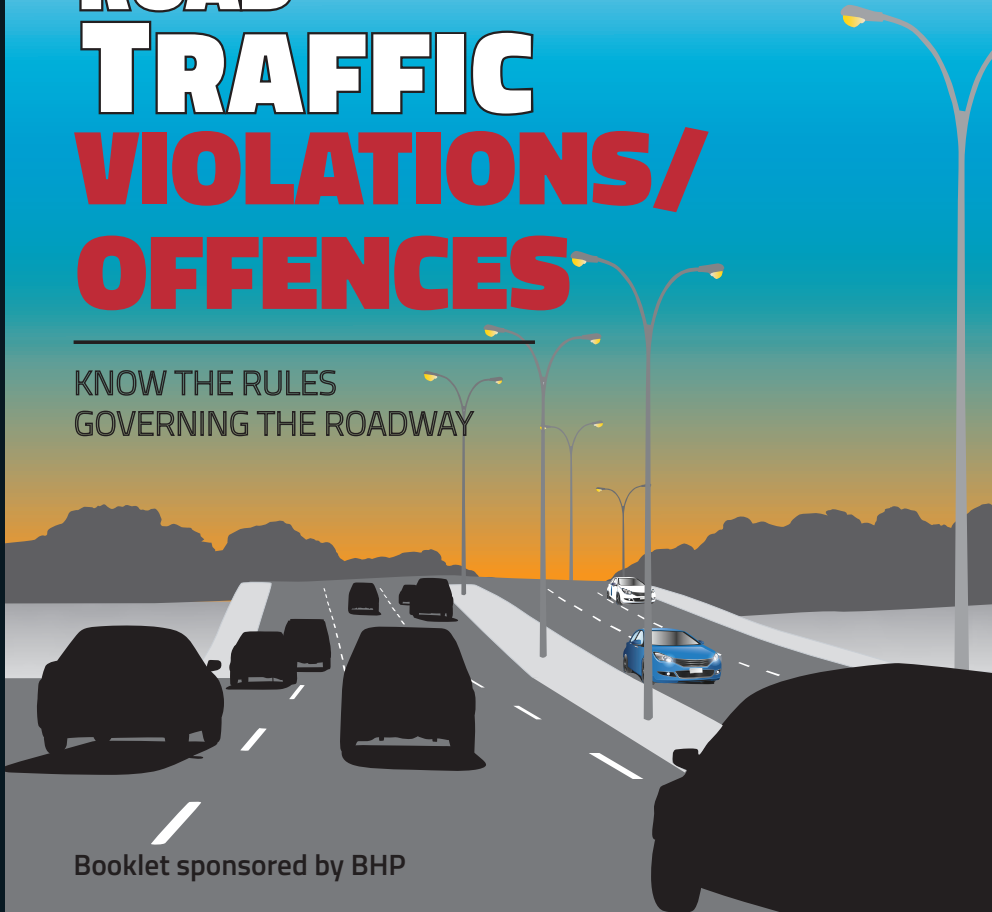


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MESSAGE FROM ARRIVE ALIVE

The World Health Organisation in its *Global Status Report on Road Safety 2018* established the recommended policies and practices that are required to enhance road safety. We must all work towards the adoption of these internationally recognised policies and practices which are based on a comprehensive analysis of all factors contributing to road traffic crashes and the resulting fatalities/injuries. We must all try harder to reduce these serious collisions that are all preventable.

Arrive Alive compliments the hard work of the Ministry of Works & Transport, the TTPS, the Judiciary, the Attorney General's office, as well as TT Post on the proclamation and operationalisation of the Act to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap 48:50 effective May 26th 2020. This Act introduces a system of traffic violations for the more serious breaches of the Act which includes the implementation of a Red Light Camera System, Demerit Points System, the reform of the fixed penalty system, related legal proceedings and other pertinent matters.

With this Act being proclaimed into law, drivers will not only be fined but will have demerit points lodged against their driver's permit record of offences. This means that drivers will lose their 'privilege to drive' if/when they exceed the number of demerit points in one year. Arrive Alive is confident that this new system will bolster our law enforcement agencies and be a true preventative measure in the saving of lives on our roads.

We therefore urge all drivers to take a driver's education course, to learn hazard perception and to drive defensively - to change driving behaviour. This new law increases the ease of enforcement through the use of technology, brings greater support to the law enforcement agencies and reduces the corruption that is inherent in the current system. We appeal to the Licensing Authority to make driver's education mandatory, prior to the privilege to drive all classes of vehicles on our roads. We also look forward to Spot Speed Cameras being installed along our nation's main roads and highways, particularly where serious collisions and fatalities have occurred and the implementation of the law to ticket by camera.

Arrive Alive is cognisant of the fact that past achievements, however small, could not have been made without the hard work and dedication of the various stakeholders of road safety. We therefore wish to thank all our partners and sponsors, particularly BHP Trinidad & Tobago, for their consistent commitment to road safety and their ongoing support of Arrive Alive. We also thank all the honest, hardworking police officers, the staff of the Ministry of Works & Transport, the Ministry of Social Development & Family Services, the Judiciary, the Attorney General's office, the First Responders, the communities, universities, colleges and schools, as well as our supporters, who have steadfastly continued to play their part in improving safety on our nation's roads.

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ARRIVE ALIVE is a Non-Governmental, Apolitical Organisation and leading advocate for road safety.

Our Mission

To advocate for better road traffic management systems and to support and educate the various stakeholders on the complex issues of road safety through inter-agency collaboration and intervention and to positively impact the behaviour of all road users so as to preserve lifestyles and save lives.

Our Vision

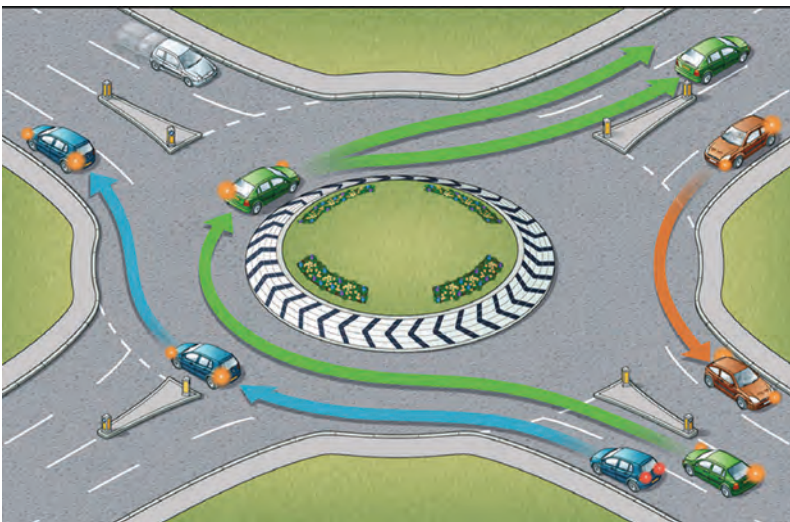
Keeping families together with ZERO injuries and ZERO fatalities.

Whether you are an experienced driver or a novice, this booklet will provide you with the current information on traffic offences and the penalties imposed for breaking the law.

We recommend that you study this booklet to learn more about the laws relating to the use of our nation's roads. These laws, regulations and road traffic signs are intended to enhance safety for all road users.

We recommend that all drivers, especially young drivers, take a defensive driving course which teaches how to drive safely and how to adapt to the actions of other drivers and road conditions.

Use your indicator to indicate where you wish to go prior to entering the roundabout.



Keep
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indicator
on until
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leave
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STAY
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THE DEMERIT POINTS SYSTEM

The **Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, No. 9 of 2017**, introduced the Demerit Points System in Trinidad and Tobago as another road safety measure for the improvement of our nation's road traffic culture. The Demerit Points System's objectives are to encourage drivers to continue to improve their driving behaviour and refrain from abusing their privilege to be the holder of a driving permit. Demerit Points are accumulated by breaking road traffic laws which carry demerit points. Errant drivers who are repeat offenders will consequently be exposed to disqualification for specified periods and mandatory rehabilitation when they have reached or exceeded the number of demerit points within the various thresholds. The Demerit Points System will encourage road traffic law compliance and safer driving behavior on our nation's roads.

HOW DO DEMERIT POINTS WORK?

Demerit Points are applied to your driving permit record upon:

- Payment of a Fixed Penalty (the specified sum to be paid for a Traffic Ticket);
- Conviction before a Court;
- Failure to pay the Fixed Penalty within the prescribed time frame.

You start with zero (0) points on your driving permit record and demerit points are then added when you break the road traffic laws. Demerit Points will stay on your record for a maximum of two (2) years. Once two (2) years has passed without accumulating any more points, the demerit points will automatically be removed from your driving permit record.

If you obtain the maximum threshold of demerit points, depending on if you are a newly licensed or an experienced driver, you can be disqualified from driving for a specified period.

HOW ARE DEMERIT POINTS APPLIED?

- **New Driver (holding a driving permit for a period of twelve (12) months or less from the date of issue).**

As a newly licensed driver, if you accumulate seven (7) or more demerit points within twelve (12) months from the date of issue, you can have your driving permit disqualified for a period of one (1) year.



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- **Experienced Driver (Holding a Driving Permit for more than twelve (12) months from the date of issue).**

Where an experienced driver has accumulated within three (3) years:

- Ten (10) or more but less than fourteen (14) demerit points, he or she shall be subject to disqualification for six (6) months;
- Fourteen (14) or more but less than twenty (20) demerit points, he or she shall be subject to disqualification for a period of one (1) year;
- Twenty (20) or more demerit points, he or she shall be subject to disqualification for a period of two (2) years.
- When you accumulate demerit points that meet or exceed the specified limit for demerit points and you are subject to disqualification, the Licensing Authority will notify you in writing prior to disqualification.
- Once you receive a notification of impending disqualification, you will have an opportunity to show cause that is, giving reasons or explaining in writing why your driving permit should not be suspended.
- Where you fail to show cause and the Licensing Authority decides to disqualify you from holding a driving permit, the Licensing Authority shall inform you of the disqualification in writing. The disqualification will take effect fourteen (14) days after the date of the notice.
- You will then be required to surrender your driving permit to the Licensing Authority.
- Failure to surrender your driving permit to the Licensing Authority is an offence with a fine of five thousand (\$5000) dollars **and** further disqualification for an additional period of one (1) year.

HOW DO I REGAIN A DRIVING PERMIT?

- A person disqualified from driving by the Licensing Authority shall surrender the driving permit to the Licensing Authority within the specified time frame and the driving permit shall be of no effect during the period of suspension.
- When the applicable disqualification period expires, all demerit points recorded against your driving permit record shall be expunged.
- After the disqualification period expires, you may have a driving permit reissued to you by completing the following steps:
 1. Participating in a driver's rehabilitation programme approved by the Licensing Authority;
 2. Passing a driving test;
 3. Paying the fee for the reissue of the driving permit.

This is general information only and does not constitute legal advice.

Simultaneous Traffic Violations in One Incident and Demerit Points

- When you commit more than one traffic violation in one incident which results in the simultaneous accumulation of points, the violation that attracts the highest number of points will be applied to your driving permit record.

For example, if you commit two (2) traffic violations which carried respectively four (4) demerit points and six (6) demerit points, the traffic violation that carries the higher number of demerit points (in this case six (6)), will be applied to your driving permit record. This is a safeguard that protects you from being exposed to disqualification after being issued with more than one fixed penalty notice in one incident.

- However, if you breach a red light (which is observed by a law enforcement officer) and exceed the speed limit, demerit points would be recorded for both violations on your driving permit record in addition to the highest number of demerit points for any other traffic violation arising out of the same incident.

Imposition of Double Demerit Points:

- The Minister has the authority to prescribe from time to time by Order for periods (e.g. long weekends such as Easter and Festive Seasons such as Carnival, Christmas and New Year's) during which Double Demerit Points will be enforced for specific traffic violations. These traffic violations will carry Double Demerit Points.
- An Order for the implementation of Double Demerit Points shall be published in the Gazette and in at least one daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago, at least five (5) days prior to the commencement of period of Double Demerit Points. This period of Double Demerit Points will not exceed ten (10) consecutive days.
- For example, driving while holding or using a handheld mobile device carries three (3) demerit points. During the period of Double Demerit Points, this traffic violation will carry six (6) demerit points.

Please see the following pages for a detailed listing of the Demerit Points System as contained in the Ninth Schedule of the MVRT Act.



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FIXED PENALTY TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS/OFFENCES AND DEMERIT POINTS

MVRT (Amendment) Act, No. 9 of 2017 – Sections 80-84, 88K-88P & the Ninth Schedule

	Description of Traffic violation or Offence	Relevant Section/Regulation	Fixed Penalty \$	Demerit Points
1.	Using or altering a motor vehicle or trailer for a purpose not authorised by the registration or Licensing Authority	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 21(1)(b)	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
2.	Public Service Vehicle carrying excess passengers	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 21(1)(c)	<u>750.00</u>	3
3.	Goods vehicle carrying excess weight	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 21(1)(c)	<u>750.00</u>	3
4.	Use of motor vehicle with the windscreen or any other window fitted with glass so tinted, treated or darkened as to obscure the view of the inside of the vehicle from outside	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 23(1)(d)	<u>2,000.00</u>	
5.	Use of motor vehicle under dealer's licence by a person other than a dealer	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 39	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
6.	Driving while disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving permit	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 42		14
7.	Riding Motor Cycle without safety helmet	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 43(1)	<u>1,000.00</u>	4
8.	Failure of a driver and any passenger seventeen years and over to wear a seat belt while the vehicle is in motion	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 43C(1)	<u>1,000.00</u>	4
9.	Driving a vehicle with a person in the front seat who is not wearing a seat belt	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 43C(1A)	<u>1,000.00</u>	4
10.	Driving a vehicle with a child in the front seat who is five years and under	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 43D(1)(a)	<u>1,000.00</u>	4



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11.	Failing to place a child who is five years and under in a child restraint or booster seat in the vehicle while driving the vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 43D(1)(b)	<u>1,000.00</u>	4
12.	Offences of driving instructor	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 46	<u>2,000.00</u>	9
13.	Exceeding the specified speed limit— by 1 to 9 km per hour by 10 to 20 km per hour by 21 to 30 km per hour by 31 km or more per hour	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 62(1)	<u>1,000.00</u> <u>1,500.00</u> <u>2,000.00</u> <u>3,000.00</u>	0 2 4 6
14.	Motor racing and speed trials between motor vehicles with- out permission	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 63	<u>1,000.00</u>	6
15.	Traffic Signs	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 64	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
16.	Breach of Traffic Order made by the Minister	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 65(1)	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
17.	Failing to comply with directive of a police constable	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 66(a)	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
18.	Failing to comply with a traffic sign or notice authorised by the Licensing Authority or Commissioner of Police, respectively.	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 66(b)	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
19.	Failing to comply with a traffic light signal	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 66A	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
20.	Failing to comply with a traffic light signal captured under Part VA	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 66A	<u>1,000.00</u>	
21.	Contravention of Traffic Order made by the Commissioner of Police	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 68(7)	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
22.	Breach of parking restriction made by the Minister	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 69(1)(b)	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
23.	Driving when under the influence of drug	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 70		9



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24.	Driving or being in charge of a vehicle while blood alcohol levels exceed prescribed limit	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 70A		9
25.	Failure to provide a specimen of breath or blood	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 70B		14
26.	Failure to submit breath analysis or wilful alternation of concentration of alcohol in his breath or blood	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 70C		14
27.	Careless Driving	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 72		6
28.	Motor Cyclist holding onto another moving vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 77(2)(a)	<u>750.00</u>	2
29.	Motor Cyclist riding with no hands on the handle bar	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 77(2)(b)	<u>750.00</u>	2
30.	Throwing or distributing advertisements or handbills from a vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 78(1)	<u>300.00</u>	
31.	Standing for hire at a place not appointed for the purpose	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 91(3)	<u>750.00</u>	3
32.	Unauthorised parking on grounds of a public building	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 107(1)	<u>750.00</u>	2
33.	Defaced or defective identification plate	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 7	<u>450.00</u>	3
34.	No identification plate fixed to the front or back of the vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 9	<u>750.00</u>	3
35.	No identification lights for the illumination of identification marks on vehicle at night	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 10	<u>300.00</u>	2
36.	Failing to observe restrictions on pedestrian crossings	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulations 16, 17 and 18	<u>1,200.00</u>	
37.	Number of passengers to be carried not printed on right front door of taxi	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 17(a)	<u>300.00</u>	
38.	Failure to produce a vehicle for inspection/Driving a vehicle without a valid inspection sticker and certificate	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 27(11)	<u>1,000.00</u>	9



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39.	No Tare and M.G.W. painted on vehicles	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 28(1)(h)	<u>1,000.00</u>	
40.	Vehicle with defective fittings	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 28(1)(i)	<u>450.00</u>	2
41.	Vehicle without silencers or fitted with cut outs	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 28(1)(j)	<u>300.00</u>	3
42.	Unauthorised lights to front or rear of vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 28(1)(k)	<u>750.00</u>	3
43.	Unauthorised letters and figures on vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 28(1)(l)	<u>750.00</u>	
44.	Vehicle without two head lamps	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 28(1)(m)(i)	<u>1,000.00</u>	2
45.	Vehicle without park lights	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 28(1)(m)(ii)	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
46.	Vehicle without tail lights	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 28(1)(m)(iii)	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
47.	Vehicle with unauthorised spot or swivel lights	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 28(1)(m)(iv)	<u>1,000.00</u>	4
48.	No "left hand drive" notice affixed to appropriate vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 31(2)	<u>300.00</u>	
49.	Reversing on roads for an unreason- able distance	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 1	<u>750.00</u>	3
50.	Reversing at the junction of roads or around corner in the City of Port-of-Spain or San Fernando	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 1	<u>1,000.00</u>	2
51.	Quitting vehicle before applying brakes and switching off engine	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 3	<u>1,000.00</u>	
52.	Failing to keep vehicle to left on road	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 5(1)	<u>1,000.00</u>	



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53.	Improper overtaking on the left side of the road	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 5(3)	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
54.	Obstructing overtaking traffic	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 5(4)	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
55.	Improper overtaking on the right, cutting in	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 5(5)	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
56.	Overtaking traffic at a place dangerous to do so	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 5(6)	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
57.	Parking within nine metres of a corner	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 5(10)	<u>500.00</u>	
58.	Drawing up alongside another vehicle; backing motor vehicle to kerb or roadside	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 5(11)	<u>500.00</u>	
59.	Parking within three metres of a fire hydrant	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 5(12)	<u>500.00</u>	2
60.	Parking within three metres of the front of a fire station	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 5(13)	<u>1,000.00</u>	2
61.	Negligently or wilfully interrupting the free passage or causing an unnecessary obstruction	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 6	<u>600.00</u>	3
62.	Failing to draw up as close as possible to the side of the road	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 11	<u>300.00</u>	
63.	Vehicle without horn	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 12(1)	<u>300.00</u>	3
64.	Permitting excess sparks, smoke or visible vapour to come from vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 13	<u>1,000.00</u>	
65.	Vehicle carrying excessive projection	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 15	<u>750.00</u>	2
66.	Overcrowded vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 16	<u>1,000.00</u>	3



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67.	Carrying persons in a dangerous manner	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 17	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
68.	Leaving broken- down vehicle on road unattended	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap.48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 18	<u>500.00</u>	
69.	Failing to draw up vehicle for passage of any engine or other apparatus of the Fire Service, Police Vehicles, Defence Force Vehicles or Ambulances.	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 19	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
70.	Towing other than a motor vehicle without written permission of the Licensing Authority	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 20	<u>600.00</u>	2
71.	Length of tow rope exceeding five metres	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap.48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 21	<u>450.00</u>	
72.	Vehicle without reflecting mirror	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 40	<u>750.00</u>	2
73.	Vehicle carrying unsecured load	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 42	<u>750.00</u>	2
74.	Use of noisy vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 43	<u>300.00</u>	2
75.	Use of vehicle with defective tyres	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 44	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
76.	Use of vehicle with no windshield wiper or defective wiper	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 46	<u>300.00</u>	2
77.	Playing a musical or noisy instrument in a vehicle without permission of the Licensing Authority	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 49	<u>1,000.00</u>	
78.	Driving vehicle on footpath or pavement	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 57	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
79.	Public Service vehicle without spare tyre	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 76(j)	<u>750.00</u>	
80.	Public Service vehicle importuning of passenger	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 78	<u>750.00</u>	
81.	Taxi Driver unsuitably attired	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 79	<u>750.00</u>	
82.	Placing of advertisement on side of window of taxi	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 80	<u>300.00</u>	



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83.	Taxi unattended at head of taxi stand	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 81(2)	<u>600.00</u>	
84.	Failing to occupy vacant space in taxi stand	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 94(2)	<u>750.00</u>	
85.	Parking in a public stand appointed for taxi	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 95	<u>750.00</u>	
86.	Stopping or parking or driving a motor vehicle on a surveillance bay	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 110A(2)	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
87.	Failing to preserve taxi driver's badge against loss, destruction or defacement	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 115	<u>300.00</u>	
88.	Failing to produce taxi driver's badge and licence on demand	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 115	<u>450.00</u>	2
89.	Use of Priority Bus Route by unauthorised vehicle	Special Roads (Traffic) Regulations Chap. 48:01, Regulation 2	<u>2,000.00</u>	6
90.	Using or causing to be used or permitting a person to use a motor vehicle or licenced trailer on a public road without a valid policy of insurance	Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third-Party Risks) Act, Chap. 48:51, section 3	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
91.	Unauthorised driving or parking within Queen's Park Savannah	Queen's Park Act, Chap. 41:04, Regulation 1A	<u>1,000.00</u>	
92.	Operation of maxi- taxis outside specified route	Maxi-Taxi Act, Chap. 48:53, Regulation 7(1)	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
93.	Vehicle painted in such a manner as to be mistaken for a maxi-taxi	Maxi-Taxi Act, Chap. 48:53, section 12(1)	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
94.	Driving while holding or using a hand held mobile device	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Mobile Devices) Regulations, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 4	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
95.	Holding or using a hand held mobile device while supervising the holder of a provisional permit	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Mobile Devices) Regulations, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 5	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
96.	Using a wireless communication device to view, send or compose an electronic message while driving or having charge of a vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Mobile Devices) Regulations, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 7	<u>1,000.00</u>	3

THE NEW TRAFFIC TICKETING SYSTEM

The New Traffic Ticketing System involves the use of technology, which allows drivers to pay and settle a reduced fine called a fixed penalty for traffic tickets without going through the Court system. With the support of technology, namely the U-Turn System, some of the features of the New Traffic Ticketing System are:

- Law Enforcement Officers will utilize handheld mobile ticketing devices to generate electronic traffic tickets called E-tickets. Law Enforcement Officers will have instant access to data during road traffic exercises.
- Once a traffic ticket is issued, all the information on the ticket is electronically transmitted in real time to all agencies:
 - Traffic Enforcement Center for monitoring and managing;
 - TTPOST to process the payment of the fine on the traffic ticket;
 - Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago should a Notice to Contest be filed within the 15-day time frame by the traffic violator;
 - Licensing Division to access the relevant information should the traffic violator fail to pay the fine within the 30-day time frame;
 - TTPS for archiving and taking further action if necessary.
- Information is printed on the reverse/back of the traffic ticket detailing the process to pay the fine or to file a notice to contest and the consequences for non-payment of the fine.
- To pay the fine on the traffic ticket via CASH or LINX, visit any authorised TTPOST location nationwide.
- To initiate the process for the contesting of traffic tickets, a Notice to Contest must be filed online at the website www.contest.ttlawcourts.org
- Failure to pay a traffic ticket on time will result in fine escalations and the imposition of administrative sanctions by the Licensing Authority such as, suspension of the driving permit of the driver, ceasing all transactions with the driver or the motor vehicle.

See the table below for an example of the fine escalation for non-payment of a traffic ticket – eg. use of a mobile phone while driving.

Traffic Violation	Payment Amount	Payment Period	Demerit Points
<i>Using Mobile Phone while driving</i>	\$1000.00 fine to be paid.	Thirty (30) days	Three (3) Demerit Points
Failure to pay traffic ticket within thirty (30) days	Escalation of 25% applies. \$1,250.00 to be paid.	Additional fourteen (14) days	
Failure to pay \$1,250.00 within the additional fourteen (14) days	Another escalation of 25% applies. \$1,500.00 to be paid.	Additional fourteen (14) days	



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The New Traffic Ticketing System (CONTINUED)

If the escalated fine is still unpaid, the Licensing Authority has the power to impose administrative sanctions such as:

- a. Suspension of the driving permit of the driver;
- b. Ceasing all transactions in relation to the traffic violator;
- c. Ceasing all transactions with the vehicle involved in the traffic violation, until the outstanding fine (\$1,500.00) is fully paid.

Once the escalated fine is paid, the administrative sanctions will be immediately lifted. However, the demerit points will remain recorded against the driving permit record of the traffic violator.

- If the traffic violation on the ticket carries demerit points, demerit points will be recorded against the driving permit record of the driver.
- The status of traffic tickets and the number of demerit points accumulated on a person's driving permit record can be accessed and reviewed via the online portal at www.apps.mowt.gov.tt.

To learn more information about the new Traffic Ticketing System, log on to www.drivingtt.com.

WHEN SHOULD DRIVERS PAY THE FIXED PENALTY FINES?

30 THE NUMBER OF DAYS TO PAY THE FINE STATED ON THE NOTICE ISSUED

15 THE NUMBER OF DAYS TO FILE A NOTICE TO CONTEST WITH THE COURT FROM THE DATE OF THE NOTICE ISSUED IF YOU WISH CONTEST THE NOTICE

14 THE NUMBER OF DAYS IN WHICH AN OFFENDER MUST NOW PAY AN ESCALATED FINE OF 25%

14 THE NUMBER OF DAYS IN WHICH AN OFFENDER MUST NOW PAY AN ESCALATED FINE OF 50%

FAILURE TO PAY OUTSTANDING FINES MAY RESULT IN ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY

SPEED LIMITS

The Speed Limits (Built-Up Areas) Order, 2017

Made by the Minister under section 62(2) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Ch. 48:50

All roads in Trinidad and Tobago are declared to be built-up areas for the purposes of Section 62 of the Act, thereby carrying a speed limit of 50 km/h. The roads or portions of roads that are declared not to be built-up areas are as follows:

The roads or portions of roads that are not to be built up areas are as follows:	Class or description of Motor Vehicle	Time	Special Speed Limit km/h
(a) Beetham Highway from 1.53 kilometre mark at Market Overpass (east) in the vicinity of the Central Market/NP to 4.81 kilometre mark at Barataria Overpass;	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor, motor omnibus, motor vehicle constructed to carry more than ten passengers, goods vehicle the licensed M.G.W. of which exceeds 3200 hundred kilogrammes with or without trailer, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which does not exceed 3200 hundred kilogrammes with a trailer or private motor car with trailer (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	100
(b) Churchill-Roosevelt Highway from 4.81 kilometre mark at Barataria Overpass to 34.8 kilometre mark at Antigua Road, Cumuto;	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor, motor omnibus, motor vehicle constructed to carry more than ten passengers, goods vehicle the licensed M.G.W. of which exceeds 3200 hundred kilogrammes with or without trailer, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which does not exceed 3200 hundred kilogrammes with a trailer or private motor car with trailer (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	100

The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 (CONTINUED)

	The roads or portions of roads that are not to be built up areas are as follows:	Class or description of Motor Vehicle	Time	Special Speed Limit km/h
	(c) Uriah Butler Highway from 2.75 kilometre mark at Bamboo Village Overpass to 15.65 kilometre mark at Chaguanas Overpass;	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor, motor omnibus, motor vehicle constructed to carry more than ten passengers, goods vehicle the licensed M.G.W. of which exceeds 3200 hundred kilogrammes with or without trailer, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which does not exceed 3200 hundred kilogrammes with a trailer or private motor car with trailer (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	100
	(d) Solomon Hochoy Highway from 15.65 kilometre mark at Chaguanas Main Road to 45.35 kilometre mark at Golconda Exit;	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor, motor omnibus, motor vehicle constructed to carry more than ten passengers, goods vehicle the licensed M.G.W. of which exceeds 3200 hundred kilogrammes with or without trailer, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which does not exceed 3200 hundred kilogrammes with a trailer or private motor car with trailer (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	100
8	The Audrey Jeffers Freeway situated in the County of St. George from 0.00 kilometre mark at Ana Street to 3.60 kilometre mark at Western Main Road	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor, motor omnibus, motor vehicle constructed to carry more than ten passengers, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which exceeds 3200 kilogrammes with or without trailer, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which does not exceed 3200 kilogrammes with a trailer or private motor car with trailer (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	80



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The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 (CONTINUED)

	The roads or portions of roads that are not to be built up areas are as follows:	Class or description of Motor Vehicle	Time	Special Speed Limit km/h
9	The Diego Martin Highway from 0.00 kilometre mark at Western Main Road to 4.63 kilometre mark at Wendy Fitzwilliam Boulevard	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor, motor omnibus, motor vehicle constructed to carry more than ten passengers, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which exceeds 3200 kilogrammes with or without trailer, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which does not exceed 3200 kilogrammes with a trailer or private motor car with trailer (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	80
10	That part of the Eastern Main Road, Sangre Grande from 37.0 kilometre mark to 43.0 kilometre mark, commonly referred to as "the Valencia Stretch"	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor, motor omnibus, motor vehicle constructed to carry more than ten passengers, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which exceeds 3200 hundred kilogrammes with or without trailer, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which does not exceed 3200 hundred kilogrammes with a trailer or private motor car with trailer (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	80
11	The South Trunk Road Extension from 0.55 kilometre mark at start of grass median southwest of Oropouche Roundabout to 3.70 kilometre mark at end of grass median near Mon Desir-Delhi Road	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor, motor omnibus, motor vehicle constructed to carry more than ten passengers, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which exceeds 3200 kilogrammes with or without trailer, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which does not exceed 3200 kilogrammes with a trailer or private motor car with trailer (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	80



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The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 (CONTINUED)

	The roads or portions of roads that are not to be built up areas are as follows:	Class or description of Motor Vehicle	Time	Special Speed Limit km/h
12	The Claude Noel Highway from Shirvan Junction to Bacolet Street	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor, motor omnibus, motor vehicle constructed to carry more than ten passengers, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which exceeds 3200 kilogrammes with or without trailer, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which does not exceed 3200 kilogrammes with a trailer or private motor car with trailer (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	80
13	The Shirvan Road from Claude Noel Highway to Grafton Road	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor, motor omnibus, motor vehicle constructed to carry more than ten passengers, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which exceeds 3200 kilogrammes with or without trailer, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which does not exceed 3200 kilogrammes with a trailer or private motor car with trailer (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	80
14	Auchenskeoch-Buccoo Bay Road from Shirvan Junction to Montgomery Road	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor, motor omnibus, motor vehicle constructed to carry more than ten passengers, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which exceeds 3200 kilogrammes with or without trailer, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which does not exceed 3200 kilogrammes with a trailer or private motor car with trailer (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	80

The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 (CONTINUED)

	The roads or portions of roads that are not to be built up areas are as follows:	Class or description of Motor Vehicle	Time	Special Speed Limit km/h
15	Rienzi-Kirton Highway from Rushworth Street to Cipero Road	<p>(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor, motor omnibus, motor vehicle constructed to carry more than ten passengers, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which exceeds 3200 kilogrammes with or without trailer, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which does not exceed 3200 kilogrammes with a trailer or private motor car with trailer</p> <p>(b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer</p>	at all times	80

Note: Defensive Driving Tip.

Arrive Alive encourages all drivers to carefully examine their risks when driving. When driving on wet roads, the Stopping Distance will at least *double* that required for the Stopping Distance on dry roads. This is because your tyres have less grip on wet roads eg. travelling at a speed of 80 km/h in perfect conditions, a driver will need 53 metres to stop or 13 average car lengths. On a wet road, a driver will need 106 metres or 26 average car lengths to come to a complete stop. Discuss Stopping Distance with your Driver's Education instructor or look up for more safety tips

It is not safe to drive on our roads at the advertised speeds limits if the roads are not built to international standards or the road safety furniture is not in good condition. Arrive Alive encourages you to decrease your speed, consider the risks, especially if the roads, on which you are driving, are in poor condition to include potholes, the absence of guardrails and barriers, good markings, signage and lighting. Also, please always be aware of pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists who are vulnerable road users and who all have a right to our roads.



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The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 (CONTINUED)

Road	Class or description of Motor Vehicle	Time	Special Speed Limit km/h
Interchanges and Ramps within the St. George West District	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	40
(a) Aranguez Exit Ramp 1 from 6.6 kilometre mark on the Churchill - Roosevelt Highway (East bound) to Samaroo Trace North; (b) Aranguez Exit Ramp 2 from 0.17 kilometre mark on Samaroo Trace North to 6.7 kilometre mark Churchill-Roosevelt Highway (East bound); (c) Bamboo Overpass Ramp 1 from 3.1 kilometre mark on the Uriah Butler Highway northbound to the Bamboo Overpass; (d) Bamboo Overpass Ramp 2 from the Bamboo Overpass to 0.2 kilometre mark in vicinity of the Grand Bazaar Roundabout; (e) Beetham Highway Ramp 1 (commonly known as "the Market Overpass") from 1.76 kilometre mark on the Beetham Highway Westbound to 0.37 kilometre mark on Old St. Joseph Road;		at all times	40
(f) Churchill-Roosevelt Highway Frontage (South) Road from 7.93 kilometre mark on the Churchill- Roosevelt Highway (West bound) to 2.45 kilometre mark on the South Exit Ramp on the Uriah Butler Highway;		at all times	30
(g) Churchill-Roosevelt Highway/Uriah Butler Highway Interchange Ramp 1 (West to South) from 7.14 kilometre mark on the Churchill- Roosevelt Highway (East bound) to 2.75 kilometre mark on the Uriah Butler Highway (South bound);	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor, motor omnibus, motor vehicle constructed to carry more than ten passengers, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which exceeds 3200 kilogrammes with or without trailer, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which does not exceed 3200 kilogrammes with a trailer or private motor car with trailer (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	80
(h) Churchill-Roosevelt Highway/Uriah Butler Highway Interchange Ramp 2 (West to North) from 7.4 kilometre mark on the Churchill- Roosevelt Highway (East bound) to 1.65 kilometre mark on the Uriah Butler Highway (North bound);	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	40



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The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 (CONTINUED)

Road	Class or description of Motor Vehicle	Time	Special Speed Limit km/h
(i) Churchill-Roosevelt Highway/Uriah Butler Highway Interchange Ramp 6 (East to North) from the 8 kilometre mark on the Churchill- Roosevelt Highway (West bound) to the 2.3 kilometre mark on the Uriah Butler Highway (North bound); and	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	30
(j) Churchill-Roosevelt Highway/Uriah Butler Highway Interchange Ramp 7 (South to West) from the 2.71 kilometre mark on the Uriah Butler Highway (North bound) to the 4.4 kilometre mark on the Churchill-Roosevelt Highway (West bound).	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor, motor omnibus, motor vehicle constructed to carry more than ten passengers, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which exceeds 3200 kilogrammes with or without trailer, goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which does not exceed 3200 kilogrammes with a trailer or private motor car with trailer (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	80

For further speed limits on main roads and ramps,
scan this QR code to read the full Act on www.arrivealivett.com



For the full Act go to:
<http://www.mowt.gov.tt/documents/Act%20No%209%20of%202017%20MVRT%20Amendment%202017.pdf>

or visit
The Ministry of Works and Transport (MOWT)
<http://www.mowt.gov.tt/general/homepage.aspx>
<http://www.mowt.gov.tt/forms/legislationcomment.aspx>



SPEED LIMITS

The Special Speed Limits Order, 2017

Made by the Minister under section 62(2) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Ch. 48:50

The special speed limits specified in fifth column of the table below are hereby imposed with respect to the roads specified in the second column in relation to the classes or descriptions of motor vehicles specified in the third column and during the periods specified in the fourth column, as described in the table below:

	Roads	Class or Description of Motor Vehicle	Time	Special Speed Limit km/h
1	Priority Bus Route	All classes of authorised vehicles	at all times	65
2	Lady Young Road in the County of St. George from a point of intersection with the Eastern Main Road to the 3 kilometre post, Lady Young Road from the 6 kilometre post to the junction of the St. Ann's Road	All motor vehicles except a tractor, and in this provision tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without trailer	at all times	50
3	That part of the Eastern Main Road situated in the County of St. George West which starts from a point 45 metres West of Sixth Avenue and continuing to a point 45 metres East of the said avenue	All motor vehicles except a tractor, and in this provision tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without trailer	from 6 am to 6 pm daily	25
4	That part of the Paria Main Road situated in the County of St. George which passes through Maracas Bay, commencing with the 130 kilometre mark and running in a more or less westerly direction for a distance of 755 metres to the junction of the said road with the North Coast Road	Motor vehicles generally	at all times	25



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Special Speed Limits Order, 2017
The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 (CONTINUED)

	Roads	Class or Description of Motor Vehicle	Time	Special Speed Limit km/h
5	That part of the Manzanilla-Mayaro Road situated in the Ward of Turure in the County of St. Andrew which passes through the Cocal Estate Compound, commencing with the 70 kilometre mark and running in a more or less southerly direction for a distance of 400 metres to the 70 kilometre mark on the said road	(a) Tractor (except a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer)	at all times	15
		(b) Any other motor vehicle	at all times	25
6	Mayaro Beach in the County of Mayaro and Manzanilla Beach in the Counties of St. Andrew and St. David	Motor vehicles generally	at all times	25
7	That part of the Uriah Butler Highway in the vicinity of Grand Bazaar Mall situated in the County of St. George commencing at the southern end of Grand Bazaar Limited and continuing to the intersection with the Eastern Main Road	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor; (a) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	60
8	Queen's Park Savannah	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	65
9	Valencia Bypass Road (Barbuda Road) between Antigua Road to Eastern Main Road	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	65

The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (MVRTA) Ch. 48:50

REGULATIONS FOR MOBILE DEVICES:



These items took effect from 2nd February, 2011.

Offence	Enactment	Fixed Penalty \$	Demerit points to be awarded
Driving while holding or using a handheld mobile device	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Mobile Devices) Regulations, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 4	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
Holding or using a handheld mobile device while supervising the holder of a provisional permit	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Mobile Devices) Regulations, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 5	<u>1,000.00</u>	3
Using a wireless communication device to view, send or compose an electronic message while driving or having charge of a vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Mobile Devices) Regulations, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 7	<u>1,000.00</u>	3

*See Ninth Schedule on page 12, notes 94, 95 & 96 as above.

DRIVING UNDER the INFLUENCE (D.U.I)



MVRTA Ch. 48:50 – S.70

- A Police officer may arrest without warrant any driver whose breath alcohol concentration is in excess of the prescribed legal limit of:
35 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 ml of breath.
- A Police officer can request a breath sample from a driver using a breathalyser instrument to determine his/her breath alcohol concentration level.
- You commit a criminal offence as a driver once you:
Drive, Attempt to Drive, or are In Charge of a motor vehicle with your breath alcohol concentration in excess of the prescribed legal limit of 35 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 ml of breath.
- You commit an offence if you refuse to perform a breath test requested by a Police officer.

What are the penalties?

1st conviction

A driver found guilty of this offence can face a fine of up to **\$12,000** or **3 years imprisonment**;

2nd conviction

A driver found guilty of this offence for a second time can face a fine up to **\$22,500** or **5 years imprisonment & driving suspension for 3 years.**

3rd conviction

Disqualification of driver's permit.

(This driver should attend Alcoholics Anonymous, Arrive Alive or a similar rehabilitative programme due to the seriousness of this offence)

REMEMBER!

DUI is NOT a Ticketable Offence, but it carries demerit points. A driver over the prescribed legal limit will be immediately placed under arrest.

- This means a driver found to have committed a DUI related offence will be immediately arrested and charged by a Police Officer and required to appear before the Court to answer the charge.
Demerit Points will be recorded upon conviction by the Court.
- Failure to appear on your scheduled court date may result in a warrant for your arrest being issued by the court.

PLEASE DON'T DRINK ALCOHOL IF YOU HAVE TO DRIVE!

BEWARE OF TRUCKS' BLIND SPOTS!

WHEN SHARING THE ROAD WITH TRUCKS,
AVOID THESE FOUR BLIND SPOTS:



- 1 Don't return to the driving lane until you can see the entire front of the truck in your rear view mirror.
- 2 If you are behind a truck and can't see the truck's side mirrors, the truck driver can't see you.
- 3 When over-taking a truck and you can't see the truck driver in one of his or her side mirrors, he or she can't see you.
- 4 Don't enter the area between the curb or shoulder and the truck if the truck is signalling a turn.

REMEMBER to STAY ALERT!

Large trucks need more space to
Stop, Turn and Reverse so give them
PLENTY OF ROOM!

DO NOT CUT IN ON TRUCKS !



SECURE YOUR LOAD BEFORE LEAVING !



It is an offence to transport any load on a vehicle in an unsafe manner!

On the road an object that falls from a truck or car can become a missile that can kill or seriously injure someone!

Secure all cargo with proper restraining devices before beginning your journey.

Not all loads can be secured using a rope or chain, find out what is the safest practice.

Stop and check that your load is still secure at frequent intervals or at least every thirty minutes of your journey.

It is an offence to carry persons in the open tray of a pick-up and it is very DANGEROUS!





Children 5 years and under **MUST** be transported in the **back seat** of a private vehicle.

Children under 6 months old **MUST** be in a properly fastened **rearward facing child** restraint that is properly positioned and fastened.

Children over 6 months and under 4 years **MUST** be restrained in a properly fastened and adjusted, **rearward facing** child restraint **OR** a **forward facing** child restraint that has an inbuilt harness that is properly positioned and fastened.

Children over 4 years and under 5 years **MUST** be restrained in a properly fastened and adjusted **forward facing** child restraint that has an in-built harness **OR booster seat** that is properly positioned and fastened.

**CHILD SEATS ARE NOT OPTIONAL!
THEY ARE REQUIRED BY LAW
WHEN TRANSPORTING CHILDREN !**

REDUCE VEHICLE SPEED AROUND PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS!!!



REMEMBER!:

Pedestrians, bicyclists and motor cyclists have rights to use the roads too, so give them space!

E.g. 3' (feet) clearance when overtaking at 65 km/h or less and 3.5' clearance over 65 km/h.

(3 feet = 1 meter)

These road users have no protection in a crash, so when they are hit by a motor vehicle, they are likely to be seriously injured or killed on impact.

Pay extra attention when driving in school zones, villages and neighbourhoods and look out for kids running in between parked vehicles

Did You Know?

Pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcyclists together account for 37% of road fatalities in Trinidad and Tobago over the last five years.

SOME ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNS

Slippery Road



No Right Turn

Falling Rocks



Prohibition of the
Use of Audible
Warning Devices

Pedestrian
Crossing



Stop

Cross Wind



Give Way

No Entry



No Over-taking

No Entry
for Goods
Vehicles



Parking
Prohibited

No Entry
for Vehicles
5 Tonnes
Laden Weight



No U-turn



Maximum
Speed Limit
in km/h



Maximum
Speed Limit
in km/h



Maximum
Speed Limit
in km/h

SPEED LIMITS

MVRTA Ch. 48:50 – S. 62 & Second Schedule

Class or Description of Vehicle	Maximum Speed Kilometers per hour	
	Outside a Built-Up Area	Within a Built-Up Area
(a) Tractor (except a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without trailer)	35	20
(b) Motor Omnibus	65	50
(c) Motor Vehicle constructed to carry more than ten passengers	65	50
(d) Goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which exceeds 3200 kilogrammes with or without trailer	65	50
(e) Goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which does not exceed 3200 kilogrammes with a trailer	65	50
(f) Goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which does not exceed 3200 kilogramme without a trailer	100	50
(g) Private motor car with trailer	65	50
(h) Any other motor vehicle	100	50



Maximum speed limit in km/h

Within a built up area, e.g. main roads.

e.g. Tractor (except a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without trailer)



Maximum speed limit in km/h

Outside a built up area, e.g. major highways.

e.g. Tractor (except a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without trailer)



Maximum speed limit in km/h

Most of the ramps in Trinidad and Tobago are between 30-40 km/h.
e.g. within neighbourhoods, school zones and where there is heavy pedestrian traffic, the speed limit should not exceed 30 km/h.



Maximum speed limit in km/h

Within a built up area.

e.g. Motor vehicle constructed to carry more than ten passengers
Goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which does not exceed 3200 kilogrammes with a trailer



Maximum speed limit in km/h

Outside of a built up area, such as the Priority Bus Route.

e.g. Motor Vehicle constructed to carry more than ten passengers
Goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which does not exceed 3200 kilogrammes with a trailer



Maximum speed limit in km/h

Outside of a built up area (excluding Tractor, Motor Omnibus and Goods Vehicle in excess of 3200 kilogrammes).

e.g. Audrey Jeffers Freeway
Diego Martin Highway
Reinzi-Kirton Highway
South Trunk Road
Shirvan Road, Tobago



Maximum speed limit in km/h

Major highways (excluding Tractor, Motor Omnibus and Goods Vehicle in excess of 3200 kilogrammes).

e.g. Churchill Roosevelt Highway
Uriah Butler Highway
Solomon Hochoy Highway



I

**Support the
Decade of Action for
Road Safety**

2011-2020

As a road user,

I pledge

Not to use my *cell* phone whilst driving

Not to drive under the *influence* of alcohol or drugs

To always use a *seatbelt* front & back

To maintain my *vehicle* in good, roadworthy condition

Not to be *goaded* into road rage by aggressive
drivers and motorcyclists

To always *observe* and follow road laws,
rules and regulations

Signature

**KNOW
YOUR
LIMIT**

**BHP
DRIVE
RESPONSIBLY!!**



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