

## Lesson 4: Fines

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### Goals:

- Understand some of the fines associated with JOL violations.
- Understand some of the fines you might face if you are 18 and older.
- Memorize the fines for the permit test.

### Fines Lesson Part A

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### Review

List two or three things that you remember from the last lesson, “Road Signs.” If you have been inside a vehicle, what have you noticed since this lesson?

- Colors mean different things- yellow pedestrian (caution); blue (information- food, hotels), orange- construction, brown (parks, attractions), green (directions)
- Saw turnpike, detour, direction (green), white speed limit sign, yield, pedestrian crossing, railroad crossing

### Eliciting Prior Knowledge:

*For tutee:* Think about what it is like to be pulled over by a police car. Think about the reasons why a driver can be pulled over by police. List three reasons.

Describe the emotions you have if you are pulled over. Do you feel happy, sad, nervous, or angry? Describe what you might do to cope with these emotions.

*For tutor:* Have a frank discussion about being pulled over as an immigrant. Discuss what you should do in these situations since being stopped by police can be stressful for anyone.



Mae Gets Pulled Over\*:  
 (\*story does not include all vocabulary)

*For tutor:* Mae is 17 years old. Mae has just been pulled over by police. The police officer gave her a ticket, which means that she has to pay a **fine**. Mae is a **junior operator**, which means that she has a learner's permit, not a driver's license. Because she is a **junior operator**, her fine is more expensive. She was pulled over for **driving without a licensed driver** in the car with her. Mae knew she should have brought her Mom with her, but did not think it would be a big deal. Since this is her first time doing this, she will lose her license for 60 days, she will have to take two driving courses, and she will have to pay \$100.

Vocabulary:

RMV/ test word and definition	Cultural term, when relevant	Relating to your own experience
A <b>fine</b> is a fee you will have to pay the court if you are pulled over for not following the rules of the road. Some penalties may require you to pay a fine and lose your license / permit for a certain amount of days.	N/A	Have you ever been charged a fine before?
<b>Junior operators</b> are drivers between the age of 16½ and 18. The following table lists the suspension periods and reinstatement requirements for junior operator permit and license holders.	N/A	What is the minimum driving age in the country that you are from?

<p><b>Driving without a licensed driver:</b> JOL permit holders, must drive with an adult 21 years or older who has their license and has been driving for more than a year.</p>	N/A	Do permit holders need someone to ride in the car with them in the country that you are from?
<p><b>Passenger restriction:</b> Under this law, a junior operator may not drive with any passenger who is under the age of 18 in the vehicle for the first 6 months unless the individual is a family member or the driver is accompanied by a person occupying the seat next to the young driver who is at least 21 years of age who has at least 1 year of driving experience and holds a valid driver's license.</p>	N/A	Are there any similar rules in the country that you are from?
<p><b>Driving during the night:</b> A holder of a MA Junior Operator License is restricted from operating a motor vehicle between the hours of 12:30am and 5:00am unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.</p>		Describe how you feel about driving at night.
<p><b>Speeding ticket:</b> Do not exceed the stated speed. In some cases, in addition to the base traffic ticket fine, you will need to pay additional charges.</p>	N/A	Have you ever received a speeding ticket? Describe how you felt.

<p>For example, speeding tickets consist of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● \$50 base fine.</li> <li>● \$50 surcharge.</li> <li>● \$10 for each mile per hour over 10 MPH more than the speed limit.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Drag racing:</b>  Drag racing occurs when two or more cars engage in a race on public roads in areas that are not designated for an official car race.</p>	N/A	Do you have a word that means the same thing in another language that you speak?
<p><b>Use of a mobile electronic device:</b>  With the exception of reporting an emergency, drivers under the age of 18 are banned from using any electronic device, such as a cell phone, for any reason while operating a motor vehicle.</p>	N/A	Do you have a similar rule in the country that you are from?

<p><b>Surchargeable event:</b>  Every moving violation you get in the state is referred to as a “surchargeable event,” and they can come with some serious consequences, depending on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How many you accrue.</li> <li>● The type of offense you committed.</li> <li>● How quickly succeeding violations occur.</li> </ul>	N/A	If you grew up outside of the U.S., are you familiar with a similar system in another country?
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<p><b>Moving violation:</b> A moving violation occurs whenever a traffic law is violated by a vehicle in motion. Some examples of moving violations are speeding, running a stop sign or red light, and driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.</p>	N/A	Describe another example of a moving violation.

## Fines Lesson Part B

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### Interactive Activity:

Get into groups of two and try to remember what fees and suspensions Mae will encounter in different scenarios. Use the charts below to help you. What type of driver are they? What is their offense? Describe what the consequence of that offense will be.

*For tutor:* Hint to share with tutee/guide them through each step of this: it is helpful to look for the type of permit or license the driver has in the scenario, then find that on the title of the chart; then to look for the offense in the scenario; then find that on the left column of the chart.

# Mandatory PERMIT Suspensions

## Junior Operators Only (16½ to 18 Years)

Violation	Suspension Period	Reinstatement Requirements	Fee to Reinstate
<b>Conviction for Driving Without a Licensed Driver (c. 90, §8B)</b>	60 days—first offense 180 days—second offense One year—subsequent offenses	All offenses require you to retake the knowledge exam. Second offense requires a Driver Attitudinal Retraining course.	\$100
<b>Conviction for Driving During the Night Restriction (c. 90, §10) (c. 90, §8B)</b>	60 days—first offense 180 days—second offense One year—subsequent offenses	All offenses require you to retake the knowledge exam. Second offense requires a Driver Attitudinal Retraining course.	\$100
<b>Conviction for Speeding (c. 90, §17) (c. 90, §17A) (c. 90, §18)</b>	90 days—first offense One year—second or subsequent offense	All offenses require a new knowledge test.	\$100
<b>Conviction for Drag Racing (c. 90, §17B)</b>	One year—first offense Three years—second or subsequent offense	All offenses require a Driver Attitudinal Retraining course, and a new knowledge test. In addition, you may be required to take a State Courts Against Road Rage (SCARR) course.*	\$500-first offense \$1000-second or subsequent offense
<b>Conviction for the use of a mobile electronic device (text or phone) (c. 90, §8M)</b>	60 days— first offense 180 days— second offense One year—subsequent offenses	First offense \$100 fine & Driver Attitudinal Retraining Course and a new knowledge test	\$100
<b>Negligent operation and injury from mobile phone use</b>	180 days - first offense One year - second or subsequent offense	Second and subsequent offenses require a new knowledge test.	\$500

# Mandatory LICENSE Suspensions

## Junior Operators Only (16½ to 18 Years)

Violation	Suspension Period	Reinstatement Requirements	Fee to Reinstate
<b>Conviction for Violating Passenger or Night Restriction</b> (c. 90, §8, c. 90, §10)	60 days—first offense 180 days—second offense One year—subsequent offenses	Second and subsequent offenses require a Driver Attitudinal Retraining course. Third and subsequent offenses require a new knowledge and road exam.	\$100
<b>Conviction for Speeding</b> (c. 90, §17, c. 90, §17A, c. 90, §18)	90 days—first offense One year—second or subsequent offense	All offenses require a Driver Attitudinal Retraining course, a new knowledge test, and a new road test. In addition, you may be required to take a State Courts Against Road Rage (SCARR) course.*	\$500
<b>Conviction for Drag Racing</b> (c. 90, §17B)	One year—first offense Three years—second or subsequent offense	All offenses require a Driver Attitudinal Retraining course, a new knowledge test, and a new road test. In addition, you may be required to take a State Courts Against Road Rage (SCARR) course.*	\$500—first offense \$1000—second or subsequent offense
<b>Conviction for Driving Negligently or Recklessly/ Operating to Endanger</b> (c. 90, §24)	180 days—first offense One year—second or subsequent offense (within a three year period)	Second and subsequent offenses require a new knowledge test, and a new road test.	\$500
<b>Conviction for the use of a mobile electronic device (text or phone)</b> (c. 90, §8M)	60 day: first offense 180 days: second offense One year: subsequent offenses	First offense \$100 fine & Driver Attitudinal Retraining Course, a new knowledge test and a new road test.	\$100
<b>Negligent operation and injury from mobile phone use</b>	180 days - first offense One year - second or subsequent offense	Second and subsequent offenses require a new knowledge test, and a new road test.	\$500

<i>Mandatory License Suspensions (18 Years and Older)</i>			
Situation	Explanation	Suspension Period	Fee to Reinstate
<b>Three Speeding Violations</b>	Three speeding violations/ responsible findings within any one-year period.	30 days	\$100
<b>Three Surchargeable Events</b>	Any combination of moving violations and surchargeable accidents that total three surchargeable events within a two-year period.	Must complete Driver Retraining course within 90 days or license will be suspended indefinitely until course is completed	\$100
<b>Seven Surchargeable Events</b>	Any combination of moving violations and surchargeable accidents that total seven surchargeable events within a three-year period.	60 days	\$100
<b>Habitual Traffic Offender</b>	A total of three major moving violations or any combination of twelve major or minor moving violations within a five-year period.	Four years	\$500

Mae is **17 years old** in these scenarios:

- Mae got pulled over because she was speeding. She also has a junior operator license. This is the first time this has happened to Mae. She was driving 45 miles per hour (MPH). The speed limit on this road is 25 MPH zone. What fees, courses, and/or suspensions will Mae receive?

*For tutee to fill out:*

Mae is 17 years old.

Mae has a junior operator license or permit.

Mae's violation is speeding.

Has this happened before? no.

Mae will receive 300 fine, no course, 30 90 day no suspension. -new knowledge test

- Mae was texting on her phone while driving. She also has a junior operator permit. This is the third time she has done this. What are all the fees, courses, and suspensions she will receive, if any?

*For tutee to fill out:*

Mae is 17 years old.

Mae has a junior operator permit license or permit.

Mae's violation is texting.



Has this happened before? \_\_\_\_\_.

Mae will receive \_\_\_\_\_ fine, \_\_\_\_\_ course,  
\_\_\_\_\_ suspension.

- Mae was texting on her phone while driving. She also has a junior operator permit. This is the third time she has done this. Imagine Mae crashed into the car in front of her while driving with a junior operator license. What will she receive?

For tutee to fill out:

Mae is 17 years old.

Mae has a junior operator license or permit.

Mae's violation is use of a electronic device.

Has this happened before? third time.

Mae will receive 100 fine, driver attitudinal and new  
knowledge test \_\_\_\_\_ course, one year suspension.

Mae is **21 years old** in this scenario:

- Mae has had three surchargeable events. All of these events happened in two years. Describe what will happen to Mae.

*For tutee to fill out:*

Mae is \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

Mae has a \_\_\_\_\_ **license** or permit.

Mae's violation is \_\_\_\_\_.

Has this happened before? \_\_\_\_\_.

Mae will receive \_\_\_\_\_ fine, \_\_\_\_\_ course,  
\_\_\_\_\_ suspension.

### Reflection:

Describe how you felt when trying to remember that many numbers and suspension periods. Did you feel calm or nervous? Describe what helped you remember this information. Why do you think it is important to learn these numbers?

### Questions:

Do you have any questions?

*For tutor to talk with tutee about:* This information can seem like a lot at first, so it's understandable to have questions. The key is remembering the basic fees and suspension periods so you can make a guess if you don't 100% know on the test. For example my tip is to look at the JOL permit violation chart. Notice how the first offense is usually 90 days and then it doubles

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to 180? This may give you a starting point on the test. Use this as a study guide and think about more scenarios, so you can remember the information later.