

Five additional traffic offences (listed below) will become penalty point offences **from 1 May 2009**:

Offence		General description of offence	Penalty points on payment of a fixed charge	Penalty points on conviction in court
1	section 18 of Road Traffic Act, 1961	Using vehicle (car) without test certificate.	Direct summons to court	5
2	section 20(10) of Road Traffic Act, 1961	Driving vehicle before remedying dangerous defect.	Direct summons to court	3
3	section 54 of Road Traffic Act, 1961	Driving dangerously defective vehicle.	Direct summons to court	5
4	contravention of SI No. 771 of 2004	Using vehicle without certificate of roadworthiness	Direct summons to court	5
5	Section 138(3) of Railway Safety Act 2005, tired summarily	Bridge strikes, etc	Direct summons to court	3

These are **not** new road traffic offences. The conditions attached to the enforcement of the offences remain unchanged and it is a matter for the Gardaí to decide whether or not to initiate proceedings for an alleged offence in respect of any of the above offences. They are currently dealt with by summons to Court with fines applicable on conviction.

From 1st May 2009, these offences will continue to be directly summonsed to Court (i.e. the Fixed Charge System does not apply to any of these offences) and will, from that date, attract penalty points in addition to a fine upon conviction in Court.