

## Official Fines for Traffic Law Violations (Phnom Penh Only)

Drivers who infringe the traffic law or fail to carry the necessary documents when driving will be required to pay the below fines to a traffic police officer:

Type of Vehicle	Fine
Motorcycle	Two thousand Riels (2,000 Riels)
Car, Truck, Bus	Five thousand Riels (5,000 Riels)

The above fines are for each individual fault committed by a driver. They are subject to change when the new Traffic Law is approved by the National Assembly. If a driver commits more than one fault, the fine will be multiplied according to the numbers of fault committed. For each fine, traffic police officers will issue a receipt to the driver who has committed the fault(s).

If you have committed a fault whilst driving on the roads, you should remember:

- A fine issued without a receipt is corruption. Drivers must always remember to ask for a receipt from traffic police officers whenever they are fined.
- Drivers should wait to obtain receipt for a fine when they have committed faults and fined by traffic police officers.
- Asking for a receipt for fines can contribute to reducing corruption in the implementation of traffic laws.

# Guide to Traffic Laws and Traffic Fines



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Working Together to Fight Corruption

## What is Corruption?

Corruption occurs when someone uses their position, power or influence to obtain personal benefits for themselves or anyone connected with them. These benefits can be money, objects or other materials. The size of these benefits or how powerful someone is do not matter. A low level government employee who takes a small amount of money is still as corrupt as a high level government employee who takes large amounts of money. Corruption can take place in all sectors of society.

## How does corruption affect me?

Corruption affects everyone in Cambodia. Corruption:

- Takes away funding for our schools and health centers
- Creates instability in and distrust of our government
- Prevents our businesses from growing and employing more people
- Increases the cost of government services to us

## What Commitments has my Government Made?

Fighting corruption is a central part of our Government's "Rectangular Strategy" for Growth, Employment, Equity and Efficiency. During the First Cabinet Meeting of the Third Legislature of the National Assembly, Prime Minister Hun Sen stated, "The key thrust of the Royal Government of Cambodia's strategy to fight corruption is to take concrete actions that attack the roots of corruption".

At the Consultative Group meeting in March 2006 between the Cambodian government and donors, our government agreed to pass an international standard Anti-corruption Law by the end of June 2006.

The most important part of the Anti-corruption law will be the establishment of an independent anti-corruption body that will investigate and prosecute cases of corruption. If the government is to meet its commitment to an international standard law, the selection and operation of the anti-corruption body will need to be free from outside interference and coercion.

As citizens of Cambodia from government, private and civil society sectors we have the right to ensure that the government keeps its commitments to pass an international standard law on anti-corruption, and that the efforts to fight corruption are implemented.



## What can We do to Reduce Corruption?

Fighting corruption is the responsibility of every Cambodian. Corruption can be reduced if we all work together. You can help to reduce corruption in a number of ways:

- Refuse to accept bribes or pay bribes
- Always ask for a receipt when paying a government fee or other fees
- Ask officials what they use unofficial payments for when you are asked to pay them
- Allow time for official procedures to be followed and refuse to pay the speed fee
- Encourage local government offices to publicize official fees
- Let your commune council members know that you are concerned about corruption
- Take an active interest in the development of projects in your commune
- Ask your commune council for copies of official project budgets and documents
- Let your member of parliament know that you are concerned about the government passing an international standard anti-corruption law

## How Can Reduce Corruption in the Traffic System?

We can all help reduce corruption in the traffic system by obeying traffic laws and remembering to bring along the following documents while driving:

Family Cars	Trucks and Buses	Motorcycles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identification card</li> <li>- Drivers license</li> <li>- Vehicle registration card</li> <li>- Import tax stamp</li> <li>- Vehicle inspection certificate and stamp</li> <li>- Annual road tax payment receipt</li> </ul>	<p>Owners of trucks and buses must carry the documents listed to the left, as well as the additional items listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Permission for goods transportation</li> <li>- Permission for entry and parking in Phnom Penh</li> <li>- Travel Visa Book (for passenger buses)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identification Card</li> <li>- Vehicle Registration Card</li> <li>- Annual road tax payment receipt</li> </ul>

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