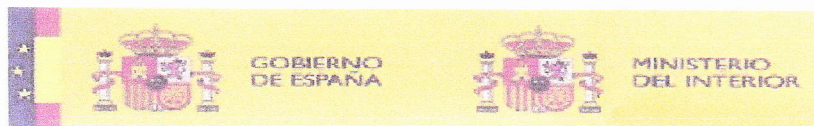


Reforma de La Ley de Tráfico / Reform of the Traffic Law

25 May 2010

“Cambiamos para Mejorar” – “We Change to Improve”



New traffic laws came into being on 25 May 2010. They are aimed at improving driving standards and simplifying the offences and penalties. Offences are broken down into 3 categories: Very Serious (Muy Grave), Serious (Grave) and Minor (Leve).

The Very Serious offences carry either 4 or 6 penalty points and a 500€ fine, the Serious offences carry either 3 or 4 penalty points and a 200€ fine and Minor offences do not involve penalty points but carry a fine of up to 100€.

Examples:

1. **Very Serious** – Drunk Driving, Driving under influence of drugs, Reckless driving, Street racing
2. **Serious** – Not respecting Give Way signs, Stop signs or Traffic Lights, Not maintaining safe driving distance between vehicles, Driving whilst using a telephone or programming a sat nav.
3. **Minor** – Cyclists not using lights at night or reflective clothing or Anything else not considered Serious or Very Serious

All speeding offences are considered either Serious or Very Serious but carry a different level of fine (Multa) and points (Puntos) according to the level of excess speed.

PENALTIES FOR EXCESSIVE SPEED -

CUADRO DE SANCIONES Y PUNTOS POR EXCESO DE VELOCIDAD

LÍMITE	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	Multa	Puntos
GRAVE	31	41	51	61	71	81	91	101	111	121	100	-
	50	60	70	90	100	110	120	130	140	150		
	51	61	71	91	101	111	121	131	141	151	300	2
	60	70	80	110	120	130	140	150	160	170		
	61	71	81	111	121	131	141	151	161	171	400	4
	70	80	90	120	130	140	150	160	170	180		
71	81	91	121	131	141	151	161	171	181	500	6	
80	90	100	130	140	150	160	170	180	190			
MUY GRAVE	81	91	101	131	140	151	161	171	181	191	600	6

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