"ROAD SAFETY IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ROAD USERS"

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Introduction

This handbook is meant to provide a guidance and information to the public regarding SiKAP.

It is intended to provide better understanding about the system.

This handbook is important as reference for probationary, qualified and foreign drivers driving in Brunei Darussalam.
What Is SíKAP?

SíKAP is an acronym for Sistem Keselamatan Amalan Pemandu (Driver Safety Practice System). It is a system where a driver will be awarded with a demerit point if he/she commits a traffic offence which can lead to either suspension or revocation of his/her driving license depending on the severity of offence committed.

The system is meant to be more of a corrective measure rather than penalising drivers.

Why SíKAP is introduced?

The system is designed to ensure drivers in Brunei Darussalam to be more disciplined, careful and complying with existing regulations. Through this system, enforcement agencies will be able to identify high risk drivers who may cause danger and road accidents.

This system is hoped to create a safer driving environment for all road users.
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How **SUKAP** is implemented?

There are nine (9) categories of offences that carry demerit points starting with 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 18, 21 and 24 demerit points depending on the severity of the offences. Each categories consist of offences mainly related to drivers attitude.

How the system works?

For a **probationary driver**, his/her driving license will be revoked for a period of one year if he/she accumulates 13 or more demerit points within a period of 12 months from the date of his/her license issued.

During the revocation period, he/she will not be allowed to book or undergo a driving test. He/She will have to re-sit both theory and practical driving test if he/she wishes to obtain a new driving license after serving the revocation period.

If a **qualified driver** accumulates 24 or more demerit points within a period of 24 months, his/her driving license will be suspended.

Within the following 12 months after serving suspension periods, the driver’s driving license will again be suspended if he/she accumulates 12 or more demerit points.

During the suspension period, the driver has to surrender his/her driving license to the Land Transport Department.

First and second suspensions will last for three (3) months and six (6) months respectively. The third suspension will lead to the revocation of the driver’s driving license for a year.
To whom SiKAP is targeted?

No drivers will be exempted from the system. It generally applies to all including foreign drivers.

Incentives under SiKAP?

If a driver has a clean driving record for 12 months from the last date of receiving demerit points, his accumulated demerit points will be erased from the system.

Drivers who have been suspended and have clean driving records for 24 months after the last date of suspension, his suspension record will be erased from the system.

In addition, if the same driver attends a one day short course at the Land Transport Department, his suspension period will be reduced as follow:

i. 3 months to 1 month; and
ii. 6 months to 3 months.

Vehicle owners who have not committed any offence and have clean record for three continuous years, he will receive a 5% insurance premium discount on top of his "Non-Claim Bonus" (NCB) from the participating insurance agencies provided that he has not made any claim on his NCB during those periods.
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Drivers who are liable for the “first suspension” may serve their suspension period at a later date provided that:

i. Offences committed are not related to road traffic accidents; and
ii. Pass the one day short course at the Land Transport Department.
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SCHEDULED OFFENCES
UNDER SůKAP

3 Demerit Points

- Carrying a load on a vehicle in a dangerous manner OR load falling off from a vehicle that may endanger other road users
- Vehicle left unattended with engine running and/or brakes not set causing possible movement of the vehicle and posing danger
- Failing to switch on vehicle headlights between sunset and sunrise
- Failing to keep left except when overtaking another vehicle or when turning to the right
- Failing to give way to ambulance, fire brigade or police vehicle
- Parking vehicles haphazardly, dangerously or illegally
- Turning or stopping without proper signals

4 Demerit Points

- Stopping in a yellow box and obstructing traffic flow
- Driving a vehicle without owner’s consent

6 Demerit Points

- Driving a vehicle with bald tyres
- Installing red lights at the FRONT of a motor vehicle
- Installing white lights at the REAR of a vehicle other than reverse lights
- Installing lights other than white headlights at the FRONT of a vehicle
- Disobeying direction of traffic police
- Driving without valid motor vehicle license (road tax)
- Driving without valid driving license
- Disobeying traffic signs or traffic lights
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8 Demerit Points

- Exceeding the set speed limit of the road / for vehicle up to 30km/hour

9 Demerit Points

- Exceeding the set speed limit of the road / for vehicle by more than 30km/hour up to 40km/hour
- Not wearing protective helmet or not wearing it correctly
- Driver failing to wear a seat belt
- Driver failing to ensure that front seat passenger wears a seat belt
- Illegal racing or speed trials on roads or in public places
- Using private vehicles for commercial purposes without valid license or permit
- Driving a commercial or public transport vehicle exceeding the maximum number of passengers allowed

12 Demerit Points

- Failing to stop and give way to pedestrians at zebra crossing
- Exceeding the set speed limit of the road / for vehicle by more than 40km/hour up to 50km/hour
- Careless driving
- Using mobile phone while driving
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18 Demerit Points

- Exceeding the set speed limit of the road / for vehicle by more than 50km/hour up to 60km/hour
- Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Reckless or dangerous driving

21 Demerit Points

- Exceeding the set speed limit of the road / for vehicle by more than 60km/hour

24 Demerit Points

- Reckless driving causing death

The regulations that govern the implementation of Sükap are as follows:

- Road Traffic Act (RTA) Chapter 68
- Road Traffic (Demerit Points) Regulations, 2013
- Road Traffic (Pedestrian Crossing) Regulations, 2002
- Road Traffic (School Crossing Patrol) Regulations, 2006
- Motorcycles (Protective Helmets) Regulations, 1977
- Motor Vehicles (Seat Belts) Regulations, 1988
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ILLUSTRATION
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Flow Charts
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Process Flow

[Diagram of process flow showing interaction between drivers, enforcement agencies, and courts with decision points and outcomes such as driver committing an offence, awarding points, compounds, summonses, and convictions.]
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Flow Chart
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Flow Chart

1. Start: Driver Has Been Awarded With Points
2. Request For An Appeal
3. Review Appeal Request
4. Approve Appeal Request
   - Yes: Erase Demerit Point For The Appeal
   - No: Inform Driver
5. End
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Probationary Drivers - 13 DP (within 12 months)
Qualified Drivers - 24 DP (within 24 months)

Note:
Drivers with Foreign License will be prohibited from driving on Brunei roads after accumulating 24 Demerit Points.