Department of Infrastructure, Transport, **Regional Development, Communications and the Arts** 

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# Rules for mobile phone usage in vehicles by State and Territory

## **Penalties**



JURISDICTION	OFFENCE	DEMERIT POINTS	FINE
ACT	Using handheld mobile phone while driving	★★★ 3 points	\$498
	Using mobile phone to access internet, social networking, messaging, application	★★★ 4 points	\$612
NT	Use of handheld mobile phone or any Video Display Unit while driving	★★★ 3 points	\$500
NSW	Using handheld mobile phone while driving	* * * * * 5 points	\$362
	Using mobile phone while driving in school zone	* * * * * 5 points	\$481
QLD	Using handheld mobile phone while driving	★★★ 4 points	\$1161
	Repeat mobile phone offence within 12 months of the first offence	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	\$1161
SA	Using handheld mobile phone while driving	★★★ 3 points	\$592
TAS	Using handheld mobile phone while driving	★★★ 3 points	\$390
VIC	Using handheld mobile phone while driving	<b>★★★</b> 4 points	\$555
WA	Touching or holding a mobile phone to make voice calls	★★★ 3 points	\$500
	Creating or viewing a text, social media, mobile app, video or similar	<b>★★★</b> 4 points	\$1000

# Voice call while driving



No use at all for restricted licence holders ACT | NSW | VIC









**MUST BE securely mounted** All states and territories



Device cannot be resting on person's body

VIC I SA I NSW I TAS I ACT I WA **QLDINT** 



No use at all for P1 and learner drivers OLD I SA I TAS I NSW I NT

# **Digital tools**





## **DIGITAL LICENCE**

### NSW I SA I QLD\* I VIC\*\*

\*On a trial basis

\*\* Rollout commenced 1 July 2023

#### VIC | WA

Plans to trial digital licence apps and will accept them from interstate or overseas visitors

## TAP AND PAY / **DIGITAL WALLET**

#### **RULES VARY BETWEEN STATES**

Most do not yet specify. Some allow for safe use in drive-thru or carpark context.

# Set and forget while driving



**FUNCTIONS MUST ONLY BE USED WITHOUT** TOUCHING THE DEVICE, SUCH AS VOICE CONTROL.









**VISUAL AIDS SUCH AS GPS APPS MUST BE SECURELY MOUNTED** AND NOT OBSCURE VIEW FOR DRIVER.



#### GENERALLY CONSISTENT BETWEEN ALL JURISDICTIONS



NO SCREENS can be visible to the driver for videos, video messaging, internet browsing, apps etc. Rules apply to mobile phones, tablets, smart watches etc.





# Usage while parked or stationary



#### MOST JURISDICTIONS ALLOW HANDHELD USE IF





THE ROAD



**NOT PERMITTED ALL JURISDICTIONS** 



\*VIC and NSW do not require this.

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