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public awareness



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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES (AARTO) ACT

Polokwane Municipality wishes to inform all motorists and road users that the President of the Republic of South Africa has proclaimed the implementation of the **Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences (AARTO) Act, 1998 (Act No. 46 of 1998)**, with effect from **01 July 2026**.

The implementation of the Act also applies within the jurisdiction of **Polokwane Municipality**.

Motorists are advised to take note of the following key provisions:

- An automatic **50% discount** on the infringement penalty is available if payment is made within **32 days** from the date the infringement notice is issued.
- Failure to pay within the prescribed **32-day period** will result in the **full infringement amount** becoming payable.
- Where an infringement remains unpaid, additional administrative processes, including the issuing of a **Courtesy Letter**, may follow. These processes attract **additional costs**, which will be borne by the infringer.
- Continued failure to settle outstanding infringement penalties may result in restrictions during the renewal of a **driver's licence** or **motor vehicle licence**, until all outstanding amounts have been paid.

Ignoring traffic infringement notices will only lead to additional costs, administrative action and unnecessary inconvenience.

Motorists are therefore urged to attend to all AARTO infringement notices promptly by making payment within 32 days to benefit from the automatic 50% discount and to avoid further penalties and enforcement measures.

Polokwane Municipality advises all to play part in promoting responsible road use, compliance with traffic laws and safer roads for everyone.

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