



**Mandatory Attendance  
of Driving  
Improvement Course**  
*help enhance road safety*

**! Background**

The Driving Improvement Course, which has been introduced since September 2002, is specifically designed for enhancing awareness of road safety and fostering good driving behaviour. The Course is considered effective in achieving its aim.

**! Mandatory Attendance of the Course**

As a measure to further enhance road safety, persons falling within the following categories shall be required to attend the Course on a mandatory basis from 9 February 2009 in accordance with the Road Traffic Ordinance (Chapter 374) and Road Traffic (Driving-offence Points) Ordinance (Chapter 375):

- (i) Offenders who have been convicted of serious traffic offences, such as dangerous driving and drink driving; or
- (ii) Traffic offenders who have accumulated 10 Driving Offence Points (DOPs) within two years. They will be required to attend the Course for every 10 DOPs incurred.

**! Court Order/  
Transport Department's Written  
Notification to Attend the Course**

Generally, traffic offenders will be required to attend the Course within three months from the date of issue of the written notification issued by the Transport Department, or according to the period ordered by the court.

**! Consequence of Non-compliance  
with Mandatory Attendance of  
the Course**

Traffic offender who does not comply with the court order or the written notification from the Transport Department to attend the Course may be liable to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment for a maximum period of two months, and he is still required to attend the Course. The Transport Department shall refuse to issue, re-issue or renew a driving licence of an offender who fails to abide by the order or notification. If the traffic offender is ordered compulsory attendance of the Course and disqualified by the court from holding a driving licence at the same time, the Transport Department will return the driving licence to the offender only after he has completed the Course and the lapse of the disqualification period.

**! Driving Improvement Schools**

The Course is provided by Driving Improvement Schools designated by the Commissioner for Transport. For details on the Schools' locations and contact telephone numbers, please refer to the Transport Department's website: [www.td.gov.hk](http://www.td.gov.hk). Enquiries about the mandatory attendance of the Course can be directed to the Transport Department hotline 2804 2600.