

Tuas Checkpoint motorcycle enforcement: 220 riders stopped, fines

Description

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Traffic Police, the National Environment Agency (NEA) and the Land Transport Authority (LTA) stopped more than 220 motorcyclists at Tuas Checkpoint on 12 November 2026, and the results were made public on 25 November. This Tuas Checkpoint motorcycle enforcement operation led to 13 people being caught by Traffic Police, 84 NEA summonses and 77 LTA offences. If you ride, or share a pillion seat, the fines on the table are worth knowing before the year-end trips up to Johor.


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Source: Singapore Police Force

What the Tuas Checkpoint motorcycle enforcement found

The operation was a joint effort by three agencies, with each one checking different things on the same riders. Officers examined licences, insurance, road tax, number plates, exhausts and emissions.

- Traffic Police: 13 people aged 23 to 50 were caught for riding without a valid driving licence and for using a vehicle without insurance coverage.
- NEA: 84 summonses for excessive vehicular emissions and excessive vehicular noise.
- LTA: 77 offences, covering improper licence plate display, no valid road tax and illegally modified exhausts.

The release does not say how many riders were Singapore-registered. It does remind foreign-registered vehicles entering Singapore that they must follow local traffic and vehicle rules, and that non-compliant ones may be denied entry.

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Penalties riders face

The maximum penalties listed by the Traffic Police are steep, and several carry jail terms. These are ceilings set by law, not what a court will necessarily impose in each case.

- Riding without a valid licence: a fine of up to S$10,000, jail of up to 3 years, or both. Repeat offenders face up to S$20,000, up to 6 years, or both, and the vehicle may be forfeited.
- Using a vehicle without insurance: a fine of up to S$1,000, jail of up to 3 months, or both.
- Excessive emissions or noise (NEA): up to S$2,000 for a first conviction and up to S$5,000 for a second or later one.
- Improper licence plates: up to S$1,000, up to 3 months in jail, or both. Repeat offenders face up to S$2,000, up to 6 months, or both.
- No valid road tax: a fine of up to S$2,000, or three times the tax payable if intent to evade payment is proven.
- Illegally modified vehicles: up to S$20,000, up to 2 years in jail, or both, with penalties doubled for repeat offenders.


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Source: Singapore Police Force

A quick self-check before you ride

Most of the offences above are things you can spot in five minutes in the carpark. Run through this list before a long trip, and especially before crossing the Causeway or Second Link.

- Check that your licence class matches your bike and that it has not lapsed.
- Confirm your insurance is active, because a lapsed policy counts as an offence the moment you ride.
- Look at your number plate. It should be clean, unbent and displayed as registered.
- Renew road tax before it runs out, and keep the exhaust as it came from the factory.

Louder is not safer. The exhaust offence is the one that can reach S$20,000 under the illegal modification rules, so a shiok-sounding pipe is an expensive lobang.

Why it matters on the road

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Traffic Police urged all road users to practise good road sense and look out for one another, noting that motorcyclists and pillion riders are more vulnerable. Checkpoint operations like this one tend to be repeated, so the safest assumption is that a stop can happen on any trip.

Related reading: LTA is also cracking down on vehicles that should no longer be on the road, as we covered in our piece on the deregistered vehicle blitz, and from 1 January the new VEP fee for foreign cars applies at the same checkpoints.

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