



# AARTO NEWS 1

Setting the facts straight.



## AARTO SEPARATING FACTS FROM FICTION

As the leader in AARTO education and upskilling since 2008, SAsMiNT aims to address the numerous misconceptions surrounding the Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences (AARTO) system. We believe it is crucial to separate fact from fiction and provide accurate information to keep you well-informed.

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## TITLE: AARTO MISCONCEPTIONS

In this article, we will focus on the greatest risk associated with AARTO –

### DEMERIT POINTS versus THE NON-PAYMENT OF TRAFFIC FINES.

#### **1. AARTO: A Stable System Built on International Models:**

Contrary to popular misconceptions, AARTO is a stable system built around international models. It aims to streamline traffic fine management and improve road safety. By adopting best practices from successful systems worldwide, AARTO strives to create a fair and efficient process for addressing traffic offenses.

#### **2. Substantial Revenue Improvement for Municipalities:**

One of the key benefits of AARTO is its potential to substantially improve revenue for all municipalities, both local and district. Under the current fragmented system outside of AARTO, more than 80% of outstanding traffic fines have never been paid. AARTO addresses this issue by implementing timeline-based payments and offering early settlement discounts within stipulated periods. Ignoring these timelines leads to escalating penalties, making fines more expensive the longer they remain unpaid.

#### **3. Enforcement Orders and Penalties:**

If a traffic fine goes unpaid, AARTO issues an Enforcement Order, which prohibits individuals from renewing their driver's licenses, vehicle licenses, professional driving permits, and more. It's important to note that non-payment penalties generally take around 6 months to materialize before an enforcement order is issued.

#### **4. Shifting Payment Culture:**

Considering the penalties and restrictions imposed by AARTO, it is reasonable to expect a significant shift in the payment culture. The 80% non-payment trend is likely to be reversed, resulting in more than 80% of fines being paid within the first year of AARTO's implementation. This shift will benefit all law enforcement authorities, ensuring improved compliance with traffic regulations. It is important to note that until the enforcement order has been resolved, individuals will be unable to renew their driver's and vehicle licenses, further incentivizing timely payment of fines.

#### **5. The Impact on Fleets and Companies:**

For fleet owners, non-payment of fines for even a single vehicle can have severe consequences. ***The enforcement order poses a far more menacing scenario than demerit points, as it affects the ability to renew vehicle and driver's licenses.*** Consequently, companies must be vigilant and monitor their employees' driving habits and non-payment of fines in their personal capacity. Failure to do so may result in losing valuable employees due to mistakes made during their personal time.

## **6. In-House Management and Employee Rights:**

SASMINT strongly advises against outsourcing the management of your traffic fine portfolio to third parties. Doing so may infringe upon employee rights and contravene the Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act. It is crucial to handle this responsibility in-house and manage it through the designated Proxy.

### **Conclusion:**

Clearing up misconceptions surrounding AARTO is essential to ensure a proper understanding of the system and its implications. Non-payment of traffic fines poses the greatest risk under AARTO, with significant penalties and enforcement orders affecting individuals and companies alike. By debunking myths and providing accurate information, SASMINT aims to facilitate a smoother transition to the AARTO system and promote greater compliance with traffic regulations. Stay tuned for more enlightening articles on AARTO and related topics on our website.

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