

## **01/07/2008 : Police to halve compound fines for traffic summonses**

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KUALA LUMPUR: Effective Tuesday, police would halve the compound fines for traffic summonses, except those for serious offences, said Federal traffic chief Senior Asst Comm II Datuk Hamza Taib.

He said the move was to ease the burden on the lower income group after the recent price rise in petroleum and food items.

The 50% discount is applicable for those who receive the summons on the spot and pay them before or on the last day of the 30-day deadline.

"Offenders who have yet to pay their summons and have not received letters summoning them to court are eligible for a 30% discount.

"Those who have received the court summons are not eligible for any discount," he told reporters Monday at the Traffic Police Headquarters, Bukit Aman.

Traffic offenders receiving their summons via the post are eligible for a 30% discount regardless of when it was issued.

He said the discount offer was ongoing and no deadline had been set.

Asked if the discounts would encourage motorists to flout traffic laws, he said police were confident the gesture would spur them to learn from their mistakes and not repeat them.

"Even before this, the rich might not think much of paying a RM300 fine. Our focus is to try and ease the burden on the lower- and middle-class group," he said.

He said those issued summonses during Ops Sikap, for jumping the red light, for accidents as well as those issued arrest warrants were not eligible for a discount.

SAC Hamza said he was confident that the new incentive could help improve the summons payment rate, recorded at 70% at the end of last year.

He added that about 12,000 traffic summonses for various offences were issued every day nationwide.

The public can pay their summons via the Internet at <http://www.myeg.com.my/> and <http://www.rilek.com.my/> via credit card or debit card. Portal users are urged to print a receipt of payment and keep it for future reference.

Cash payment is accepted at all police headquarters and district police stations and counters at select shopping malls.