

BREACH OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Road Traffic (NI) Order 1995

50. - (1) If a person, without reasonable excuse, contravenes an indication given by a traffic sign which is-

- (a) of the prescribed size, colour and type, or
- (b) of another character authorised by the Department under Article 28 of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997, and which has been lawfully placed on or near a road, except where that indication is at variance with an indication given by a constable in uniform, he is guilty of an offence.

Maximum Sentence:

Road Traffic Offenders (NI) Order 1996

Summary Only: Level 3 fine (£1,000)

Disqualification: Discretionary (if committed in respect of a traffic sign specified in regulations under Article 50(5) of the Road Traffic (NI) Order 1995)

Endorsement: Obligatory (if committed in respect of a traffic sign specified in regulations under Article 50(5) of the Road Traffic (NI) Order 1995)

Penalty points: 3

Assessment of Offence

(Starting points and ranges based on 1st time offender convicted following contest)

<u>Nature of Offence</u>	<u>Starting Point</u>	<u>Sentencing Range</u>
N/A	Fine + 3 Penalty Points	Fine + 3 Penalty Points to 6 months Disqualification

<u>Examples of Possible Aggravating Factors of Offence</u>	<u>Examples of Possible Mitigating Factor of Offence</u>
1. Inconvenience caused to other road users	N/A

Relevant Cases:

NI Cases

R v McKeown [2016] NICA 24

English Cases

N/A

Notes: