

WDP Frequently Asked Questions



Can I access a list of WDP sponsors?

Currently, there is no publicly available sponsor list. There is, however, a list of sponsors that accept client referrals. Contact the Fines Vic WDP Team for this list.

Is it possible for a client to choose which fines to pay off first?

No, the fine must be worked off in sequence from oldest to newest. Clients can, however, strategically choose which fines they want on a WDP and which fines they want on another fine scheme/arrangement.

Is there a time limit on a WDP as to when the infringement must be paid?

The client's sponsor must provide an estimated end date. This end date is very flexible. If the Fines Vic WDP Team believe that the end date is excessive they may organise with the client's sponsor a more realistic one.

Can a client have more than one sponsor?

A client can have one sponsor (supervising sponsor) and this sponsor can refer the client to other third party providers. These third parties can also be supervising sponsors. One client can have many third party providers and undertake many activities.

Does your client have to wait until the fine is at the enforcement stage to apply for a WDP?

No, if the client wants to engage in a WDP or add a new fine to an existing WDP during the infringement stage, the sponsor can do this. The Fines Vic WDP Team need to manually add fines from external agencies such as local council and public transport fines.

Can a client's activity be counted retrospectively?

No, a sponsor would already have to be accredited and a WDP active before any activity can be counted towards a client's WDP.

Can a client's time spent in prison count towards their WDP?

A client can count the time spent in remand towards their WDP but not the time spent in prison.

Is there a cap on the infringement amount for a client to be eligible for a WDP?

There is no cap. However, it is important to consider all options to determine what is the best course of action for your client. For example, this might involve an enforcement review for special circumstances for the clients non-public safety fines and a WDP for their public safety fines.

How many times can a client apply for a WDP?

There is no limit, as long as the fines has not passed the 7 day notice period (served by the Sheriff).

Is applying for a WDP an admission of guilt?

No, unlike an enforcement review for special circumstances, applying for a WDP is not an admission of guilt. Rather, the client is submitting that, because of their particular circumstances, the client is unable to pay their fine. However, this still means that the client will still lose their demerit points and licence (if applicable).

Who applies for a client's WDP?

The sponsor applies for the WDP, on behalf of the client, and this is processed online by the Fines Vic WDP Team.

What happens if a client does not commit to a WDP?

A WDP is voluntary. Therefore, the client can cancel a WDP at any time and apply for another. This is different from other schemes, such as a Community Corrections Order or a Community Work Permit (which carry a penalty for non-compliance).

At what point in the WDP process does a WDP become inactive?

WDP's become inactive 28 days after the sponsor or the client has cancelled the client's WDP.

At what point in the WDP process does a client's fine get put on hold?

A client's fine is put on hold once the sponsor applies for a WDP with the Fines Vic WDP Team. If a WDP is no longer active, enforcement activity may resume in relation to the client's fine.