PROSECUTION'S SENTENCING TARIFFS FOR S 67(1)(b) ROAD TRAFFIC ACT



An accused has a choice whether to Plead Guilty or to Claim Trial to the charge of drink-driving. Before the Court imposes sentence, he can inform the Court of matters that he thinks are relevant to sentencing

The Prosecution will ask the Court to impose a *fine* and a *driving disqualification* order if...

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An accused Pleads Guilty (PG to his charge The accused has NOT previously been convicted on an offence of drink driving

The offence did NOT result in an accident

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The *fine* and *driving disqualification* order that the Prosecution will be seeking in cases falling under No. 2 (above) will be as follows...

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ALCOHOL	PUNISHMENT	SENTENCE	
LEVEL (<i>BEA</i>) µg / 100ml of <u>breath</u> <i>For <u>blood</u> alcohol readings, multiply by <u>0.4375</u> to obtain BEA level</i>	Section 67(1) RTA	PG at Mentions Stage	PG <i>after</i> Mentions Stage
<i>BEA</i> 36 - 54	\$2,000 - \$10,000 OR	<i>BEA</i> 40 - 44 \$2,000 (min) AND 24 months' DQ <i>BEA</i> 45 - 54 \$2,500 AND 24 months' DQ	\$2,000 (min) - \$4,000 AND 24 - 30 months' DQ
<i>BEA</i> 55 - 69	Imprisonment not exceeding 12 months OR <i>Both</i>	<i>BEA</i> 55 - 62 \$4,000 AND 30 months' DQ <i>BEA</i> 63 - 69 \$4,500 AND 30 months' DQ	\$4,000 – \$6,000 AND 30 – 36 months' DQ
<i>bea</i> 70 - 89	AND Section 67(2)(a) DQ at least 2 years from conviction date	<i>BEA</i> 70 - 79 \$6,000 AND 36 months' DQ <i>BEA</i> 80 - 89 \$6,500 AND 36 months' DQ	\$6,000 - \$8,000 AND 36 - 48 months' DQ
<i>bea</i> 90 - 100		<i>BEA</i> 90 - 99 \$8,000 AND 48 months' DQ <i>BEA</i> ≥ 100 \$8,500 AND 48 months' DQ	\$8,000 - \$10,000 (max) AND 48 - 60 months' DQ (or longer)



The Prosecution reserves the right to revise its sentencing positions in the above (No. 3) should new facts or new circumstances emerge. In the event that the Prosecution decides to exercise this right, the Prosecution will inform an accused as soon as possible

IMPORTANT!

The Court will decide the appropriate sentence (and not the Prosecution or the Police)

The information provided herein is not intended or meant to be legal advice. An accused charged with an offence of drink driving under s 67(1)(b) of the Road Traffic Act is entitled to seek legal advice on his rights, and on the information contained herein. These include –

- (i) whether he should plead guilty,
- (ii) whether any defences apply; and
- (iii) whether there are any relevant circumstances and/or mitigating considerations which may affect his sentence.