



GHANA COMMITTED DRIVERS ASSOCIATION (GCDA)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DVLA MUST STOP THE ILLEGAL “SPOT FINES” CLOAKED AS DELINQUENCY FEES.

The Ghana Committed Drivers Association (GCDA) has observed with deep concern the illegal practice by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA) to impose spot fines which they call “delinquency fees” on drivers who are found to be non-compliant with the road traffic regulations.

Sometime in June 2025, the Compliance and Enforcement Unit of the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA) published a public notice titled “Roadside Checks Defects and Infractions Delinquency Fees and Charges”. The said public notice further indicated that it was being published under the provisions of Regulations 158 (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) of the Road Traffic Regulations, 2012 (LI 2180). The said notice states a flat delinquency fee of GHC225 for various kinds of offences. Since the publication, the DVLA embarked on public awareness and subsequently commenced enforcement on the roads sometime in June 2025.

The GCDA takes the view that a careful reading of the various regulatory provisions in light of the parent legislation being the Road Traffic Act, 2004 (Act 683) does not mandate the DVLA to impose by itself any fine whatsoever or howsoever called on non-compliant drivers.

Consequently, the GCDA has caused its lawyers to write to the Honorable Minister for Transport petitioning him to intervene as follows:

1. To issue a formal directive to the DVLA to immediately cease and desist from the imposition and collection of any delinquency fees (spot fines), as this practice is without any legal basis.
2. To issue a formal directive to the DVLA to institute a transparent and accessible mechanism for the full refund of all monies collected as “delinquency fees” since the commencement of its compliance and enforcement exercise.

The GCDA by that same letter has also served notice on the Attorney General to commence legal action against DVLA and the State should their petition not receive the necessary attention and requisite action.

The Ghana Committed Drivers Association (GCDA) is a body representing the interests of thousands of professional and private drivers across Ghana and has as part of its objectives, the promotion and advocacy for road safety.

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