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HAVE YOU LOST YOUR LICENCE? - A LIMITED LICENCE WILL GET YOU BACK ON THE ROAD

Most of us rely on our car as a primary mode of transport many also for their job.

Often, we only realise how much we rely on our vehicles when we cannot drive them anymore.

If you drive as part of your employment and you lose your licence (either through receiving too many demerit points or being disqualified from driving) this can put undue hardship not only yourself but your family as well if they are reliant on your income.

John and his partner Daenerys were driving their Dragon 1953 Roadster along Kings Road near Wainuiomata when they were stopped by Constable Cersei.

After checking John's licence through the database, it was revealed that he had excess demerit points over the two year period. Because of this his licence was taken off him and he was advised it was suspended for three months.

As a truck driver, John relies on his licence for work at the Nights Watch cartage company.

The loss of licence not only brought hardship to his family as his income was needed to pay their mortgage but also to his employer who recently signed a lucrative deal to take over the operations north of Wainuiomata and John's employer was reliant on his experience to run this operation at a time when winter is coming and it was difficult to find drivers with John's experience.

John had to apply for a limited licence. A limited licence grants John the ability to drive which means he can keep his job and push north past the wall.

It is only available if he you can show he would suffer extreme hardship and undue hardship to his family and employer.

John had to produce evidence of his income and outgoings as well as evidence from his employer to show if he couldn't drive for three months, they couldn't hold his job open.

As John lost his licence for demerit points, he was able to apply immediately, and the process took approximately three weeks.

If he had been disqualified by the Courts, he would have had to wait a mandatory 30-day stand-down before he could apply for a limited licence.

Whilst the easiest way to avoid this is to refrain from breaching our traffic laws, if you find yourself in this position contact our litigation team if you need to apply for a limited licence.

20 MINUTE FREE

WANT to review your Family Trust structure? THEN call us and take advantage of our 20 Minute Free interview

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