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Disputing a traffic violation ticket

Find out how you can dispute a traffic violation or a red light camera ticket.

When can I dispute a traffic violation ticket or fine?

You can dispute any traffic violation ticket within 30 days of receiving it if you feel it was unfairly issued or you have been charged the wrong amount.
If you feel the ticket was unfairly issued, then you are disputing the allegation that you committed an offence.
If you agree that you committed the offence but wish to reduce the amount of the fine, or if you wish to request time to pay the fine, then you may dispute the fine.

How to dispute

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Registering the dispute in person

You or someone on your behalf can register a dispute in person. Please bring your ticket to

- a driver licensing office
- provincial court registry, or
- Service BC centre

Once you have registered the dispute, wait for your traffic court date to dispute the ticket.

Registering the dispute by mail

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- whether you're disputing the allegation of an offence or the amount of the fine
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- your full name, address, driver's licence number and date of birth, and
- the Act and Section number of the offence. (This information is written on the ticket.)

Mail your cover letter, along with a photocopy of the front of your ticket, to:

Ticket Dispute Processing
Bag # J510
Victoria, BC V8W 1P7

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Disputing a red light camera ticket

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