

The Reinstatement Fee Debt Reduction and Amnesty Program is a permanent program within the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) intended to assist people who cannot afford to pay all their pending reinstatement fees following a driver's license suspension. Commercial driver's license suspensions are not eligible for the program.

The program provides for eligible individuals to have their driver's licenses reinstated after suspension by **paying reduced reinstatement fees** or **receiving a complete fee waiver**, depending on whether the participant is indigent. Applicants who can demonstrate indigence are not required to wait 18 months and can apply to the BMV as soon as the court-ordered suspension terminates for their first offense.

PHASE 1

Eligible offense(s) must have occurred **before** September 15, 2020, and 18 months have expired since the end of at least one court-ordered suspension. Applicants may have other active suspensions.

PHASE 2

Eligible offense(s) must have occurred on or **after** September 15, 2020, and 18 months have expired since the end of at least one court-ordered suspension. Applicants may have other active suspensions.

****Individuals eligible for the first phase are not eligible to participate in the second phase, regardless of whether the individual actually participates in the first phase.****

ELIGIBILITY - GENERAL

The BMV will automatically enroll any person who is eligible for the program and inform that person through an email or regular mail. It will be important for those eligible for the program to have a working email address and current mailing address on file with the BMV. A person will be automatically enrolled in the program when all of the following apply:

- The person's driver's license or permit has been suspended for one or more eligible offense(s)
- At least 18 months have expired since the end of the suspension period for at least one of the person's eligible offenses
- The person owes reinstatement fees
- The person was not enrolled previously in the program (A person may have reinstatement fees reduced or waived through the program only once.)

ELIGIBILITY - REDUCTION ONLY

The individual receiving a reduction must pay 50% of the reinstatement fee owed. If reinstatement fees are owed for multiple offenses, the person must pay either the lowest reinstatement fee owed or 10% of the total amount—whichever is greater. Any payment must be at least \$25 per month. To activate the program and reinstatement fee payment plan, the individual must submit proof of insurance (insurance card, declaration page, policy, or other proof that can be verified).

Payment: Payments can be submitted by regular mail, online, or in-person at the BMV or a deputy registrar office. All in-person payments must be accompanied by a \$10 deputy registrar/BMV fee.

ELIGIBILITY - COMPLETE WAIVER

To apply for a complete waiver of fees, an individual must complete form BMV 2829 and submit proof of indigence. Proof of indigency for the waiver includes:

- **SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)** - A benefit approval letter or Self-Service Portal Benefit Issuance Verification Screen printout.
- **MEDICAID** - Medicaid online account "Person History" screen print showing eligibility.
- **OHIO WORKS FIRST** - Benefit approval letter issued by ODJFS or online Case Summary screen print showing eligibility.
- **US Department of Veteran Affairs Pension Benefits Program** - Screenshot of enrollment webpage showing name, benefits, enrollment expiration or renew.
- **SSI (Supplemental Security Income Program)** - screenshot of enrollment

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