



# NEW LAWS MAKE IT EASIER TO PAY COURT FINES AND GET YOUR LICENSE BACK

**OVERWHELMED BY  
COURT DEBT?**



**DRIVE-TO-WORK CAN  
HELP YOU SIMPLIFY**

By contacting each court for you  
By providing one place for you to pay  
By sending your money to the courts



**START PAYING.  
GET YOUR LICENSE  
BACK!**



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## UNDER THE NEW LAW

### COURTS WILL CONSIDER HOW MUCH YOU CAN AFFORD TO PAY

- A. List your monthly income and expenses.
- B. Include other obligations, like fines in other courts.
- C. Identify garnishments, court-ordered child support, medical expenses and housing expenses.
- D. Drive-To-Work can help you create a payment strategy.

### IF YOU FAILED TO PAY ON A PAST PAYMENT PLAN, YOU MAY REQUEST ANOTHER PAYMENT PLAN.

- A. Be ready to explain why you are more likely to keep up with payments now.
- B. Courts will require a down payment, but there are limits on how much they may require.

### REMOVE BARRIERS TO GETTING YOUR LICENSE BACK BY SETTING UP A PAYMENT PLAN IN EACH COURT.

- A. As you set up each plan, you will remove a barrier to licensure.
- B. If you keep up with your payment plan, you will not need to pay in full to lift this barrier to licensure .
- C. You may ask to pay monthly (installment payment) or to pay in full at a future date (deferred payment).
- D. The deferred payment may be helpful if you:
  - i. Are much more likely to be able to work, and pay, if you get your license back.
  - ii. If you expect to receive a lump sum soon (e.g., a tax refund or insurance settlement)
- E. You may also ask to pay a smaller monthly sum, and then a larger payment at the end of your payment term (Modified Deferred Agreement).
- F. You may have other barriers to getting your license back, such as court-ordered suspensions. You will also have to eliminate these other barriers. Drive-To-Work can help.

### REQUIRED DOWN PAYMENTS ARE LESS

- If a down payment is required, the maximum down payment will be:
- A. For costs and fines totaling \$500 or less, up to 10% of the total owed in that court.
  - B. For costs and fines over \$500, 5% or \$50 (whichever amount is greater).

### TIME TO PAY, OR TERM, IS FLEXIBLE

- A. For Installment Agreements: as long as it takes to pay off at monthly rate.
- B. For Deferred Agreements: expect a term of six-24 months.
- C. You can apply for an extension of the term. Do it before any default.

### IF YOU OWE FINES TO SEVERAL COURTS

- A. You must have a payment agreement with each court.
- B. You must pay each court individually.
- C. Drive-To-Work can help simplify this process, by helping you to:
  - i. Request payment plans from the courts
  - ii. Accept regular payments from you to the Drive to Work trust account, and paying these sums back out to the courts on a regular schedule. All funds are supplied by you.

### IF YOU MISS A PAYMENT OR IF YOU DEFAULT

- A. Late payments: 10 day grace period to make it good.
- B. Defaults: Avoid defaults or your license will be re-suspended.

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