

Limited Driving Privileges

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- If the Judge took your driving privileges away, you may be able to get limited driving privileges.
- If you lost your driving privileges because of a suspension by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, there may be a chance to get limited driving privileges.
- Read this pamphlet.

Limited Driving Privileges Can Be For:

Occupational
Educational
Medical
Taking driver's license test
Attending court-ordered counseling or treatment

The Carroll County Municipal Court

License Suspensions

There are two kinds of license suspensions, one by a Judge and one by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

First, determine the type of suspension you are under.

If the Bureau of Motor Vehicles took your license, there are only three kinds of suspensions that you can be granted limited driving privileges during the period of your suspension.

They are a twelve point suspension, a no

insurance suspension and a failure to pay reinstatement fees to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

If you live in Carroll County and are under a judge's suspension, you may be able to petition for limited driving privileges during your time of suspension.

A judge can not grant you limited driving privileges if you were convicted of possession of drugs (marihuana, etc.), convicted of possessing

drug paraphernalia, during certain periods of time if you were convicted of drunk driving, if you were convicted of willfully fleeing a police officer or if you are a commercial motor vehicle operator and lost your license for any reason.

If you refused to take a breath test, urine test, or a blood test when arrested for a DUI and you were convicted of drunk driving and lost your license, the Judge will not grant you limited driving privileges.

The Procedure To Follow On A DUI Suspension

If you lost your license from a DUI, you may file a petition in your case for limited driving privileges.

This form is available from the Court. There will be no cost to file this request. If the Judge decides to give you limited driving privileges for work, it will be restricted to five days a week and a twelve hour period of time each day.

You will determine the time of day or night the driving will begin. It will end twelve hours later.

You will determine which

five days you want to drive.

Overtime and extra days of work therefore will not be permitted.

You must have with you when you file this petition for driving privileges the following:

1) proof of vehicle insurance.

2) a letter from your place of employment that you are employed. This letter can be from your supervisor and should include your work

schedule.

3) The white license plates from the vehicle you will drive to and from work. You will be required to purchase a yellow plate with red numbers to put on the vehicle. This will cost you approximately \$10.00 at the license bureau.

There are certain periods of time following a DUI conviction that a judge cannot grant driving privileges. The Court clerks can tell you if this affects your request.



Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Regional Service Center

306 Second St. S.E.
Canton, Ohio

Office Hours:
Monday thru Friday
8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Procedure To Follow on a DUI Suspension (continued)

If you have been convicted of a prior DUI within the last six years and want to have limited driving privileges, you will now be **required** to have an interlock device put on your vehicle.

This device will prevent your vehicle

from starting if it senses alcohol on your breath. It requires you to blow air into it every 10-30 minutes while you operate the vehicle.

This device must be scheduled to be installed on your vehicle. The clerks will give you this information.

It costs approximately \$60.00 to have it installed. It costs also about \$70.00 a month to have it on your vehicle as well.

Any tampering with it or attempt to bypass the device will result in your license suspension being doubled in length.

Procedure To Follow on a Reinstatement Fee Suspension

If you lost your license for not paying the reinstatement fees to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, you can file a petition with the Court at a cost of \$80.00 to set up a payment schedule of \$50.00 a month with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and get limited driving privileges while you are making these monthly payments.

You can get the form to do this from the clerks of the Court.

You must have the following:

- 1) Fill out the petition and have \$80.00 for the court costs.
- 2) proof of vehicle insurance.
- 3) a letter from your place of employment that you are employed. This letter

can be from your supervisor and should include your work schedule.

4) The white license plates from the vehicle you will drive to and from work. You will be required to purchase a yellow plate with red numbers to put on the vehicle. This will cost you approximately \$10.00 at the license bureau.

Procedure To Follow For No Insurance Suspension

If you lost your license for not having insurance, you may be able to get limited driving privileges during this suspension if you do the following:

- 1) Take proof of current vehicle insurance to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in Canton, Ohio.
- 2) Pay the reinstatement fee to the Bureau while there at its office.
- 3) Surrender your driver's

license to the Bureau while at their office.

4) File a petition with the Court at a cost of \$65.00. The form is available from the clerks of the Court.

5) With the petition file:

- a) proof of insurance,
- b) proof of paying the reinstatement fee to the Bureau,
- c) a letter from your place of employment that

you are employed. This letter can be from your supervisor and should include your work schedule.

d) the BMV letter that told you, you lost your license.

e) the white license plates from the vehicle you want to drive. You will be required to purchase a yellow plate with red numbers to put on the vehicle.

Procedure To Follow For a 12 point Suspension

If you lost your driving privileges for getting 12 points on your driving record, you can petition the Court for limited driving privileges.

You can get this form from the Court. You will have to pay \$80.00 court costs when you file it with the Court.

You will need the following:

- 1) Fill out the petition and pay the \$80.00 to the clerks of the Court.
- 2) Provide proof of vehicle insurance which is usually an SR 22.
- 3) a letter from your place of employment that you are employed and it should include your work

schedule.

4) the letter from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles that notified you of your 12 point suspension.

5) If you are granted limited driving privileges you will be required to buy yellow plates with red numbers to put on the vehicle you will drive to and from work.

If you are using another person's vehicle, that owner will have to sign a paper allowing you to put yellow plates on the vehicle and you will need to be insured to drive the other person's vehicle.

Work driving privileges will be limited to five days a week and twelve hours a day.

You will determine the days and hours according to your work schedule.

You must end your 12 point suspension because your limited driving privileges will be only 6 months long.

You will have to take a driving remedial course and provide proof that you did complete it to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in Canton, Ohio.

You will also have to maintain an SR 22 insurance bond and pay a reinstatement fee to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Once you have accomplished all of this you will have all your driving privileges restored.



The need to drive is very important. Drive responsibly.

A Final Explanation

When you file for driving privileges in a DUI case, or a no insurance suspension, the decision by the judge will be made within a couple of days of your filing. You will not have to attend a hearing.

When you file for driving privileges involving a Bureau of Motor Vehicles' 12 point suspension or a reinstatement fee suspension, there will be a hearing that you will have to attend.

The process takes about 30 days to be finished

from the time you file your petition.

You will receive a hearing notice in the mail when you have to come to court. You will have to be present. If you provided everything when you filed, you won't have to bring anything with you.

If you are granted limited driving privileges under any of these provisions, the clerks will give you a paper to drive on. **Do not lose this paper and carry it with you like it was your driver's**

license, because it is your driver's license !

Carry with you, your work schedule, always.

Have proof of insurance with you at all times as well.

If you drive beyond your permitted time or days, you will be charged with a serious offense.

Of course, your limited driving privileges will immediately be revoked.

If you need further help, you should contact an attorney.

The Carroll County Municipal Court

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Carrollton, Ohio

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