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Is your driver's license suspended because you cannot pay court costs, fees, and fines?

You may be eligible to get you license back for free.

Based on a July 2, 2018, federal court ruling, the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security will reinstate and reissue a driver's license **without charge** to any person whose revocation is for failure to pay fines, fees, and other court costs on any non-driving offense.

The court's ruling only applies to people who lost their driver's license since 2012 for nonpayment of court costs. If your license is suspended for another reason, such as a DUI, unpaid child support, or unpaid traffic tickets, you are not eligible for free reinstatement at this time. These other reasons for suspension or revocation must be addressed before you can get a license reinstated or reissued.

How do I get my license back if I am eligible for free reinstatement because of the court order?

The first step is to contact the Tennessee Department of Safety's main reinstatement center at this toll-free number: 866-903-7357. **Take this step as soon as you can.**

If you are unable to reach a person at this number, you can also visit a local reinstatement office:

Davidson County

5216 Hickory Hollow Parkway
Antioch, TN 37013
615-770-5701

Reinstatements: Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. CST

Greene County

1210 Hal Henard Road
Greeneville, TN 37743
423-638-3285

Reinstatements: Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST

Hamilton County

6502 Bonny Oaks Drive
Chattanooga, TN 37416
423-634-3127

Reinstatements: Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST

Knox County

430 Montbrook Lane
Knoxville, TN 37919
865-690-6393

Reinstatements: Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST

Obion County

1604B West Reelfoot Ave.
Union City, TN 38261
731-884-2133

Reinstatements: Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST

Shelby County

3200 East Shelby Drive
Memphis, TN 38118
901-367-3639

Reinstatements: Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST

If you need to check the status of your license and have access to the internet, you can also fill out this form at the Department of Safety website: <https://dl.safety.tn.gov/>

If you are unable to contact the Department of Safety, you can visit this website to fill out an online form from Just City to see if you're eligible for reinstatement: <https://airtable.com/shrOYwu9MuEpl89xN>

If you live in Davidson County and your license is revoked or suspended due to traffic offenses, DUI, driving on a suspended license, etc., please contact our office for assistance. Come in person or email Maynette McMichael at: MaynetteMcMichael@jds.nashville.org

If you live in Davidson County and owe court costs that are not preventing you from getting your license, you can file a *pro-se* motion for indigency at the clerk's office to try to get these costs waived: <http://ccc.nashville.gov/>



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