



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

**APPLICATION FOR BMV REINSTATEMENT FEE AMNESTY INITIATIVE**

Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 4510.10

This is an application for the reduction or waiver of reinstatement fees through the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). The applicant must meet eligibility requirements listed below, which is outlined in R.C. 4510.10 and processed through the BMV. The application must be completed and filed with the BMV. Applicant will receive notification by mail of approval or denial.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY JULY 31, 2019, TO BE ELIGIBLE THROUGH THE REINSTATEMENT FEE AMNESTY INITIATIVE.**

Mark the box to apply for:

**REDUCTION OF FEES**

1. Must have completed all court-ordered sanctions related to the eligible offense other than the payment of reinstatement fees.
2. At least 18 months have expired since the end of the period of the suspension ordered by the court.

**WAIVER OF FEES (with proof of case screen shot from Job and Family Services)**

1. Must have completed all court-ordered sanctions related to the eligible offense other than the payment of reinstatement fees.
2. Must provide proof of indigence by providing a screen shot of your case status from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Benefits Self-Service Portal.

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		MIDDLE NAME
DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER		E-MAIL ADDRESS		DATE OF BIRTH
ADDRESS (STREET)				
CITY		STATE	ZIP	COUNTY
SIGNATURE <b>X</b>				DATE

Send the completed application, along with proof of indigence (if applicable), to the BMV no later than July 31, 2019, to be eligible.

<b>By Mail:</b> Ohio BMV Attn: Points P.O. Box 16521 Columbus, OH 43216-6521	<b>In Person:</b> BMV Deputy Registrar office (listed at <a href="http://www.bmv.ohio.gov">www.bmv.ohio.gov</a> ) Application will be mailed to Columbus office for review and processing	<b>For questions or additional information:</b> Please visit: <a href="http://www.bmv.ohio.gov">www.bmv.ohio.gov</a> <b>Or call:</b> Toll Free: (844) 644-6268 or (614) 752-7600
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## **Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) - Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)**

### **What is the BMV Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative?**

Pursuant to House Bill 336, 132<sup>nd</sup> Ohio General Assembly, Reinstatement Fee Amnesty is a six-month driver's license reinstatement fee debt reduction and waiver program for offenders whose driver's licenses have been suspended for specific violations. The program only applies to a driver's license or permit suspension; it does not apply to a commercial driver's license or permit suspension.

### **When will the BMV Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative start?**

The Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative is scheduled to begin on January 31, 2019. Applications for Reinstatement Fee Amnesty will not be accepted prior to the January 31, 2019, start date.—The program is scheduled to end on July 31, 2019.

### **What offenses are eligible for the reinstatement fee amnesty?**

The BMV will determine an applicant's eligibility based on the defined permissible qualifying offenses contained in the Ohio Revised Code.

### **What are the eligibility requirements for the reinstatement fee reduction?**

- Must have completed all court-ordered sanctions related to the eligible offense other than the payment of reinstatement fees.
- At least 18 months have expired since the end of the period of the suspension ordered by the court.

### **What are the eligibility requirements for a complete amnesty of reinstatement fees?**

- Must have completed all court-ordered sanctions related to the eligible offense other than the payment of reinstatement fees.

### **What can be shown for proof of indigence?**

- Must provide proof of indigence by providing a screen shot from the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services Benefits Self-Service Portal. The screen shot must be unexpired and include:
  - Current status
  - Current month
  - Next review date
  - Authorized representatives in the household

### **I have some suspensions that qualify for the reinstatement fee amnesty and some that do not. Can I still apply for amnesty on the suspensions that qualify?**

Yes, any suspensions that qualify will be reviewed and considered for a reduction in fees or complete amnesty (if eligible). Suspensions that do not qualify would not be reviewed or considered and the reinstatement fees owed for those would remain the same.

### **Do I need to fulfill my other reinstatement requirements prior to applying for the reinstatement fee amnesty?**

You can apply for the reinstatement fee amnesty prior to complying with other reinstatement requirements. However, if approved, your license status will be a failure to reinstate status until all requirements are met.

### **How Do I apply for a reinstatement fee debt reduction or complete amnesty?**

To apply, fill out the form BMV #####, BMV Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Application. You may obtain the form at a Deputy Registrar, online at [bmv.ohio.gov](http://bmv.ohio.gov), or it can be mailed to you by calling 614 752-7500 or 844-644-6268.

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**Where can I submit the application and how long will the application process take?**

- By mail – 7 to 10 business days after received.
- Deputy Registrar office – 7-10 business days. The deputy will mail the application to the Columbus office for review. There will be no service fee charged to mail the application to Columbus.
- Visit our website for locations: [bmv.ohio.gov](http://bmv.ohio.gov)

**Can a deputy registrar location process my application immediately?**

No. You can drop the application off at the deputy registrar and they will mail it in to the Columbus office for processing. After the application is received and reviewed, you will get an approval or denial notice in the mail within 7-10 business days.

**How will I be notified if I am approved or denied for the reinstatement fee amnesty?**

You will receive a letter by mail with 7-10 business day indicated approval or denial.

- Approval letter – Will indicate full amnesty or reduction of fees and how much is owed
- Denial letter – Will indicate reason for denial.

**If I am no longer a resident of Ohio, will I be eligible to apply for the reinstatement fee amnesty?**

If you have had an Ohio driver license or permit and owe outstanding reinstatement fees, you may apply for the reduction of reinstatement fees.

**I am currently a holder of a commercial driver license (CDL) and owe reinstatement fees. Can I apply for the reinstatement fee amnesty?**

No, House Bill 336 specifically excludes CDL drivers from being eligible to apply under this Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative.

**Can I downgrade my CDL to an operator license and apply for the reinstatement fee amnesty?**

Yes; however, if you downgrade to an operator license, if you want to obtain another CDL, you will be required to start the process over from the beginning and retake all tests.

**Can I pay my reduced reinstatement fees through the BMV fee payment plan?**

- Yes, as long as you meet the eligibility requirements for the BMV fee payment plan.
- You must owe a minimum of \$150.00 in reinstatement fees.
- You must have met all other reinstatement requirements except for paying reinstatement fees.
- You must provide proof of current insurance.
- You cannot be under a current court-ordered fee payment plan.
- You cannot have a currently pending suspension.

**How can I make my BMV fee payments?**

- Pay online by visiting Ohio OPLATES by credit/debit card only. The transaction processes immediately.
- Pay in person at a deputy registrar office by cash, check, or money order. A \$10.00 service fee will be charged in addition to your \$50.00 payment. The application process takes 5-7 days.
- Pay by mail to: Ohio BMV, Re-Fees, P.O. Box 16520, Columbus, Ohio 43216-6520. Check or money order only. Allow 7 to 10 business for processing.

**If you have further questions, please call (614)752-7500 or 844-644-6268. Call Center hours of operation: Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.**

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## NEW REINSTATEMENT FEE AMNESTY INITIATIVE

*Effective January 31, 2019*

**COLUMBUS** - House Bill 336, the Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative, created a six-month program for driver license reinstatement fee reduction and waiver for offenders whose driver licenses have been suspended for specific violations. The initiative only applies to a driver license or permit suspension; it does not apply to a commercial driver license or commercial permit suspension.

The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) will determine an applicant's eligibility based on the defined permissible qualifying offenses contained in Ohio Revised Code.

In order to be eligible for reinstatement fee reduction:

- Applicants must have completed all court-ordered sanctions related to the eligible offense other than the payment of reinstatement fees.
- At least 18 months must have passed since the end of the period of the suspension ordered by the court.

Those able to provide proof of indigence will qualify for a complete amnesty of reinstatement fees. As stated in HB336, "indigent" means a person who is a participant in the supplemental nutrition assistance program administered by the department of job and family services pursuant to section 5101.54 of the Revised Code.

Effective January 31, 2019, to apply, complete BMV form 2829, a BMV Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Application. You may obtain the form at your local Deputy Registrar, online at [www.bmv.ohio.gov](http://www.bmv.ohio.gov) or it can be mailed to you by calling 614-752-7500.