



Division of Motor Vehicles
DRIVER SERVICES



SUBJECT:

Notice of Failure to Appear or Pay Court Fines

RE: Settlement Announced in Lawsuit on Revocation of Licenses
for Not Paying Traffic Court Debts

DATE
3/28/2022

When the Division receives notification from a court that you failed to appear in court or failed to pay a fine, penalty, or court costs for a motor vehicle offense received in North Carolina or in another state, you will be notified by correspondence from the DMV of the effective date that your driver's license will be suspended if the fines are not paid or waived prior to the date indicated on the correspondence. The suspension will remain in effect until the Division is notified by the court that the citation or fine has been paid or waived and may result in you having to pay additional fees to the DMV to obtain a duplicate license. Complying with the citation does not relieve you of the consequences for the actual offense if convicted.

ADVISEMENT OF N.C.G.S. SECTION 20-24.1 RIGHTS

You can prevent or overcome the suspension of your driver's license for Failure to Pay by choosing Option A or B, below:

Option A: I CAN'T Afford to Pay Now.

When people have a hard time paying off tickets, they follow the steps below to ask the court to reduce or waive the amount owed.

Step 1: Fill out the Motion for Relief. AOC-CR-415. You can download the motion at https://www.nccourts.gov/assets/documents/forms/cr415_2.pdf. For help filling out the motion, go to www.resolvetrafficdebtnc.org.

Step 2: Go to the clerk's office at the court of the county in which you received your motor vehicle offense and give the clerk the motion. Ask the clerk for a hearing ASAP.

Step 3: Attend the hearing (you do not need a lawyer but may use one) and tell the judge why you cannot afford to pay. The judge might reduce the amount you owe, give you a payment plan you can afford, or waive what you owe.

Final step: The court will notify DMV once you have either obtained a waiver of the amount owed or fully paid off your new payment amount, and DMV will stop your suspension.

Option B: I CAN Afford to Fully Pay Now.

When people can pay off their ticket, they follow the steps below to stop the suspension of their license. Step 1: Call the clerk's office in the court of the county in which you received your motor vehicle offense to ask how to pay.

Step 2: Pay the court the full amount owed. Online you can pay by credit card at <https://www3.nccourts.org/onlinepayments/menu.sp>. In person you can usually pay by cash, debit card, credit card, money order, certified check, or cashier's check but confirm with the court.

Final Step: The court will notify DMV after you pay the amount in full, and DMV will stop your suspension.