

# IS YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENDED BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T PAY COURT COSTS OR FINES?

*Don't risk driving on a suspended license. Under a new law, you can now get a valid driver's license while making payments on your court costs and fines.*

**West Virginia law helps you keep your driver's license if you fail to pay court fines and costs. If you have new court costs and fines but can't afford to pay all at once, you can enter a payment plan to keep your license. Or if your driver's license has been suspended, you can now request a payment plan to get your license back!**

## REQUESTING A PAYMENT PLAN

- Call the Magistrate, Municipal, and/or Circuit Clerk's office in your county or city. You can find Magistrate and Circuit Clerk contact information at [courtswv.gov](http://courtswv.gov).
- You will need to fill out an affidavit saying that you can't pay the costs all at one time. If you qualify, the Clerks can set up a payment plan for you.
- There is a \$25 fee to set up a payment plan. This can be paid all at one time or in five equal monthly payments.
- The payment plan will set up: (1) the number of payments, (2) the amount of each payment, (3) the due date for payments, (4) how you can pay, and (5) what happens if you don't pay.
- If you don't make payments on time, they can charge late fees, file a judgement lien against you, or send the amount you owe to a debt collector.
- Once a payment plan is set up, the Clerk will provide you with a verification for the WV DMV.
- With the verification, the WV DMV will reduce or waive the driver's license reinstatement fee.

## KEEP IN MIND

Your time to set up a payment plan may be limited. Please call the clerk as soon as possible.

There are some offenses that the new law does not apply to.

Your license can still be suspended for failure to appear in court.

**Forms available at  
[courtswv.gov](http://courtswv.gov) or by contacting  
the Clerk's Office.**

**When you call, you can learn  
more about what you need to  
do to enter a payment plan.**