



TZEDEK DC

Legal Help for People in Debt

Know Your Rights! License Suspensions for tickets

Under recently enacted DC legislation, the DC DMV must **STOP suspending** driver's licenses for not paying traffic tickets or not appearing at a traffic hearing. DC DMV is required to **reinstate** licenses suspended solely on these grounds.

If YOUR license was previously suspended for a failure to appear or failure to pay, you may be eligible for your license to be reinstated.

- ❖ If your suspended license has not otherwise expired, and your license is not subject to any other basis for suspension, you should have received (or should soon receive) a letter or e-mail from the DC DMV notifying you that your license is unsuspended and you can resume driving.
- ❖ No reinstatement fee is required.
- ❖ **If you believe you are eligible for license reinstatement, but have not received notice from the DMV, contact Tzedek DC for free help.**

If your license was suspended for failure to appear or failure to pay, but your license is subject to suspension for other reasons, your license may still be suspended.

If your license was previously suspended for a failure to appear or failure to pay, but has since expired, you will need to renew your license before driving.

- ❖ You may be subject to testing requirements, reinstatement/renewal fees, or other requirements before renewing your license.
- ❖ **If you still have outstanding tickets or other fees owed to DC over \$100**, you will need to pay the outstanding fees or arrange a payment plan with the Central Collections Unit to renew your license BUT you may also be eligible for legal help to challenge that requirement and you should contact Tzedek DC.

Questions? Tzedek DC is a public interest center headquartered at the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law. Contact us by phone at (202) 274.7386, email rs@tzedekdc.org, or via our website: www.tzedekdc.org.