

HOW TO OBTAIN YOUR RESTRICTED DRIVER'S LICENSE

A person convicted of a first offense DUI or Implied Consent faces suspension of driving privileges for one-year, a mandatory requirement by law. During this one-year period, you are eligible to receive a restricted driver's license. After this one year period, you are eligible to get your regular license back. The State does not issue any type of Restricted CDL, even interstate.

For a DUI conviction, you may only obtain a restricted license with an interlock device installed on your vehicle. You may then drive anywhere at any time as long as you are driving a vehicle with an interlock device.

For an implied consent violation, you may either obtain a restricted driver's license with an interlock device, or a geographic restricted license without an interlock device that enables you to only drive to school, work, church or probation related activities.

Steps to Obtain a Restricted License Court Order

1. Obtain SR-22 Insurance

In order to obtain a restricted license after a DUI or Implied Consent violation, you will have to establish proof of liability insurance with the State, by obtaining "SR-22" insurance through an insurance company. Contact your insurance company and have them send you a "pink slip" or other proof of SR-22 insurance. Obtaining SR-22 insurance can be time-consuming, so it is important to start the process early to ensure that the insurance is properly on file before applying for a restricted license, and to avoid delays.

2. Have Interlock Device Installed (If Required by the Court)

If an interlock device is required, your attorney or the local court clerk can provide a list of interlock providers. Installation appointments often take time, so beginning the process as soon as possible after court can ensure no delay in obtaining your restricted license. Once the interlock device is installed on your vehicle you will be provided a certificate of installation. This certificate must be retained and presented to the Department of Safety when you obtain your restricted license.

3. Obtain an Order from the Court

Fill out an application for a restricted license. An application can be obtained at any county court clerk's office or use the link on this website. Once the application is complete, it must be submitted to the court clerk in the county of your conviction. After you have submitted your application, contact the clerk within 2-3 days to see if your order is ready for pick up.

4. Pay Fees and Clear Any Court Costs

Most counties require a fee to process an application. Some judges and counties require that court costs and/or fines be paid prior to issuing a restricted license.

5. Take Order to DMV Center

Take two (2) copies of your restricted driver's license order to the State of Tennessee Department of Safety Driver License Examining Station along with proof of identity, SR-22 insurance, and an interlock certificate (if required).

The signed order **MUST** be taken to the Testing Station **WITHIN TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS**. (The order is void after ten (10) calendar days and you will have to repeat steps 3 and 4.) You will be required to pay a fee. You may also be required to take a written driving and eye test.

If you have any questions regarding your driver's license, please contact the Tennessee Department of Safety at 615-741-3954.

6. Keep All Documents in the Car When Driving

FOR YOUR RESTRICTED LICENSE TO BE VALID FOR DRIVING, THE ORDER MUST BE KEPT WITH YOUR LICENSE AT ALL TIMES.

A driver with a restricted license must follow all rules when driving to avoid a conviction or probation violation. If interlock was required by the court then you must only drive a car equipped with the interlock device. If a license is restricted to certain areas and times, you must follow those restrictions. You should drive only if carrying (1) the new restricted license; (2) the written Order from the Court; (3) proof of insurance, including SR-22; (4) vehicle registration.

PLEASE READ THE BACK SIDE OF YOUR COURT ORDER FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

HOW TO GET YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE REINSTATED

After your suspension or revocation period expires you can have your driver's license reinstated. You may be required to pay a fee before reinstating your license and fees vary depending on your situation.

There are a variety of ways to reinstate your driving privileges: online, in person at driver service centers across the state, or by mail.

To receive reinstatement requirements, please go online to <https://dl.safety.tn.gov/> or contact the Reinstatement Call Center at 866-903-7357.

- **Online**

You must know your Tennessee driver license number and the last name as it appears on the driver's license. Additionally, online reinstatement requires a valid credit/debit card for payment. Please visit: <https://dl.safety.tn.gov/>

- **In Person Driver License Reinstatement Centers**

Visit one of the Driver License Reinstatement Centers in your county. Driver Service Center personnel cannot give license reinstatement requirements over the phone. Please contact 866-903-7357 to find a reinstatement center in your county.

- **Mail**

To reinstate by mail, please include driver's full name, date of birth, social security number (if one has been issued), mailing address and phone number. Please also include the Tennessee driver license number and reason for cancellation, suspension, or revocation, if known.

- **U.S. Mail**

Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security
Financial Responsibility
PO BOX 945
Nashville, TN 37202

- **Courier Delivery (UPS, FedEx, DHL, etc.)**

Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security
Financial Responsibility
1150 Foster Ave. *
Nashville, TN 37210

If you have any questions regarding your reinstatement, information is available 24 hours a day via the department's automated phone system. Reinstatement clerks are on duty Monday through Friday 8am to 4:30pm CST to answer your questions. Toll-Free: 1-866-903-7357

Application for a Restricted Driver's License
General Sessions Court Criminal Court Clerk's Office

Warrant/Case Number _____

Were you convicted of DUI? **YES** or **NO** Were you convicted of Implied Consent? **YES** or **NO**

Personal History Information

First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone # _____

Driver's License Number _____ State where Licensed _____ Date of Birth _____

(skip the following section if offense occurred within Davidson County)

OUT OF COUNTY OFFENDER'S MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

Must present a copy of affidavit/charging document and final judgment/disposition at time of application
County and State you were charged in _____

Ignition interlock required or requested? *(Circle one)* **YES** or **NO**
*If answer to above question is YES then **DO NOT** fill out section below*

Geographic Restrictions *(if question does not apply then answer N/A)*

Employment Information

Employer Name and Address- _____

Type of Employment/Occupation- _____

Do you travel offsite for work *(Circle one)* **YES** or **NO**

List each day you work _____

Time you leave for work and time you arrive back home _____

Do you drive an employer's vehicle *(Circle one)* **YES** or **NO**

College/University

College/University Name and Address - _____

College/University schedule - _____

Place of Worship

Regular Place of Worship Name and Address - _____

Days and Time you leave and return home - _____

Probation

Probation Officer's Name and Address- _____

Outpatient Alcohol/Drug Treatment

Outpatient Alcohol/Drug Treatment Program Name and Address- _____

Court Ordered Programs

Court Ordered Alcohol Safety Program Name and Address- _____

Community Service Work Name and Address- _____