



Louisiana Department of Public Safety

Office of Motor Vehicles

2-2.00 Convictions

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Purpose

This policy discusses the requirements and procedures for mandatory and non-mandatory conviction records.

Definitions

- **Conviction** – an unvacated decree of guilt or a determination that a person has violated or failed to comply with the law in court.
- **Court Ordered Temporary Driving Permit for Payment of Criminal or Traffic Fines** – a type of temporary driving permit issued at the discretion of the court when a fine has been levied and an extension granted to allow an individual to make installment payments for any criminal offense or violation of the Louisiana Highway Regulatory Act or any municipal or parish ordinance regulating traffic.
- **Mandatory Conviction** – a conviction in which a suspension or disqualification period is imposed.
- **Non-mandatory Conviction** – a conviction in which no specific amount of time for a suspension or disqualification period is imposed but requires a suspension or disqualification until other requirements are met. This is also known as an indefinite suspension.
- **Notice of Suspension (NOS)** – A citation that may be issued when the operator, who is also the **sole owner of the vehicle**, is stopped for any reason and is driving with a suspended driver's license.

Mandatory Conviction		
Driving While Suspended	Littering from a Motor Vehicle	Vehicular Negligent Injury
Driving While Suspended (Departmental Act)	Failure to Stop for School Bus Loading/Unloading Children	Vehicular Feticide 3rd Degree
By Order of the Department Recommended by the Court	Failure to Attend Safe Driving Course for Railroad Grade Crossing Violation	Vehicular Homicide
Denial of Driving Privileges	Child Restraint (3rd or subsequent offense)	Vehicular Homicide (Departmental Suspension)
Denial of Driving Privileges of the Young	School Rule Infractions – Driving is a Privilege	Manslaughter
Violation of Driver's License Restriction	Three Charges of Reckless Driving Within 12 Months	Negligent Homicide
Unlawful Use of a Driver's License (Court Conviction)	Careless Operation Causing Death	Habitual Offender
Felony Act Using a Motor Vehicle	Failure to Stop and Render Aid (Hit/Run, Leaving the Scene)	

Non-mandatory Conviction	
Child Restraint (1st or 2nd offense)	By Order of the Department Failure to Pay Criminal Fines
School Truancy	Nonpayment of Income Taxes
Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF)	Nonpayment of Child Support

Notes

- Authority [R.S. 32:1420](#)
 - Any conviction received here in Louisiana involving an out-of-state driver is forwarded to the home state of record for final disposition, including commercial driver's license (CDL) convictions.
- Authority: [R.S. 32:407](#)
 - **Additional compliance requirements for an intermediate license holder.** If the applicant's license has been suspended, the applicant has been placed on probation by a court due to a driving violation, was at fault for an accident, received convictions for moving, no seatbelt, curfew violations, or any laws pertaining to drug or alcohol use, then the applicant will also be required to provide proof of completion of an approved driver education or pre-licensing training course prior to reinstatement.
 - The 8 hours behind the wheel training is not required.
 - The course completion date must be after the date of the violation.
 - Once the driver turns seventeen (17) the course is no longer required
- Some convictions will also require a disqualification period from operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV). See policy 2-11.00 Suspension and Disqualification for more information.

Conviction Types

<u>Driving While Suspended</u>	Authority: <u>R.S. 32:414; R.S. 32:415</u> A court conviction for driving while the operator's driving privileges were suspended. Compliance: Serve a year suspension period. Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements. Notes: • May be eligible for a hardship
<u>Driving While Suspended (Departmental Act)</u>	Authority: <u>R.S. 32:414</u> A conviction of any moving traffic violation (speeding, DWI, reckless driving, etc.) or the issuance of a notice of suspension violation received by the department in which the operator's driving privileges were suspended. Compliance: Serve a suspension period of up to one year. Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements.
<u>By Order of the Department Recommended by the Court</u>	Authority: <u>CCRP 895</u> Any court with criminal jurisdiction may impose the prohibition from operating any motor vehicle for a specific period of time that is reasonably related to the defendant's rehabilitation as part of the defendant's probation. Compliance: Serve the suspension period ordered by the court. Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements. Notes: • Not eligible for a departmental hardship, but may be eligible for a court ordered hardship
<u>Denial of Driving Privileges</u>	Authority: <u>R.S. 32:430</u> The Office of Motor Vehicles will suspend the driving privileges of any person who has attained the age of nineteen (19) and is convicted of any crime, offense, violation, or infraction involving the possession, use, or abuse of one or more controlled dangerous substances, or who is convicted of any felony offense involving a possession violation under any provision of R.S. 40:966 through 40:970 of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law, or of a violation of the Louisiana Drug Racketeering Act. Compliance: Serve a 90-to-365-day suspension period Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements.

<u>Denial of Driving Privileges of the Young</u>	Authority: <u>R.S. 32:430</u> The Office of Motor Vehicles will suspend the driving privileges any person who has not yet attained the age of nineteen (19), but who is not younger than thirteen (13) and is convicted of any crime, offense, violation, or infraction involving the possession, use, or abuse of one or more controlled dangerous substances, or is convicted of any felony offense involving a possession violation under of any provision of R.S. 40:966 through 40:970 of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law, or of a violation of the Louisiana Drug Racketeering Act. Compliance: • 1st Conviction ○ Serve a 90-to-365-day suspension period or until the person reaches eighteen (18) years of age, whichever is longer ○ Serve a 90-to-365-day suspension, if older than eighteen (18) years of age • 2nd Conviction ○ Serve a 365-day suspension period or until the person reaches nineteen (19) years of age, whichever is longer Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements.
<u>Violation of Driver's License Restriction</u>	Authority: <u>R.S. 32:423</u> The Office of Motor Vehicles will suspend the license of any person upon receipt of a court conviction for violating a restriction on a driver's license. Compliance: Serve a 60-day suspension period Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements
<u>Unlawful Use of a Driver's License</u>	Authority: <u>R.S. 32:414</u>; <u>R.S. 32:414.1</u>; <u>R.S. 32:414.2</u>; <u>R.S. 32:414.3</u>; <u>R.S. 32:414.4</u>; <u>R.S. 32:414.5</u> The Office of Motor Vehicles will suspend the license of any person upon receipt of a court conviction for the unlawful use of a driver's license. Compliance: • 1st Conviction ○ Serve a 90-day suspension period • 2nd and Subsequent Conviction ○ Serve a 365-day suspension period Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements Notes: • May be eligible for a hardship on the first conviction only
<u>Felony Act Using a Motor Vehicle</u>	Authority: <u>R.S. 32:414</u> The Office of Motor Vehicles will suspend the license of any person upon receipt of a court conviction for a felony act in which a motor vehicle was used. Compliance: Serve a 730-day suspension period Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements Notes: • If the violation was prior to 8/15/07 the suspension period was 365 days.
<u>Littering from a Motor Vehicle</u>	Authority: <u>R.S. 32:414</u>; <u>R.S. 30:2531.1</u> The Office of Motor Vehicles will suspend the license of any person upon receipt of a court conviction for a third or subsequent littering from a motor vehicle violation. Compliance: Serve a 365-day suspension period Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements

Failure to Stop for School Bus Loading/Unloading Children	Authority: R.S. 32:414; R.S. 32:80 The Office of Motor Vehicles will suspend the license of any person upon receipt of a court conviction for violation R.S. 32:80(A)(1) relative to a failure to stop or passing a school bus which is stopped for loading or unloading children. Compliance: • 1st Conviction ○ Serve a 30-day suspension period • 2nd Conviction ○ Serve a 60-day suspension period • 3rd Conviction ○ Serve a 365-day suspension period Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements
Failure to Attend Safe Driving Course for Railroad Grade Crossing Violation	Authority: R.S. 32:414; R.S. 32:171 The Office of Motor Vehicles will suspend the license of any person who has failed to attend and/or furnish proof to the court that they have attended an Operation Lifesaver Course for safe driving within one hundred eighty (180) days following the date of conviction for a railroad crossing signal or warning device violation. Compliance: Serve a 30-day suspension period Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements
Child Restraint	Authority: R.S. 32:414; R.S. 32:295 The Office of Motor Vehicles will suspend the license of any person who is convicted of child restraint. Every driver in this state who transports a child or children under the age of eighteen (18) years in a motor vehicle that is in motion and is required by federal safety to be equipped with a safety belt system or lower anchors and tethers for children in a passenger seating position shall have the child properly restrained according to the vehicle and child safety seat manufacturer's instructions. Compliance: • 1st Conviction and 2nd Conviction ○ A notarized affidavit from the driver stating he/she has acquired an approved age- or size-appropriate child restraint system(s) for all children he transports as required by law. • 3rd Conviction and Subsequent Conviction ○ Serve a 180-day suspension period ○ A notarized affidavit from the driver stating he has acquired an approved age- or size-appropriate child restraint system(s) for all children he transports as required by law. Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements. The fee is not required on the 1st and 2nd conviction, if the notarized affidavit is received within 30 days from the date of the official notice of withdrawal.

<u>School Rule Infractions – Driving is a Privilege</u>	Authority: <u>R.S. 32:407; R.S. 32:431; R.S. 17:416.1</u> Upon receiving the written notice from the principal or headmaster at a public or private school, the Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) will suspend the license of a student between the ages of fourteen and eighteen for an infraction involving the sale or possession of drugs, alcohol, or any other illegal substance, the possession of a firearm, or assault or battery on a member of the school faculty or staff. Compliance: • Serve a 365-day suspension period ○ Not to exceed the student’s eighteenth birthday ○ If, after six months of the suspension, the principal notifies the OMV in writing, on letterhead, and signed that the student has displayed exemplary student behavior at school and has not violated any school policies or been found guilty of any misconduct pursuant to <u>R.S. 17:416</u> or any policy of the school or of the local public school board, and no further disciplinary measures have been taken, then the suspension period will end. Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements.
<u>Three Charges of Reckless Driving Within 12 Months</u>	Authority: <u>R.S. 32:414</u> The Office of Motor Vehicles will suspend the license of any person who is convicted of three (3) reckless driving violations within a twelve (12) month period. Compliance: Serve a 730-day suspension period Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements. Notes: • The three (3) charges must be conviction committed within a period of twelve (12) months, not within a calendar year.
<u>Careless Operation Causing Death</u>	Authority: <u>R.S. 32:414; R.S. 32:58</u> The Office of Motor Vehicles will suspend the license of any person who is convicted of careless operation of the motor vehicle directly or proximately causes the death of a human being when the operator fails to maintain control of the vehicle because of falling asleep. Compliance: Serve a 730-day suspension period Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements.
<u>Failure to Stop and Render Aid (Hit/Run, Leaving the Scene)</u>	Authority: <u>R.S. 32:414; R.S. 32:414.2</u> The Office of Motor Vehicles will suspend the license of any person who is convicted for a charge of failure to stop and render aid, hit and run, or leaving the scene of an accident when the accident resulted in the death or personal injury of another person. Compliance: Serve a 730-day suspension period Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements Notes: • For a commercial driver’s license (CDL) holder, there will be a disqualification period regardless of the vehicle being driven at the time of the violation even if there is no fatality, but the license will also be suspended if there is an injury or fatality.

<u>Vehicular Negligent Injury</u>	Authority: <u>R.S. 32:414; R.S. 14:39.1; R.S. 14:39.2</u> The Office of Motor Vehicles will suspend the license of any person who is convicted of vehicular negligent injuring, which is the inflicting of any injury upon the person of a human being when caused proximately or caused directly by an offender engaged in the operation of, or in actual physical control of, any motor vehicle, aircraft, watercraft, or other means of conveyance. The violator must have been under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Compliance: • 1st Conviction ○ Serve a 365-day suspension period • 2nd Conviction ○ Serve a 730-day suspension period • 3rd Conviction ○ Serve a 1095-day suspension period Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements.
<u>Vehicular Feticide 3rd Degree</u>	Authority: <u>R.S. 32:414; R.S. 14:32.8</u> The Office of Motor Vehicles will suspend the license of any person who is convicted of third degree feticide, which is the killing of an unborn child by criminal negligence or caused proximately or caused directly by an offender engaged in the operation of, or in actual physical control of, any motor vehicle, aircraft, watercraft, or other means of conveyance whether or not the offender had the intent to cause death or great bodily harm. The violator must have been under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Compliance: Serve a 730-day suspension period Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements.
<u>Vehicular Homicide, Manslaughter, Negligent Homicide</u>	Authority: <u>R.S. 32:414; R.S. 32:407</u> The Office of Motor Vehicles will suspend the license of any person who is convicted of vehicular homicide, manslaughter, or negligent homicide. Compliance: Serve a 730-day suspension period Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements.
<u>Vehicular Homicide (Departmental Suspension)</u>	Authority: <u>R.S. 32:667.1; R.S. 14:32.1</u> The Office of Motor Vehicles will suspend the license of any person who is convicted of vehicular homicide, which is the killing of a human being caused proximately or caused directly by an offender engaged in the operation of, or in actual physical control of, any motor vehicle, aircraft, watercraft, or other means of conveyance whether or not the offender had the intent to cause death or great bodily harm. The violator must have been under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Compliance: • If the court finds that the arrested person is found to have operated a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, any drug, or any combination of drugs ○ Serve a 365-day suspension period ▪ If the person is convicted of the crime of vehicular homicide • Serve a 730-day suspense following his release from incarceration • Will receive credit for the time in which the license was suspended prior to the conviction If the charge of vehicular homicide does not result in a conviction, guilty plea, or bod forfeiture, the person's license must be immediately reinstated. There is no reinstatement fee, if at the time for reinstatement it can be shown that the criminal charge has been permanently refused by the appropriate prosecutor, or there has been an acquittal.

Habitual Offender	Authority: R.S. 32:1471; R.S. 32:1472; R.S. 32:1473; R.S. 32:1474; R.S. 32:1475; R.S. 32:1476; R.S. 32:1477; R.S. 32:1479 The Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) will suspend the license of any person, resident or non-resident, who is a habitual offender, which is a person who has accumulated ten (10) or more violations of separate and distinct offenses, committed within three (3) years of the date on which the last offense is committed, involving moving violations, singularly or in combination, in the operation of a motor vehicle which are required to be reported to OMV. Compliance: • Serve a 1095-day suspension period • SR22 Insurance Fees: \$100.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee owed for other statutory requirements		
School Truancy	Authority: R.S. 32:414; R.S. 32:431.1; R.S. 17:221; R.S. 17:233; R.S. 32:407 Upon receiving the written notice from the school board, the Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) will suspend the license of a minor who is at least fifteen but less than eighteen years of age until his eighteenth birthday if that person withdraws from school prior to graduation or is habitually absent or tardy. Compliance: • Serve a suspension period until the student's eighteenth (18th) birthday or • Submit a General Educational Development (GED) or high school diploma or • Submit a compliance release from the school board or Office of Child Welfare and Attendance, signed, and on letterhead Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements		
Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF)	Authority: R.S. 32:414 The Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) will suspend the license of any person who pays taxes or fees to OMV or a public tag agent with an NSF check and fails to redeem the NSF check within thirty (30) days after the date of the Notice of Suspension from the Office of Management and Finance. Compliance: Serve a suspension period until • The insufficient funds in addition to any penalties and interest due to the Office of Management and Finance has been paid to reinstate driving privileges. This NSF payment may be made by cashier's check or money order only to one of the following: <table border="1" data-bbox="520 979 1724 1076"> <tr> <td data-bbox="520 979 1136 1076"> The Office of Management and Finance P.O. Box 64886 Baton Rouge, LA 70896 </td><td data-bbox="1136 979 1724 1076"> The Office of Motor Vehicles P.O. Box 64886 Baton Rouge, LA 70896 </td></tr> </table> • If sent to OMV, OMV will forward this payment to the Office of Management and Finance. • The NSF payment amount will be listed on the Notice of Suspension from the Office of Management and Finance. Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee owed for other statutory requirements. Notes: • The NSF payment and reinstatement fee must be made as separate payments.	The Office of Management and Finance P.O. Box 64886 Baton Rouge, LA 70896	The Office of Motor Vehicles P.O. Box 64886 Baton Rouge, LA 70896
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<u>By Order of the Department Failure to Pay Criminal Fines</u>	Authority: <u>R.S. 32:414</u>; <u>32:411.1</u> The Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) will suspend the license of any person when ordered by the court for failing to pay criminal fines on any criminal offense conviction. Compliance: Serve a suspension period until evidence from the convicting court is received showing that the fine has been paid. Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements.
<u>Court Ordered Temporary Driving Permit for Payment of Criminal or Traffic Fines</u>	Authority: <u>R.S. 32:411</u>; <u>CCRP 885.1</u> Compliance: The violator must provide a final disposition from the court. Fees: \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements Notes: • The temporary driving permit is issued by the court, not OMV. • The court may order the surrender of the operator's license and issuance of the temporary driving permit for a period not to exceed 180 days. • After that period, if the fine has not been paid to the court, then the court will submit the court order, the operator's license and a copy of the temporary license issued to OMV for suspension. • The temporary driving permit books are furnished free of charge to any court and can be requested through the Impaired Driver Unit.
<u>Nonpayment of Income Taxes</u>	Authority: <u>R.S. 32:414</u>; <u>R.S. 47:296.2</u>; <u>R.S. 32:432</u> The Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) will suspend the license of any person who is not compliant in paying income taxes. Compliance: Serve a suspension period until a certified compliance release is received from the Louisiana Department of Revenue (LDR). The compliance will be sent electronically by LDR, but a physical release is acceptable, if it has not been released electronically yet. Fees: If the violation is prior to January 1, 2023, then a \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements is owed.
<u>Nonpayment of Child Support</u>	Authority: <u>R.S. 32:432</u>; <u>R.S. 9:315.30</u>; <u>R.S. 9:315.40</u>; <u>R.S. 9:315.45</u> When notified by a court order or request from the Department of Social Services (Support Enforcement), the Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) will suspend the license and/or vehicle registration of any person who fails to pay child support. Compliance: Serve a suspension period until a certified compliance or partial compliance release is received from the court or the Department of Social Services (Support Enforcement). The compliance will be sent electronically, but a physical release is acceptable, if it has not been released electronically yet. Fees: A \$60.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements is owed.

<u>Notice of Suspension (NOS)</u>	Authority: <u>R.S.32:415.2</u> When law enforcement issues a notice of suspension (NOS) ticket, the license plate is seized. The law enforcement officer has three (3) calendar days to turn in the plate and a copy of the ticket into the Office of Motor Vehicle Customer Service Center. Compliance: • The driver/owner issued the NOS ticket has ten (10) business days to comply with all laws and regulations, including payments of fees and penalties due, to have his driving privileges reinstated and the license plate returned. ○ If a Notice of Violation (NOV) ticket was also issued, the plate will only be held for (3) business days. ○ The driver/owner may apply for a hardship plate if he cannot clear his suspension, due to a mandatory suspension period. The issuance of a hardship plate is not an authorization to drive with a suspended license. The driver/owner may also apply for a hardship driver's license if he qualifies. Fees: A \$10.00 reinstatement fee in addition to any fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements is owed. Notes: • The issuance of the NOS ticket will block the driver's license and vehicle license plate.
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