



Louisiana Department of Public Safety

Office of Motor Vehicles

2-11.00 Suspension and Disqualification

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Purpose

This policy discusses [suspensions and/or disqualification dates](#), [credit for time served](#), and [driver's licenses held by the Office of Motor Vehicles](#).

Definitions

- **[Disqualification Period](#)** - A disqualification will totally disqualify the CMV driving privileges only (Class A, B or C). No hardship operator's license can be issued for Class A, B or C. If there is no other existing suspension/revocation, or upon reinstatement of the suspension/ revocation, a Class D or E operator's license may be issued for the duration of the disqualification period.
- **[Pending Suspension](#)** - A suspension is considered to be pending if it has been added to the department's record and no suspensive action has been taken or no official notice has been mailed.
- **[Pseudo Number](#)** - A reference number created for the purpose of housing the driving history of an individual who does not hold a Louisiana driver's license, categorized as a Class "P".
- **[Suspension Period](#)** - A suspension will suspend all driving privileges (Class A, B, C, D or E) and no operator's license can be issued during the suspension period, unless the subject is eligible for a hardship operator's license (Class D or E only). A CDL operator's license (Class A, B, C) may be downgraded to a class D or E and then the applicant may be eligible for a hardship operator's license.

Suspensions and/or Disqualification

Authority:

[R.S. 32:414 \(G\)\(N\)](#)

[R.S. 32:430 \(K\)](#)

To view Louisiana Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

General:

- **Subsequent Suspensions and/or Disqualification** - Most suspension and/or disqualification periods are to run consecutively; when one period of suspension and/or disqualification ends, the other begins.

Exceptions:

- The following suspensions and /or disqualifications will run concurrently. The period to be served will be the longer of the two.
 - A DWI and a Refusal/Submit resulting from the same date in certain instances.
 - More than one conviction resulting from the same occurrence.
 - The only convictions that will run concurrently are multiple convictions for manslaughter, negligent homicide, & vehicular homicide.

- All other convictions will be consecutively. (Ex. DWI, DUS, negligent injury, and vehicular homicide, all on the same date, would all run consecutively). If two negligent injuries convictions from the same date, they would have different suspension periods. If two vehicular homicide convictions from the same date, they would have the same suspension time.
- Accidents, affidavits (in lieu of, written promise or out-of-state) or any indefinite suspensions.

Credit for Time Served

General:

- Louisiana Revised Statutes does not provide for the acceptance of affidavits to allow for time served for violations requiring a mandatory suspension period.

Requirements:

- Credit can only be given upon receipt of the most current operator's license (in or out-of-state), upon expiration of an operator's license or on the date the statement of non-possession is received.
- A statement of non-possession is not required if the individual surrenders an out-of-state license or if the individual is under 15 years of age.
- **Exceptions** will be made in the following situations:
 - Written documentation (including specific dates) from a hospital or prison that the individual was confined.
 - Written documentation (including specific dates) from a law enforcement agency, including a District Attorney's office, that the operator's license was held by that office.

Driver's Licenses Held by the Office of Motor Vehicles

- Effective March 23, 1987, **all** suspended driver's licenses held by the Office of Motor Vehicles **will not** be returned to the customer, whether the license is current or expired. When a customer is placed in compliance and their license is still valid, they will be required to obtain a duplicate license and pay and applicable fees. If the license is expired, they will then be required to renew their license and pay all applicable fees.
- Applicants applying for a duplicate license with their clearance letter (Form LC20) are required to submit **one** additional type of identification.
- Any driver's license issued, whether it be duplicate or renewals, because of a suspension **are not** to be held for mailing.