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Purpose

This policy describes requirements and procedures for [out-of-state driving records received on Louisiana drivers](#), [reciprocity on convictions](#), and [Nolo Contendere on out-of-state convictions](#).

Out-of-State Driving Records Received on Louisiana Drivers

- Driving records from a previous state of record on drivers who are now licensed in Louisiana are reviewed for DWI convictions that were convicted within the past 10 years. Only these DWI convictions will be added to the driving record for record keeping and counting purposes.
- Convictions are added to DMB from the CVOO screen, with disposition code "21" (No Action Required - Record Keeping Only).
- If the driving record does not contain sufficient information to be added, return the record to that state requesting a certified copy of the court conviction.

Reciprocity on Convictions

Authority:

[R.S. 32:1420](#)

General:

- Any original conviction received here in Louisiana involving a non-resident is forwarded to the licensing authority for final disposition, including CDL convictions. Only microfilmed/scanned copies of convictions have to be certified and embossed with the state seal prior to mailing.

Requirements:

- On any non-mandatory conviction received through the tape processing program, a copy will have to be obtained through the court on a Louisiana resident.
- If a non-resident is convicted of a mandatory suspension received here in Louisiana and has a Louisiana address or a vehicle registered here, an inquiry is to be made to determine if the individual has obtained a Louisiana driver's license since date of conviction. If no record is found, the original conviction is to be forwarded immediately to the licensing authority.
- When a person receives a DWI while licensed in another state, then transfers to Louisiana, upon receipt of the conviction from the home state, we add the conviction to the driving record with NO suspensive action to be taken. This is done for record-keeping purposes only and to determine the suspensive action if other DWI's are received. The individual had to present this agency with a clearance letter from his/her home state in order to become licensed here in Louisiana which indicated all suspensive requirements in his/her home state were satisfied.

- Convictions on Louisiana residents from other licensing authorities, which meet our statutory requirements, are processed in the same manner as a conviction received here in Louisiana.
 - If an individual is issued a mandatory ticket in another state and transfers to Louisiana prior to being convicted of the offense, upon receipt of the conviction sent from the former licensing authority, we will process.
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Nolo Contendere on Out- of- State Convictions

- For the purpose of license suspensions, a Nolo Contendere plea in Louisiana is considered to have the same effect as a conviction, although for criminal purposes, it is not a conviction.
- Therefore, any out-of-state conviction with a plea of Nolo Contendere is to be processed in the same manner as a Louisiana conviction.