



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 33.00 Driving While Suspended / Departmental Act

Section: 2. Driver's License Laws

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[R. S. 32:415](#)

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

Definitions:

- **Driving While Suspended** - A court conviction for driving while the operator's driving privileges were suspended.
- **Departmental Act** - A conviction of any moving traffic violations (speeding, DWI, reckless driving, etc.) received by the department in which evidence proves a suspension period was being served at the time of the violation.

Requirements:

- Any conviction of **driving while suspended** will require a one-year suspension.
- A **departmental act** requires a suspension up to one year.

Methods of Compliance:

- \$60.00 - reinstatement fee is required at the end of the mandatory suspension period.

Eligibility:

- **Hardship Eligibility**
 - An operator may be eligible for the issuance of a Departmental Hardship License, if the operator was suspended for failure to appear violation(s) only at the time he received a citation for driving while suspended.
 - An operator may be eligible for the issuance of an Interlock Hardship, if the operator was suspended for an alcohol related offense at the time he received a citation for driving while suspended.

Related Policies:

Section 2, Policy 29.00 [Eligibility Of Hearings And Hardship By Statues And Drivers License Class](#)

Section 2, Policy 30.00 [Hardship License Requirements](#)