



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 1.01 Written Promise Affidavit

Section: 2. Driver's License Laws

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[R.S. 32:57.1](#)

[R.S. 32:391](#)

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

CCRP 885.1

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

Definition:

- The Written Promise Affidavit represents an individual's failure to pay a traffic citation by the appointed court date or failure to appear in court after signing a written promise to appear in lieu of posting a bond or surrendering his driver's license.

Requirements:

- The court may immediately submit a failure to appear to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.
- The affidavit must be received by the Office of Motor Vehicles within two years of the violation date, unless the violator is a CDL licensee.

Compliance:

- Proof of payment or final disposition of the affidavit, or a continuance, from the court that issued the order of suspension for failure to appear.
- If a continuance is granted and the person fails to satisfy the traffic citation on the rescheduled court date, then the court will need to submit a court ordered suspension for failure to pay criminal fines as pursuant to 32:414(Q) and CCRP 885.1.

Fees:

- \$100 reinstatement fee in addition to fee(s) owed for other statutory requirements.

Notes:

- Due to federal requirements, a failure to appear by a licensed commercial driver shall be accepted and processed regardless of the date the affidavit was received. Courts are required to submit CDL and CMV violations to the Office of Motor Vehicles within ten (10) days of the driver's failure to appear.