



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 4.00 Suspension and/or Disqualification Dates**

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

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

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**Definitions:**

- **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.
- **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.

**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.

**Related Policies:**

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