

# REINSTATEMENT FEE AMNESTY INITIATIVE

House Bill Number 336 (HB336)

Effective November 2, 2018

**BEGINNING JANUARY 31, 2019, THRU JULY 31, 2019**, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles will implement a six-month driver's license reinstatement fee debt reduction and waiver program for offenders whose driver's licenses have been suspended for specific violations. The program only applies to a driver's license or permit suspension; it does not apply to a commercial driver's license or permit suspension.

## Who is Eligible

A person whose driver's license or permit has been suspended as a result of an eligible offense which **does not** involve:

- Alcohol
- Drug abuse
- Combination thereof
- Or a deadly weapon

## Reduction of Fees

To qualify for a reduction of driver's license reinstatement fees, a person:

1. Must have completed all court-ordered sanctions related to the eligible offense other than the payment of reinstatement fees, and;
2. At least 18 months have expired since the end of the period of the suspension ordered by the court.

If reinstatement fees owed for multiple eligible offenses, then the person shall be required to pay either the lowest reinstatement fee owed for those offenses, or ten percent of the total amount owed for those offenses, whichever amount is greater. If reinstatement fees owed for one eligible offense, then the person shall be required to pay one-half of the fee for that offense.

## Waiver of Fees (with proof of case screen shot from Job and Family Services)

To qualify for a waiver if driver's license reinstatement fees, a person:

1. Must have completed all court-ordered sanctions related to the eligible offense other than the payment of reinstatement fees, and;
2. Must provide proof of indigence by providing a screen shot of your case status from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Benefits Self-Service Portal ([benefits.ohio.gov](http://benefits.ohio.gov)). The screen shot must include:

- o Current Status – Active
- o Current Month
- o Next Review Date
- o Any authorized representatives

## **How to Apply**

**The application period begins January 31, 2019. Applications must be received or postmarked by July 31, 2019, to be eligible for the reinstatement fee amnesty initiative.**

Applicants may apply for a reinstatement fee debt reduction or waiver:

1. Through BMV Online Services (beginning January 31, 2019). **NOTE:** Applications for fee reduction only can be completed online. Applications for complete waiver (amnesty) of fees must be processed by mail.
2. At a deputy registrar license agency. Applications will be mailed to the BMV Columbus office for review and processing.
3. By mailing a completed Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Application (form BMV 2829 – **available January 31, 2019**) to:

Ohio BMV  
Attn: ALS/Points  
P.O. Box 16521  
Columbus, OH 43216-6521

Hancock County Department of Job and Family Services may be able to provide financial assistance to people who have successfully applied for a reduction in their reinstatement fees. To find out if you qualify for assistance in paying for your reinstatement fees, please contact HCDJFS at **1-800-228-2732 or 419-422-0182**.