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Driver License Office
904 301 Blvd. W.
Bradenton, FL 34205
Monday – Friday, 9 AM - 4:30 PM
taxcollector.com

Suspension or Revocation Violation of Chapter 893 (Controlled Substance)

ANY service, including general information, provided by our Driver License Office is subject to \$6.25 at the beginning of the visit. Additional transaction fees may apply.

Not a Manatee County resident? Out-of-County residents can only be served at our [Driver License Office](http://taxcollector.com), located at 904 301 Blvd W, Bradenton. An appointment is required. Visit taxcollector.com to schedule an appointment. You must select the “Non-Manatee County Resident DL/ID Card Transaction” Service in order to be served. Testing services (e.g. road testing, written exams) are provided for Manatee County residents only.

A **court has ruled** to suspend or revoke your driver license because you were convicted of possession, sale, trafficking in, or conspiracy to possess, sell or traffic controlled substances. The length of suspension or revocation depends on your age and the number of prior offenses. Listed below are standard revocation and suspension periods; however, the court can rule to revoke your license for longer or even indefinitely.

18 Years Old or Older (s. 322.055, F.S.):
Any offense prior to 7/01/14.....2 year revocation
Any offense 7/01/14 or after.....1 year revocation

Under 18 Years of Age (s. 322.056, F.S.):
1st offense.....6 months
2nd or subsequent offense prior to 7/01/14.....2 years
2nd or subsequent offense 7/01/14 or after.....1 year

Note: When a court directs the Division of Driver Licenses to suspend or revoke for Chapter 893 and your license is already suspended or revoked for any reason, the time period will automatically extend the longest running suspension or revocation on your driving record.

You will have three options when this type of suspension or revocation is on your record:

#1 WAIT OUT THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION PERIOD – Once the expiration date has passed, you would need to pay the reinstatement fee: \$51.25 for a suspension or \$81.25 for a revocation. (This fee is charged for each suspension or revocation.)

Note: If you are revoked for **Felony-Possession of Controlled Substance**, you are not eligible to receive a hardship license **or** apply for full reinstatement during the term of your revocation.

#2 APPLY FOR FULL REINSTATEMENT BEFORE TIME PERIOD IS UP – To be eligible for full reinstatement prior to the expiration date of the suspension or revocation, all of the following must be completed:

- You must serve at least 6 months of the revocation/suspension period and your driver license must be otherwise eligible.
- You must complete a drug treatment and rehabilitation program sponsored by the Department of Children and Families. (You can find a list of providers by visiting www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/samh/substanceabuse/docs/LicensedSAProvidersByCity.pdf.) And, you must present the **original** Certificate of Completion that will be scanned and subject to verification to ensure that it was issued by an approved DCF provider. (It will also be faxed to the Revocation Section in Tallahassee for further verification and to adjust any dates, if needed.)
- Pay the appropriate reinstatement fee: \$51.25 for a suspension or \$81.25 for a revocation. (This fee is charged for each suspension or revocation.)

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#3 APPLY TO BAR FOR EARLY REINSTATEMENT – If you do not want to wait out the suspension/revocation period, you can contact the Bureau of Administrative Review ([BAR](#)) to find out if you are eligible for a **hardship license** and **request a hearing**. (Note: You must serve at least 6 months of the revocation/suspension period.) If BAR approves your application for a hardship license you will be issued a driver license with a specific restriction and it will be mailed from Central Issuance in Tallahassee. *Our office cannot advise you whether or not you are eligible for a hardship license.*

If BAR refers you to our office after they have approved your application for a hardship license, **an appointment will be required to process your transaction**. Our office can issue the license, provided BAR has indicated on your record that you have been authorized and the specific restriction that must be added. In this case, you would be required to pay the \$51.25 (suspension) or \$81.25 (revocation) reinstatement fee(s) when our office issues the license.

Need to replace or renew your license?

You will be required to pay an additional \$25 to \$48 at the time of reinstatement and you must submit documents that establish your identity pursuant to the Real ID Act (e.g. US birth certificate, US passport, USCIS/INS documents, proof of name change(s), Social Security Card and 2 proofs of residential address) unless you already have a Real ID compliant Florida driver license. For a complete list of acceptable identity documents, visit flhsmv.gov/whattobring.

Check the status of your license at [https://services.flhsmv.gov/DLCheck/!](https://services.flhsmv.gov/DLCheck/)

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