Suspension or Revocation: Load Dropping, Shifting or Escaping

The Driver License Office charges a minimum fee of $6.25 to access your driver license record – this includes all questions, research and all transactions.

A vehicle may not be driven or moved on any highway unless the vehicle is constructed or loaded as to prevent any of the load from dropping, shifting, leaking, blowing, or otherwise escaping. You have been convicted of one of these types of offenses; therefore, your driving privilege has been either suspended or revoked. Standard time periods are listed below; however, a court may rule a longer time period.

- First violation – none; however a judge may require a court-directed revocation/suspension.
- Subsequent violation (within 5 years of previous) – 1 year but no more than 2 years.

Note: If death is involved in the offense, the court may revoke your driving privilege indefinitely.

You have two options when you have this suspension or revocation 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 depending on the court ruling. (This fee is charged for each suspension or revocation.)

☐ #2 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. 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, 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/

Not a Manatee County resident? Out-of-County residents can only be served at our Driver License Office, 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.