Failure to Stop for a School Bus

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.

The first time you are convicted for passing a stopped school bus, you will be required to take a Basic Driver Improvement (BDI) Course. If you fail to take the course within 90 days, your driving privilege will be cancelled until the course is successfully completed.

If you are convicted a second time within 5 years of your first conviction, your driving privilege will be suspended for 90 days to 6 months.

You have two options when you have this suspension on your record:

☐ #1 WAIT OUT THE SUSPENSION PERIOD – Once the expiration date has passed, you would need to pay the $51.25 reinstatement fee. (This fee is charged for each suspension.) You must also complete the Basic Driver Improvement (BDI) Course. Completion will be verified via an online verification system.

For violations resulting in death or serious bodily injury, drivers must serve 120 community service hours in a trauma center or hospital and participate in a victim impact panel session in the judicial circuit.

☐ #2 APPLY TO BAR FOR EARLY REINSTATEMENT – If you do not want to wait out the suspension 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. Our office cannot advise you whether or not you are eligible for a hardship license.

If BAR refers you to our office to be issued a hardship license, an appointment will be required to process your transaction. The BAR hearing officer will place a correspondence code on your driver record indicating early reinstatement was authorized. In this case, you would be required to pay the $51.25 reinstatement fee to our office at the time of issuance. (This fee is charged for each suspension.)

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.