

LICENSE SUSPENSION/ REINSTATEMENT



What Is License Suspension?

A child support enforcement agency (CSEA) may suspend the license of an **obligor** who has not consistently paid and owes past due support.

In addition to the obligors' driver's license, the CSEA may suspend professional licenses for occupations such as attorneys, doctors, nurses, barbers and social workers. Recreational licenses for hunting, fishing or boating may also be affected.

A license may also be suspended for failure to comply with a subpoena or warrant.



Why Would A CSEA Suspend My License?

Suspending a license is one of many enforcement tools available for a CSEA. Licenses are suspended because you have failed to comply with a court or administrative order, make consistent payments and/or provide the CSEA employer information. The goal of the CSEA is to obtain financial support for children. License suspension is one of the most successful enforcement tools used to obtain support payments for families who would not have otherwise received support.

What Is The Process?

Your case may be reviewed for license suspension if you are in default of your child support order(s) (owe more than one month's obligation), have received a final enforceable notice of default **and** have paid less than half of the support due for the previous 90 days.

The CSEA will send a pre-suspension notice to your last known address. The pre-suspension notice will alert you to the potential license suspension and ask that you immediately contact the CSEA to make appropriate arrangements to avoid license suspension. You have ten (10) calendar days to contact the CSEA. If you fail to contact the CSEA and make payment arrangements within ten (10) days of the pre-suspension notice, your license may be suspended.

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How Can I Get My License Back?

Once your license has been suspended, you must contact the CSEA that suspended your license for reinstatement. The CSEA may ask you to pay the full amount of past due support. If you are unable to pay the full amount, **at least one** of the following will be required:



- Verified evidence of employment or an active bank account from which support can be withheld.
- Payment of the balance of past due support for the previous 90-day period.
- Documentation of circumstances that you are unable to work, such as disability.
- Enrollment and participation in a family support program administered or approved by the CSEA.

Once arrangements have been made with the CSEA, you will then need to visit your local BMV or visit bmv.ohio.gov to pay your reinstatement fee to finish the process.

How Can I Prevent My License From Being Suspended?

Paying your monthly obligations(s) in full each month is the only sure way to prevent suspension. Always notify your CSEA of any employment, address and/or phone number changes. In addition, do not disregard any notices or letters from the CSEA. Your CSEA is here to help! Contact your agency and work with them to establish a payment plan if needed.

