

REGAINING YOUR DRIVING PRIVILEGE

Licensees who complete their suspension period may apply for reinstatement of their driving privileges. A copy of the licensee's original suspension notice and license number must be included in all reinstatement applications. Licensees who commit additional violations during license suspension are subject to further punitive action.

The reinstatement fee may be mailed to **PO Box 17030, Charleston, WV 25317**. DMV Regional Offices do not process reinstatement transactions.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE INFO

Any driver who completes the approved Defensive Driving Course (DDC) will have three points removed from the overall total, regardless of the amount of points currently on their record. If the driver has a points suspension in effect on their record, the suspension will not be rescinded or affected by the DDC, and the driver must serve the suspension and pay the reinstatement fee.

If the driver has an impending 30 day point suspension (12 to 13 points) and can submit proof of completion of the DDC and the reinstatement fee prior to the effective date of the suspension, the 30 Day Suspension will be rescinded.

The DDC may only be taken once every twelve months for point reduction. You cannot use the Defensive Driving Course for point reduction if you take the class prior to points appearing on your record.

Online Defensive Driving Courses are NOT acceptable for points reduction and will NOT be considered by the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles.

Registration is required in advance. For schedule and location information on approved courses please contact:

West Virginia DMV, PO Box 17030, Charleston, WV 25317

1-800-642-9066 • www.dmv.wv.gov

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Problem Driver POINT SYSTEM

AN EXPLANATION OF
THE DRIVER'S LICENSE POINT SYSTEM



**Buckle Up,
Be Alert, &
Don't Drink
and Drive.**

DMV'S POINT SYSTEM

DMV's Point System promotes highway safety and enables the agency to monitor and correct the driving habits of West Virginia motorists.

Points for a given infraction remain on a driver's record for two years after the date of the driver's conviction for that infraction; the infraction itself remains on a driver's record for five years. License suspensions run consecutively; points accumulated by drivers already under suspension will result in additional license suspension, to begin after the original suspension period ends. However, suspensions received upon reaching 20+ points shall run concurrently.

Points are assessed for all traffic violations committed anywhere in the U.S. using the WV points schedule listed below. Drivers convicted of multiple offenses arising out of the same incident will be assessed only the points connected to the most serious offense.

Points & Suspension Periods

POINTS ACCUMULATED	SUSPENSION TIME
12 - 13	30 Days
14 - 15	45 Days
16 - 17	60 Days
18 - 19	90 Days

20+ Points Accumulated = Suspended License until accumulated points are reduced to 11 or fewer.

HOW TO OBTAIN A DRIVING RECORD

Instructions on obtaining a WV driving record can be found by visiting the DMV website at www.dmv.wv.gov or by visiting a DMV Regional Office and completing the necessary forms.

POINT ASSESSMENT

Points are assessed according to the severity of the offense. Offenses and point values for each offense are shown below.

OFFENSES	POINT VALUES
Fleeing from an Officer	8
Speeding in a School Zone	6
Reckless/Careless Driving	6
Hit & Run (Leaving the Scene or Failure to Reveal ID)	6
Speeding 20mph or More Over the Speed Limit	6
Speeding 15mph to 19mph Over the Speed Limit	5
Speeding 11mph to 14mph Over the Speed Limit	3
3 or More Wireless Communication Device Violations (Any Combination of Talking and/or Texting)	3
Passing Violation	3
Failure to Yield Violation	3
Failure to Obey Traffic Light	3
Failure to Obey Stop Sign	3
Hazardous Driving	3
Driving Left of Center	3
Driving Too Fast for Conditions	3
Failure to Maintain Control of Vehicle	3
Careless Driving	3
Driving the Wrong Way on a One Way Street	3
Littering	3
Improper Lane Violation	3
Failure to Observe a Safety Zone	3
Failure to Follow a Police Officer's Instructions	3
Driving on the Wrong Side of the Road	3
Following Too Closely	2
More Than Three Passengers in the Front Seat	2
Improper Turning	2
Improper Backing	2
Improper Signal or No Signal	2
All Other Moving Violations Not Listed Above	2