GET IN THE DRIVER’S SEAT

A Guide on How to Obtain, Maintain & Restore Driving Privileges in Pennsylvania

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Preface

One of the most significant barriers to employment faced by many jobseekers in our region is the lack of reliable transportation and, specifically, the lack of a valid driver's license. This problem particularly affects those who are first-time job seekers, or those who have been out of the labor market for long periods of time. Often, this includes special populations who are served by local workforce development programs or youth employment programs. In addition, while public transportation systems have been able to accommodate some transportation needs, many entry level job opportunities are available in suburban or rural areas that are not served by public transportation.

Obtaining employment means overcoming obstacles, including child care, job-readiness, lack of specific job skills, and transportation problems. Often, people who have been away from the workforce for a long time have had their driver's license suspended due to any number of reasons that have nothing to do with unsafe driving. Suspensions can be imposed by the courts or by the Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles. There can be multiple suspensions imposed at the same time, for various reasons including financial reasons. A driver’s license can also be suspended even if you never obtained one.

In 2006, NLSA established an Employment Law Practice to help low-income job seekers address certain employment related legal problems. These problems include the loss of a driver’s license. In recent years, NLSA has received numerous requests from social service agencies, local workforce development programs, training providers, the foundation community, employers, and unemployed workers for information regarding driver’s licensing issues and restoration requirements. In response to these requests, NLSA has developed this guide as a means to provide workforce development staff, caseworkers, educators, and other client advocates with the information needed to appropriately assist clients in obtaining a driver’s license, maintain driving privileges, and/or reinstating their driver’s license. With the availability of this comprehensive guidance tool, you will have the information needed to help remove this employment barrier. Further information, as well as a copy of the manual itself, may be found on NLSA’s website (www.nlsa.us) or on www.palawhelp.org under the employment tab.
WORD OF CAUTION:

This manual contains general information about the law and does not contain specific advice about a particular legal problem. This manual cannot serve as a substitute for seeing a lawyer. If you are in doubt as to whether you need a lawyer, please talk to one.

The information presented here is correct at the time of printing. Some laws, regulations, procedures and/or forms may be different by the time you read this manual. You should always check to be sure that any law or document referred to is current. Laws and regulations change and forms are often updated.

The sample forms, letters and information sheets contained in this manual are from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). They are only examples and cannot be used for conducting business with PennDOT. If you need to submit a form to PennDOT, you should obtain a blank form from PennDOT and complete it according to the instructions. Forms and detailed information can be found on PennDOT’s website at http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/ or by going to your local driver’s license center.

If you are income eligible, and reside in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler or Lawrence counties, you may qualify for free civil legal help from Neighborhood Legal Services Association (NLSA). Please call 1-866-761-6572 to see if you qualify for our services. Pennsylvanians living in other counties seeking legal aid can locate the appropriate legal services program by accessing www.palawhelp.org and clicking on the “Legal Aid Providers” tab.

For help in locating a lawyer, please call the Pennsylvania Bar Association at (800) 692-7375 or your local county’s bar association’s Lawyer Referral Service.

- Allegheny: (412) 261-5555
- Beaver: (724) 728-4888
- Berks: (610) 375-4591
- Blair: (814) 693-3090
- Bucks: (215) 348-9413
- Butler: (724) 841-0130
- Chester: (610) 429-1500
- Cumberland: (717) 249-3166
- Dauphin: (717) 232-7536
- Delaware: (610) 566-6625
- Erie: (814) 459-4411
- Lackawanna: (570) 969-9600
- Lancaster: (717) 393-0737
- Lawrence: (724) 656-2136
- Lehigh County: (610) 433-7094
- Luzerne: (570) 822-6029
- Mercer: (724) 342-3111
- Monroe: (570) 424-7288
- Montgomery: (610) 279-9660
- Northampton: (610) 258-6333
- Philadelphia: (215) 238-1701
- Washington: (724) 225-6710
- Westmoreland: (724) 834-8490
- York: (717) 854-8755
Introduction

Driving is a privilege, not a right. It is a privilege most of us take for granted and one that affects many in the community. We are expected to maintain a level of accurate knowledge regarding the law and our responsibilities to it. Throughout this manual, we hope to provide you with timely information that will allow you to use your driving privileges to the fullest extent possible.

First, this guide describes some of your legal responsibilities when driving. You should have a basic understanding of the Pennsylvania Driver's License Manual and the laws it contains. There is a list of PennDOT locations and other places you can go in order to get more information or fulfill a motor vehicle related need. Next, some of the causes of license suspension are discussed, as well as how you can get your license back if you lose it (the restoration process). Please keep in mind that this resource manual is not the final say: it is a guide to help you. PennDOT has the final say in all driving related matters. Finally, you will find information and directions on how to apply for different types of driver's licenses. These licenses include non-commercial, commercial, motorcycle and limited licenses. The appendix contains fact sheets, frequently asked questions, directions and samples of the forms needed for each type of license. The appendix will be of great benefit to you, but again, these are samples and you will need to go to http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/ for the most accurate and up-to-date versions.

What is the purpose of this manual?

- To explain basic Pennsylvania laws and regulations that you are expected to know or that may affect driving privileges
- To provide reasons for license suspension so they can be dealt with or avoided in the future
- To provide examples of PennDOT's driver's license letters, forms, and information on how to locate the most up-to-date documents
- To give information on all types of licenses (non-commercial, commercial, motorcycle, limited licenses) and how to obtain them
- To explain the license restoration process

Who will benefit from reading this manual?

- Workforce development professionals and case managers assisting clients with driver's license issues
- New drivers who have never before obtained a Pennsylvania driver's license
- People currently under a driver's license suspension and who have taken no action
- People who want to know their license status
- People who have served a driver's license suspension and want to restore their driving privileges
- People for whom license problems prevent employment
- People interested in obtaining non-traditional driver's licenses
- People who are involved with programs that help others get/restore their driver's licenses
I. Legal Responsibilities of Driving in Pennsylvania

Every driver has certain legal responsibilities. These include reading the driver’s license manual and knowing certain laws.

A. Reading the Pennsylvania Driver’s Manual

- The Driver’s Manual is a guide to Pennsylvania driving laws and regulations and prepares new drivers for the driver’s examination. The information contained in the chapters include everyday driving skills, driving record information and specific laws.

- You may obtain a PA Driver’s Manual at any PennDOT Driver License Center or download one online at www.dmv.state.pa.us.
- For a list of Driver License Centers in the surrounding counties, refer to Appendix A. You can call PennDOT’s Customer Call Center at 1-800-932-4600 or search online at the above web address under "Locations Info Center".
- Appendix B contains a listing of On-Line Messengers (OLM) these are private businesses contracted to provide driver licensing and vehicle registration services for customers through an online connection with PennDOT. They generally charge an extra fee (in addition to the state fees) for their services, but in most cases, the product you are seeking will be issued to you that day.
  - Some services provided by OLM:

B. Knowing the Law

- Pennsylvania laws governing traffic, parking, and driver’s licensing procedures form the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code. Some important laws include:

  - **License Requirements**: You must have a valid learner’s permit or driver’s license to operate a vehicle in Pennsylvania.
  - **Vehicle Requirements**: You must carry valid registration and insurance for your vehicle.
  - **Seat Belt Laws**: All drivers and front seat passengers in vehicles must wear their seatbelts. Children under 4 must be buckled in using a child safety seat. Children 4 – 8 must be buckled in using a booster seat. Children 8-18 must wear their seatbelts regardless of their riding location in the vehicle.
  - **Safety and Emissions Inspections**: You must complete a vehicle safety inspection at an authorized inspection center every 12 months. Many counties also require an emissions inspection as part of the overall safety inspection. Allegheny, Beaver, Westmoreland and Washington Counties all require emission inspection.
• For more information on these inspections, call the Emissions Customer Hotline at 1-800-265-0921 or visit www.drivecleanpa.state.pa.us

• PennDOT must check the National Driver Registry before issuing any driver’s license product (i.e. learner’s permit, driver’s license, etc.). If the registry shows you have an outstanding driver sanction in another state, you cannot get or renew a Pennsylvania driver’s license or learner’s permit until you resolve the sanction in the other state.
  • Such sanctions might include driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs or if you have been convicted of a serious traffic violation.

• If you commit an offense listed in the Driver License Compact (Appendix C) in any Compact member state, you will receive the same driver sanction in Pennsylvania as you would if the offense had occurred in Pennsylvania. The Driver License Compact is an agreement between 46 states to forward suspensions and traffic violations information of an out-of-state resident to the resident’s home state (state where resident is licensed).
  • Such crimes may include driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, homicide by vehicle, reckless driving, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, driving while under suspension.

The home state then treats the crime as if it occurred at home and applies the appropriate home state’s laws regarding the appropriate sanction or penalty to apply to your driving privileges.
II. How to Obtain a Driver's License, Commercial Driver's License and/or Motorcycle License

A. Non-Commercial Learner’s Permit and License

- An initial Learner’s Permit may be issued to any individual, 16 years of age or older, who has never been licensed, OR a new resident who has never been licensed OR a new resident who has been licensed in another state, but whose license has been expired for longer than 6 months.

- Appendix D contains PennDOT’s Identification and Residency Requirements for U.S. Citizens and Non-citizens. Please review this to ensure you bring the correct documentation with you.

- To obtain a learner’s permit, you must bring the following items to a PennDOT Driver License Center:
  - Completed Form DL-180 (Appendix E), which includes both your personal information as well as a medical certification which must be completed by a medical provider.
  - As described in Form DL-180 (Appendix E), you must provide TWO forms of identity:
    - (1) your Social Security card and
    - (2) one of the following: birth certificate with raised seal, certificate of U.S. Citizenship, Certificate of Naturalization or a valid passport.
  - As described in Form DL-180 (Appendix E), you must provide TWO forms of residency: current utility bills (cellular/mobile or page bills are not acceptable), W-2 form, tax records, a current weapons permit, lease agreements, or mortgage documents.
    - Note: Proof of residency is NOT required if you are 16 or 17. If you are 18+ and reside with someone and have no bills in your name, you will still need to provide two proofs of residency. One way is to bring the person with whom you reside along with their driver’s license or photo ID to the Driver License Center. You will also need to provide a second proof of residency such as official mail (bank statement, tax notice, magazine, etc.) that has your name and address on it. The address must match that of the person with whom you reside.
  - A check or money order payable to PennDOT for the appropriate fees (see Appendix E).
  - If under 18, a completed Form DL-180TD (Appendix F).

- After submitting the application, passing an eye screening and passing a knowledge test, you will receive a learner’s permit that is valid for one year. The knowledge test is based on the PA Driver’s Manual.

- To obtain a driver’s license, you must pass a road test. If you are under 18, you must wait 6 months after receiving your learner’s permit and log 50 hours of driving before you can take the test.
  - To schedule a test, visit PennDOT online at www.dmv.state.pa.us or call 1-800-423-5542.
Common Questions about Non-Commercial Learner’s Permit and License

• Where can I find study materials for the knowledge test?
  You can get a Driver’s Manual at any PennDOT Driver License Center or download one
  online at www.dmv.state.pa.us.

• Can I drive by myself with a learner’s permit?
  Yes, unless you are under the age of 18. In that case, a licensed driver who is at least 21
  OR a licensed spouse, parent or guardian who is at least 18 must ride in the front seat of
  your vehicle every time you drive with your learner’s permit.

• What must I know for the road test?
  The road test examiner will test how well you operate vehicle controls, parallel park,
  obey traffic signs and signals, and/or control your vehicle.

• How many tries do I have to pass the road test?
  If you do not pass the road test in 3 tries or your learner’s permit expires before you
  pass the road test, you must ask PennDOT to extend your learner’s permit by using Form
  DL-31 (Appendix G).

• How many hours do I have to have behind the wheel before taking the test?
  If you are under 18 years of age, you must log 50 hours and practice for six months
  before you can take the road test.

B. Commercial Driver’s License Permit and License (CDL)

• If you are 18 years of age or older, you may apply for a CDL Learner’s Permit
  regardless of whether you have a non-commercial driver’s license.

  To submit an application, you must bring the following items to a PennDOT Driver
  License Center:
  • A completed Form DL-31CD (Appendix H).
  • A valid Pennsylvania driver’s license (if you have one)
  • As described in Appendix D, proof of identity and residency
  • A check or money order payable to PennDOT for the appropriate fees (see
    Appendix H).

  PennDOT will then issue a Knowledge Test Authorization (KTA). This looks similar to a
  learner’s permit but the KTA itself CANNOT be used like a learner’s permit to operate a
  vehicle. Its only purpose is to indicate the CDL classes, endorsements and restriction
  removals requested by an applicant, and provide the applicant the opportunity to take
  their knowledge test(s) at a Driver License Center.

  • You must present the KTA at a Driver License Center to take a CDL knowledge
    test. Only upon passing the knowledge test will you receive a CDL learner’s
    permit so you can practice driving.

  • The KTA and permit together are valid
    for one year from the date of issuance.

  • If your requested commercial driving
      privileges require a CDL skills test, you
      must wait at least 15 days after
obtaining your CDL Learner’s Permit before taking the skills test. However, you are permitted to schedule the test as soon as you receive the permit so long as the test is scheduled for 15 days beyond the date of the CDL learner's permit. Please refer to Appendix I to determine whether the CDL you are applying for requires a skills test.

- To schedule a CDL road test, visit PennDOT online at www.dmv.state.pa.us or call 1-800-423-5542.

- Please refer to Appendix I for more facts and information about CDLs.

Common Questions about Commercial Permits and Driver’s Licenses

- Can I obtain a CDL if I do not have a valid Pennsylvania non-commercial driver’s license?
  Yes. If you do not have or never have had a valid non-commercial driver’s license, you can obtain a CDL after passing an eye screening, a physical examination, a CDL driver’s examination and a CDL skills test.

- Where can study materials for a CDL knowledge test be found?
  You can pick up a Commercial Driver’s Manual at any PennDOT Driver License Center or download one online at www.dmv.state.pa.us. It is also available in Spanish.

- Can I use my KTA as a permit to begin practicing my driving skills?
  No. The KTA is not a driving permit. You must obtain a CDL Learner’s Permit before you can begin practicing your driving skills.

For additional information on Commercial Driver's Licenses, refer to Appendix J.

C. Motorcycle Permit and Driver’s License

- If you wish to drive a motorcycle in Pennsylvania, you must first obtain a permit and then pass a skills test in order to receive a motorcycle license.
  - There is a motorcycle manual available on PennDOT’s website, http://www.dmv.state.pa.us or at any PennDOT Driver License Center.

- In order to obtain the permit, bring the following items with you to a Driver License Center:
  - A completed Form DL-5 (Appendix K).
  - $10 fee

- Once you take the items to the Driver License Center, you will take a vision test and have to pass a motorcycle knowledge test. Once you pass, a motorcycle (Class M) learner’s permit will be issued. It is valid for one year, and you can schedule to take the skills test at any time thereafter.

- While you have your permit, you are only allowed to operate the vehicle from sunrise to sunset. You cannot carry other passengers with the permit unless they are an instructor with a motorcycle license. If you do not have another type of license (such as a Class C), you can only operate the motorcycle under the instruction and immediate supervision of a licensed motorcycle operator.

- You must then take a skills test to receive a license. You can schedule to take the skills test online or call PennDOT at 1-800-932-4600.
• If you have a motorcycle learner’s permit, you can also obtain a motorcycle license through the Pennsylvania Motorcycle Safety Program (PAMSP). If you take and pass the course, you will be issued a motorcycle license at the end.
  • To obtain course schedules or register for training, you can call 1-800-845-9533 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

• For more information on Mopeds, Motorcycles and Motor-Driven Cycles, refer to Appendix L.

Common Questions about Motorcycle Permits and Licenses

• Where can I find study materials for the knowledge test?
  You can pick up a Motorcycle Operator’s Manual at any PennDOT Driver License Center or download one online at www.dmv.state.pa.us.

• My learner’s permit has expired. How do I get an extension?
  You must complete the Motorcyle Learner’s Permit Application (DL-5), submit the $10.00 fee, and pass a vision screening and knowledge test. However, you may extend your learner’s permit before it expires one time without taking the knowledge test again.

For additional information on Motorcycle Permits and Licenses, refer to Appendix M.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

✓ Driving is a privilege, not a right.

✓ Do not drive without a license or while on suspension, because every citation carries additional suspension time that will be added consecutively, not concurrently.

✓ Maintain financial insurance for the vehicle at all times.
III. Driver's License Suspension

There are various reasons an individual's license can be suspended. These include acquiring too many points, certain criminal convictions, certain traffic/moving violations, or failing to meet certain court obligations.

When you plead guilty or are found guilty of an offense that causes your license to be suspended, your license suspension will begin **ONLY** when you either surrender your license to the court or PennDOT, or if you complete PennDOT Form DL-16LC (**Appendix N**) whereby you acknowledge the license suspension.

**IMPORTANT**

NOTE: It is **IMPERATIVE** that you surrender your license to the court or PennDOT OR fill out Form DL-16LC and submit it back to PennDOT for your suspension clock to start ticking.

A. Causes of Suspension

1. Pennsylvania Point System: This system involves giving you "points" on your driving record if you are found guilty of certain driving (moving) violations. Different corrective actions are taken depending on how many and how often you get points.
   - **Appendix O** contains a complete list of violations and the points attached to each violation. (Example: a citation for failing to stop at a red light carries three points.)
   - Every time your points total six (6) or more, PennDOT takes corrective action. Corrective action could mean that you must take a written point examination, attend a Departmental Hearing, or have your driver’s license suspended.
   - PennDOT must suspend your license if:
     - You are under 18 and your points total 6 or more;
     - You fail to pass a written point examination within 30 days of getting 6 or more points for the first time;
     - You fail to attend a Departmental hearing after getting 6 or more points for the second or greater time; or
     - You get 11 or more points
   - Three points are removed from a driving record for every 12 consecutive months in which a person is not under suspension or revocation or has not committed any violation.

2. Criminal Conviction: There are certain criminal offenses whose penalties include license suspensions of varying lengths. Common examples are:
   - Drugs - you will receive a suspension for every conviction under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act (i.e. one suspension for possession, one suspension for intent to sell, etc.)
   - Underage Drinking
   - Driving Under the Influence (DUI) – on page 11
   - Hit-and-Run offenses
   - Felonies involving a vehicle

3. Failure to Meet Obligations: PennDOT will suspend your license if you fail to meet certain required court obligations. The suspension will last until you meet your obligations. Some of these obligations are as follows:
   - Failure to pay court ordered child support (see **Appendix P**)
   - Failure to pay a civil money judgment (result of traffic accidents)
   - Failure to respond to traffic citations
   - Failure to make or follow through with payment arrangements with a court
4. Traffic Offenses: There are certain traffic offenses that include license suspension as part of the penalty. The following are common examples.

- Lack of Vehicle Insurance - license suspension for three months if you operate your vehicle or permit another person to operate your vehicle when the vehicle is not covered by insurance
- Driving Without a License – you will receive a six month suspension for a second conviction within five years
- Driving Under Suspension – you will receive a one year suspension added to whatever current suspension you are serving
- Failing to Stop for a School Bus

**NOTE:** If you are or become a habitual offender, you could face license revocation. A habitual offender is a person convicted three times within five years, of any of a list of offenses, including: driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, reckless driving, and failure to pay fines. If your license is revoked, you lose driving privileges for five years. You must then start the license process all over again by first obtaining a learner’s permit.

B. How Do You Know If Your License Has Been Suspended?

- If your license is suspended or revoked, PennDOT will send a letter to your last known address that PennDOT has on file. This is why it is important to notify PennDOT of any address change. The letter will explain the penalty and list the date the suspension or revocation begins.

- You are responsible for knowing your license status. A certified driver record shows your license status and driver history. To request a copy of your certified driver record, complete Form DL-503 (Appendix Q) and mail it with the appropriate fee to the PennDOT location indicated on the form.

Common Questions regarding License Suspension

- What are the license sanctions for a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) conviction?

  - The sanctions for a DUI conviction differ based on your blood alcohol content (BAC) and prior offenses. The only DUI sanction which does not include a license suspension is for a first-time offender with a BAC below .10%.

  - DUls are split into three different categories based on a person’s BAC. They are as follows:
    - General Impairment – BAC of .08% -.099% (penalties range from probation up to two years jail time, treatment, license suspension and fines of at least $300).
    - High BAC – BAC of .10% -.159% (penalties range from two days to five years jail time, license suspension, treatment and fines from $500 - $10,000).
    - Highest BAC – BAC of .16% and higher (penalties range from three days to five years jail time, treatment, license suspension, and fines of at least $1,000).

  - Pennsylvania is an implied consent state. This means that if you are deemed to be in actual physical control of a vehicle, you are deemed to have given your consent to either a blood, breath, or urine test. If you refuse the test, your license will be suspended for one year even if you are later found not guilty of the DUI.
For more information on DUI sanctions, visit PennDOT online at www.dmv.state.pa.us/legislation/dui.shtml or contact a lawyer.

• **How can I remove points from my license?**
  PennDOT removes 3 points from your driving record for every 12 straight months you drive without a violation while maintaining a valid license. Other ways to remove points are case specific and may include taking a written point examination, completing a special on-road driver’s examination, and/or attending a Departmental Hearing.

• **Can filing bankruptcy help me meet my obligations?**
  If you have a civil judgment entered against you as a result of a traffic accident, and this is the cause of your license suspension, filing for bankruptcy may be an option for you. A bankruptcy may be able to get rid of the judgment and you will then be eligible to have your license restored. You should speak with an attorney about whether bankruptcy is the best option for you to get your license back.

It is IMPERATIVE that you surrender your license to the court OR PennDOT OR fill out Form DL-16LC and submit it back to PennDOT for your suspension clock to start ticking.
IV. Remedies During License Suspension

A. Right to Appeal Suspension

- You have the right to appeal a license suspension in your local county’s Court of Common Pleas. The appeal must be made within 30 days of the mailing date of your suspension notice from PennDOT. So, if you fail to provide a new address, your mail may delay your receipt of the letter and you may miss your appeal deadline.
  - Some examples of reasons why you should appeal a license suspension from PennDOT include: if you are a victim of criminal identity theft (someone else used your information in a crime or traffic offense that caused you to lose your license), or if you were found not guilty of the crime or citation that would have suspended your license if found guilty.

B. Occupational Limited License (OLL)

- An Occupational Limited License (OLL) authorizes a person whose license has been suspended to drive only when it is necessary for work, medical treatment, or study.

- If you have a license in Pennsylvania and that license is suspended, you may petition PennDOT for an OLL. To complete a petition, you must mail the following items to the address listed on the form:
  - Completed Form DL-15 (Appendix R).
  - Proof of insurance for listed vehicles
  - A check or money order payable to PennDOT for the appropriate fees (see Appendix R).

  **Note:** There are certain traffic citations and crimes that will not allow you to apply for an OLL including: passing a school bus; racing on highways; homicide by vehicle; fleeing a police officer; driving without lights; reckless driving; accidents involving death or injury; leaving the scene of an accident; driving under the influence (there are some possible exceptions); failure to respond to a citation; driving while suspended (possible exceptions); refusal to submit to chemical testing (there are some possible exceptions); failure to maintain financial responsibility (meaning you do not have insurance); ARD ordered suspension for DUI; Controlled Substance, Drug, Device & Cosmetic Act violations; underage alcohol violations (there are some possible exceptions); any serious traffic offense; and any violations relating to accidents and accident reports. For a complete list and additional information, refer to Appendix R.

- PennDOT will evaluate your petition and send you a decision within 20 days. If you qualify, PennDOT will send you an OLL camera card so you can get your picture taken for the license. Once you get the OLL camera card, you must take it to a Driver License Center to have your photograph taken. You must also complete Form DL-15A (Appendix S), which is part of the OLL application, and carry it with your OLL at all times.

- If you do not qualify, PennDOT will send a denial letter that will include information about your appeal rights (see Appendix T).
Common Questions regarding Occupational Limited Licenses

• **Do I have to wait for my suspension to begin before I petition for an OLL?**
  No. You may mail your OLL petition any time after receiving your suspension notice. If PennDOT receives your petition at least 20 days before your suspension start date, PennDOT will notify you before your suspension begins whether your petition has been approved.

• **What should I write in my explanation of need for an OLL?**
  You should make your explanation **VERY** detailed. Explain in detail why you cannot use public transportation or carpool with others. If you need to drive for work, explain the specific job duties that would require you to have an OLL.

  *Refer to Appendix U for additional information.*

C. Probationary Licenses (PL)

• A Probationary License (PL) authorizes anyone whose license has been suspended or revoked for 5 or more years to drive between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

• Those seeking a PL must complete part of their suspension before qualifying for a PL. The required time period is determined by the number and type of violations that caused the suspension of your driving privilege. Refer to **Appendix V** titled Probationary License Fact Sheet for specific examples of violations and how much suspension time you must serve before becoming eligible to apply for a PL.

• In addition to case-specific qualifications, all PL applicants must satisfy outstanding citations, judgments, examinations, or hearings, and complete all license restoration requirements before qualifying for a PL. At a minimum, PennDOT will review your petition and driving history to determine eligibility.

• To complete a PL petition, you must mail the following items to the address listed on the form:
  - Completed Form DL-20 (**Appendix W**)
  - Proof of insurance
  - Check or money order payable to PennDOT for the appropriate fees (see **Appendix W**).

• PennDOT will notify you by mail within 30 days of receiving your petition whether you qualify for a PL. If you qualify, you will be scheduled for an interview at a Departmental Review Session. If approved at the interview, you will receive a PL.
V. License Restoration

If you lose your license, it is NOT enough that you simply stop driving. There are specific steps which you must take. Also make sure to keep copies of all correspondence.

A. Restoration Process (steps must be followed in order)

- **Surrender License**: To begin earning credit for your suspension, you must surrender/return your most recent license, permit and/or camera card to PennDOT. If you have never been licensed in Pennsylvania or do not have one of the above in your possession, you must complete and mail Form DL-16LC (Appendix N) to the address listed on the form.

- **Request Restoration Requirements Letter**: Every license restoration case is different. PennDOT will tell you what steps they want you to take in order to get your license restored. However, you must request a Restoration Requirements Letter from PennDOT in order to know exactly what PennDOT requires from you to restore your license. To request a letter, call PennDOT’s Customer Care Center at 1-800-932-4600.

- **Follow Restoration Requirements**: While specific restoration requirements may differ, every person must pay a restoration fee and provide proof of insurance. Pay attention to any due dates listed for these items.

- **Know Your Status**: The restoration requirements letter lists the date you are eligible to have your driving privileges restored. Once you complete all your restoration requirements and your eligibility date is current, PennDOT will notify you that your driving privileges have been restored and return your license. You may drive only after receiving this notice and your license.

Common Questions Regarding License Restoration

- **Will my license be restored with points?**
  Yes. A restored license automatically shows 5 points on the individual’s driving record regardless of the number of points on the record before the suspension (except in the case of a 15 day suspension resulting from a hearing for the second accumulation of six points, in which case 2 points will be removed from the drivers license once the suspension has been served).

- **How can I verify that my suspension credit has begun?**
  Within 3 weeks of receiving your surrendered license or Form DL-16LC, PennDOT will send a receipt confirming the date your credit began. If you do not receive a receipt, call PennDOT’s Customer Care Center at 1-800-932-4600 to verify that credit has begun.

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**KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER**

✔ Keep all documents from the court and PennDOT regarding your driver’s license, including envelopes, receipts and the names of people you have talked to.

✔ Be sure to immediately turn in/surrender your license or acknowledgment form to start the suspension time.

✔ Be sure to obtain a restoration requirements letter so you know all the obligations you must meet to have your license restored.

✔ It may be helpful to visit your local state representative’s district office for assistance in navigating various services offered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
APPENDIX

NOTE: Appendices are for sample purposes only.
You must obtain current original forms through PENNDOT.

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# Driver Licensing Service Centers

## Allegheny County

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| Allison Park      | Duncan Manor Shopping Center 1701 Duncan Avenue Allison Park, PA 15101 | Monday: Closed  
Tuesday – Saturday: Generally Open  
8:30am – 4:15pm |
| Bridgeville       | Chartiers Valley Shopping Center 1025 Washington Pike RT 50 Bridgeville, PA 15017 | Monday: Closed  
Tuesday – Saturday: Generally Open  
8:30am – 4:15pm |
| New Kensington    | 1600 Greensburg Road New Kensington, PA 15068 | Monday: Closed, except Photo Center  
Tuesday – Saturday: Generally Open  
8:30am – 4:15pm |
| Penn Hills        | Penn Hills Shopping Center 11620 Keleket Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15235 | Monday: Closed, except Photo Center  
Tuesday – Saturday: Generally Open  
8:30am – 4:15pm |
| Pittsburgh        | 708 Smithfield Street Pittsburgh, PA 15222 | Monday – Friday: Generally Open  
8:30am – 4:15pm  
Saturday: Closed |

## Beaver County

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| East Rochester    | 149 Stewart Avenue East Rochester, PA 15074 | Monday: Closed, except Photo Center  
Tuesday – Saturday: Generally Open  
8:30am – 4:15pm |

## Butler County

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| Butler            | Point Plaza Shopping Center  
Route 356 and 68  
Butler, PA 16001 | Monday: Closed  
Tuesday – Saturday: Generally Open  
8:30am – 4:15pm |

## Lawrence County

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| New Castle        | 973 Old Youngstown Road New Castle, PA 16101 | Monday & Tuesday: Closed  
Wednesday – Saturday: Generally Open  
8:30am – 4:15pm |

For a full listing of Pennsylvania Service Centers which includes hours of operation, directions and more specific search results, please click here [Service Center Locator](#)
AT OUR ON-LINE LOCATIONS...
Customers pay an additional fee in addition to the PennDOT fee. These additional fees are set by each individual
Messenger Service and may vary.
All On-Line Messenger Service Centers can provide the following services and immediately issue products at their place of business:

**DRIVER LICENSING SERVICES**

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Visit our website at www.dot.state.pa.us
click on “driver & vehicle services”
** On-Line Messenger Service Center which has a PennDOT Photo License Center.

### WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

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(412) 367-7600

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Altvater Auto Sales 5299 Steubenville Pike • Pittsburgh, PA 15205  
(412) 787-7662

Jack Maggs Agency 1700 Saw Mill Run Boulevard • Pittsburgh, PA 15210  
(412) 884-5800

Jack Maggs Agency Castle Village Shopping Center, 5301 Grove Road Pittsburgh, PA 15216

Kennywood Messenger Service Great Valley Shopping Center, 355 Lincoln Highway #5  
North Versailles, PA 15137  
(412) 823-3810

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY**

AAA East Central 11 Franklin Village Mall • Kittanning, PA 16201  
(724) 543-1924

Kiebler License Center, Inc. Kiebler Complex, 313 Penshing Avenue • Leechburg, PA 15656  
(724) 845-8346

The Notary Express 156 South Jefferson Street • Kittanning, PA 16201  
(724) 543-9174

Sherry L. White 508 Bear Street • Worthington, PA 16282  
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Prestige Notary 2436 Brodhead Road • Aliquippa, PA 15001  
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(724) 227-8243

AAA East Central 20395 Route 19, 3 Landmark N. • Cranberry Township, PA 16068  
(724) 722-1122

Notary Express 181 New Castle Road • Butler, PA 16001  
(724) 222-3276

Cranberry Messenger Svc. 20710 Route 19 North • Cranberry Township, PA 16068  
(724) 772-0480

**CAMBRIA COUNTY**

AAA Southern PA Gallery Mall, 500 Gallery Dr. • Johnstown, PA 15904  
(814) 269-3641

D & B Quick Notary 982 Bedford Street • Johnstown, PA 15902  
(814) 539-9189

**CLARION COUNTY**

R. James Smathers Agency Inc. 400 Main Street • Clarion, PA 16214  
(814) 226-5000

**CRAWFORD COUNTY**

AAA East Central 19023 Park Avenue Plaza • Meadville, PA 16335  
(814) 724-2247

Crawford County Notary Service 15810 Conneaut Lake Road • Meadville, PA 16335  
(814) 337-8448

**ERIE COUNTY**

AAA East Central 6660 Peach Street • Unit 2 • Erie, PA 16509  
(814) 866-0246

AAA East Central Harborcreek Office • 4430 Buffalo Road • Erie, PA 16510  
(814) 897-9508

Ross Notary Service 2870 West 12th Street • Erie, PA 16505  
(814) 833-1884

Sue’s Notary and Messenger Service 1353 West 38th Street • Erie, PA 16508  
(814) 668-5479

**FAYETTE COUNTY**

AAA East Central 111 West Main Street • Uniontown, PA 15401  
(724) 438-8575

Joe Fida’s Instant Auto Plate Service Inc. 1303 Fayette Ave. • Belle Vernon, PA 15012  
(724) 929-2411

Joe Fida’s Instant Auto Plate Service Inc. North Pointe Plaza, 160 Pittsburgh St • Uniontown, PA 15401  
(724) 437-0777

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AAA East Central 184 Greene Plaza • Waynesburg, PA 15370  
(724) 627-3434

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AAA East Central 1169 Wayne Avenue • Indiana, PA 15701  
(724) 349-4193

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Sarvey Notary Services 273 Allegheny Boulevard • Brookville, PA 15825  
(814) 849-0000

**LAWRENCE COUNTY**

AAA East Central 40 East Street • New Castle, PA 16101  
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Shelienberger’s Notary & Tags 3032 Mercer Road • New Castle, PA 16105  
(724) 654-1174

Transportation Management Solutions Inc. 3219 US 422 • New Castle, PA 16101  
(724) 924-2022

**MERcer COUNTY**

AAA East Central 149 East State • Hermitage, PA 16148  
(724) 981-9145

AAA East Central 24 Pine Grove Village Drive • Grove City, PA 16127  
(724) 458-8930

Mccarrell’s Notary Service 408 Allen Avenue • Washington, PA 15301  
(724) 222-3525

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AAA East Central 110 North Center Avenue • Somerset, PA 15501  
(814) 443-6526

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**

AAA East Central 2285 Market Street • Warren, PA 16365  
(814) 723-6680

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**

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(724) 222-3800

Joe Fida’s Instant Auto Plate Service Inc. 328 East Maiden Street • Washington, PA 15301  
(724) 228-5050

Jurkowich Notary Service 6187 Route 88 • Finleyville, PA 15332  
(724) 348-7610

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AAA East Central 5142 Route 30, Eastgate Plaza • Greensburg, PA 15601  
(724) 834-8300

AAA East Central 2503 Leechburg Road • Lower Burrell, PA 15068  
(724) 393-4440

The Auto Tag Store Inc. 4457 Route 30 • Latrobe, PA 15650  
(724) 539-4500

Norwin Messenger Service 550 Route 30 • Irwin, PA 15642  
(724) 863-7670

Norwin Messenger Service 418 Tremont Avenue • Greensburg, PA 15601  
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Norwin Messenger Service 127 Stan Avenue • New Stanton, PA 15672  
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      v. Employment rights of ex-offenders
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   C. Pensions
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Butler PA 16001-5973
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Bridgewater PA 15009
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Suite 329 – Temple Building
New Castle, PA 16101-3751
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