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Driver's License Issues in Kansas

An informational webinar on **Driver's License Issues in Kansas** was held **July 21, 2020**. **Here are the slides** of the presentation .

Here is a **video of the webinar**.

Get free legal help with your driver's license issue NOW through August 7 .

Driver's License Status

If you want to check the status of your Kansas Driver's License, click [here](#).

Suspended Driver's License

Updated numbers from the Kansas Department of Revenue show that more than 213,000 Kansans have suspended licenses, about half of them from Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita. Around 71% of these suspensions are a direct result of unpaid fines and court fees. In some situations, drivers with suspended licenses are able to apply for a restricted license. A restricted license allows a person to drive:

- To and from work and school
- To and from drug or alcohol counseling
- To and from an appointment with a healthcare provider or during a medical emergency
- In the course of your employment
- Any place you are required to go by a

court



Restricted licenses give you up to 12 months to pay off fines and court fees before your license is resuspended. It costs \$25 to apply for a restricted license and you must send in a form asking to modify your suspension. That form can be found at <https://www.ksrevenue.org/pdf/dc1020.pdf> . Before you apply, it is important that you pay any reinstatement or administrative fees to the DMV. If you are unsure if you owe a reinstatement or administrative fee, contact Driver's Solutions at 785-296-3671 option 3.

Once you have a completed form, you can either submit it online through the DOR Customer Service Center or you can mail it and the application fee to:

Division of Vehicles

Driver Solutions

PO Box 12021

Topeka KS 66612-2021

To find out if you are able to apply for a restricted license, please follow this guide.

DUIs and Ignition Interlock Devices

If you have had a DUI conviction, you likely have been told that you need to get an ignition interlock device installed in your vehicle. The State of Kansas published an amendment to the Ignition Interlock Program stating that "all new ignition interlock devices will include a camera starting January 8, 2020." Information on the Ignition Interlock Program including where to get the device installed or removed can be found at

<https://www.kansashighwaypatrol.org/476/ignition-interlock-program> .

Driving Tests and Driver's Education

Disclaimer: The DMV is not doing driving tests right now. All written tests and vision tests are by appointment; some of the appointments are scheduled over phone and others are scheduled online through [Q-Flow](#).

Some people fear taking their driving tests. If you want to feel more prepared for the written test, you can take practice versions online at <https://driving-tests.org/kansas/> or <https://www.ksrevenue.org/dovalex.html> . You can find a copy of the driver's handbook online at <https://www.ksrevenue.org/pdf/dlhb.pdf> or ask for a hard copy from your local DMV.

There are many online Driver Education courses being offered over the Internet. Internet courses do not meet requirements for a Driver's License in Kansas. The only programs approved by the State of Kansas for Driver Education purposes are programs offered through a local, accredited school district and approved by the Department of Education. A certificate of completion from an Internet Driver Education course will not be accepted for getting a license. If you are unsure whether a program has been approved, you may contact the Department of Education at 785-296-8107 or the Kansas Division of Vehicles at 785-296-3671.

You can find driver's education classes at [AbilityKC](#) and the [Kansas Department of Education](#)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

My license is revoked, am I able to get a restricted license?

- No, unfortunately once your license is revoked, you will have a waiting period of three years before you can get any valid license. The exact date you are eligible will show up in the driver's license status check.

What do I need to do to get a restricted license?

- First you will want to make sure you are eligible. You can do so by using our Guide Clearly tool under the Suspended License heading. If you are eligible, you can fill out the form the guide links you to.

Is there any way to waive my reinstatement fee?

- You can petition the court to waive your reinstatement fee. In order to do so, you will need to fill out a **Reinstatement Fee Waiver** and a **Financial Affidavit**. The Financial Affidavit must be signed in front of a notary.

Why is my reinstatement fee or administrative fee so high?

- The DMV tacks on higher administrative fees for habitual violators. Some things that can lead to higher reinstatement fees include: refusing preliminary breath tests, DUIs, and driving while suspended convictions. If you are unsure about why your fee is higher than usual, you can ask driver's solutions for a break down of the costs and for a copy of your driving record.

Once I have a restricted license, how do I get it unrestricted?

- Restricted licenses allow you to have 12 months from the date you are granted a restricted license to pay off any and all outstanding court costs and fees. Once you successfully pay off all of your court costs and fees, you can get your unrestricted license. If you do not pay off all of your court costs and fees within 12 months, your restricted license will become suspended.

Can I take my written driver's test online?

- No. Although there are many practice tests and study resources, the written driver's test is only offered in person. Any online test or online driver's education course will not fulfill the test requirements to obtain a driver's license.

What if my name or birthdate on my driver's license doesn't match my birth certificate?

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If you have a different name or date of birth on your driver's license than your birth certificate, you will need to show proof of your identity to the DMV to get this fixed. If the name on your driver's license is correct and you need a legal name change to modify your birth certificate, you can find name change petitions [here](#).

I had an identity theft issue that is affecting my driver's license, what do i do?

- If you have an issue with identity theft that is affecting your driver's license, you can open up a case with the DMV's identity theft team. You may need to request court records in order to establish your identity or to prove that someone else impersonated you. Court records may contain signatures or contact information of individuals. If someone was arrested under your identity, you may also want to contact the jail they were booked at and requesting a booking photo. These requests can take a couple business days.

Driver's Solutions

If you have additional questions regarding you driver's license, please call Driver's Solutions at 785-296-3671 option 3.

Apply to Kansas Legal Services for Additional Help

If you need help getting your license reinstated or getting a restricted license, please fill out our **online application**.

 [Financial Affidavit.pdf](#)

 [Reinstatement Fee Waiver.pdf](#)

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