

**CELINA MUNICIPAL COURT
MERCER COUNTY, OHIO**

HOW TO GET DRIVING PRIVILEGES:

1. You cannot have more than a \$500.00 balance to the Celina Municipal Court; **OR** if you do owe more than \$500.00, you must be placed on a Court approved payment plan, and have made your first month's payment.
2. You must have all reinstatement fees paid in full **OR** you must petition the Celina Municipal Court for a payment plan on your BMV fees.
3. Complete and file "Petition for Limited Driving Privileges While Under Suspension" to the Celina Municipal Court along with payment of the filing fee.
4. You must pay a **non-refundable** fee of \$90.00 to file a Civil Petition. This filing fee must be paid in full when you file the petition.
5. If you still have your driver's license (plastic), you will need to surrender this to the Court.

COURT PROCEDURE:

1. The Court will review your Petition to make sure you meet all legal requirements to receive limited driving privileges.
2. You are **not** permitted to drive until you receive the sealed Driving Permit.
3. It may take up to 3 business days to process your request. After filing your petition, do **not** contact the Court to see if it's done. The Court will call you when your Driving Permit is ready. If you have not heard back from the Court in more than 3 business days after you file, you can contact the Court for a status update.
4. After receiving your Driving Permit, you must keep this with you in your vehicle **at all times**, along with your proof of insurance.
Warning: Should you drive outside your driving times and/or locations, or otherwise violate the terms of your driving privileges, the Court may choose to cancel your driving privileges.
5. Please call the Clerk's office at 419-586-6491 with any questions.

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REINSTATEMENT FEE PAYMENT PLANS

There are two (2) payment plans available for the BMV reinstatement fees:

1. BMV Reinstatement Fee Payment Plan (see attached for Eligibility and Application)
2. Court Ordered Payment Plan

If you qualify for the BMV Reinstatement Fee Payment Plan you do **NOT** want the Court Ordered Plan.

The only reason to be placed on the Court Ordered Payment Plan is that you are under a **pending suspension(s)** and you want driving privileges.

For Court Ordered Payment Plan, a reasonable payment plan of not less than \$50 per month be payable to the OBMV until all reinstatement fees are paid. **Monthly payments are required to maintain limited driving privileges.**

Methods of payment to the OBMV are as follow, you **do not** pay your reinstatement fees to the Court.

- Online: www.oplates.com
- Phone: 1-866-OPLATES (675-2837)
- At a Regional Reinstatement Office
- At a Deputy Registrar office (a \$10 service fee applies)
- By Mail: OHIO BMV, RE FEES
PO BOX 16520
COLUMBUS, OH 43216-6520

WARNING: Should you not pay your BMV reinstatement fees as ordered, the Court may choose to cancel your driving privileges.

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FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY / NON-COMPLIANCE SUSPENSION

ORC 4509.101 (A)

What is it?

Every driver and/or owner of a motor vehicle is required by the Ohio BMV to have in effect at all times valid insurance coverage (also referred to as financial responsibility). Any driver, and/or owner of a motor vehicle, who fails to provide proof of insurance coverage will lose his/her driving and registration privileges for a maximum of two (2) years. The Ohio BMV requires you to provide proof of insurance coverage when any of the following occurs: when you are involved in a crash or when you receive any traffic ticket.

If this is your **1st non-compliance** offense, you must pay the BMV your reinstatement fee in full, and provide proof that you have obtained SR22 or bond insurance coverage. You do **not** need to apply for limited driving privileges, because you will be valid after meeting these requirements.

If this is your **2nd non-compliance** offense, you are eligible for limited driving privileges after 15 days following the start of the suspension period, and you may apply for these privileges through the Court.

If this is your **3rd or more non-compliance** offense, you are eligible for limited driving privileges after 30 days following the start of the suspension period. You may apply for these privileges through the court.

Before applying for limited driving privileges, you must also meet the following requirements:

1. You must pay the BMV reinstatement fee in full; or you must be placed on a payment plan for your BMV reinstatement fee through the Court.
2. You must file with the BMV proof of financial responsibility (FR) insurance coverage, which is also called SR22 or bond insurance with the BMV.

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TWELVE POINT SUSPENSION

ORC 4510.037 – 4510.038

What is it?

When you have accumulated twelve (12) or more points against your Ohio driver's license within a two (2) year period, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles is required to send you a notice at your last known address imposing a "Twelve (12) Point Suspension" of your license. The suspension is a class D suspension, which lasts for a period of six (6) months, effective the 20th day after the mailing of the notice.

During the twelve-point suspension period, the State of Ohio allows you to petition for limited driving privileges through the Court. Before applying for limited driving privileges, you must also meet the following requirements:

1. You must complete a remedial driving course.
2. You must file with the BMV proof of financial responsibility (FR) insurance coverage, which is also called SR22 or bond insurance.
3. You must pay a \$40.00 reinstatement fee to the BMV before you are eligible to re-take your written and driving exams.
4. You must re-take and pass the written and driving license exams through the BMV.