



## Child Support Enforcement Agency

# License Suspension/Reinstatement

### What Is License Suspension?

A child support enforcement agency (CSEA) may suspend the driver's, professional, and/or recreational license of an **obligor** who owes past due support.

Professional licenses for occupations such as attorneys, doctors, nurses, barbers and social workers can be suspended. 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 the last resorts in a line of enforcement tools for a CSEA because you have failed to comply, make payments and/or provide employer information. The goal of the CSEA is to obtain financial support for children. Use of this tool has often resulted in support payments that families otherwise would not have received.

### What Is The Process?

To be eligible for license suspension, you must be in default (owe more than one month's obligation) **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 reply to the CSEA.

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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 for payment in full of all past due support. However, if you are unable to pay the full amount, **one** of the following will be required:



- Evidence of employment or an active bank account from which support can be paid.
- 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 in a family support program administered or approved by the CSEA.

Once arrangements have been made with the CSEA, you will need to go to the BMV to pay your reinstatement fee to finish the process.

## How Can I Prevent My License From Being Suspended?

To prevent license suspension, you should always notify your CSEA of any employment or address changes. In addition, do not disregard any notices or letters from the CSEA and contact the agency with any questions. Work with your CSEA to establish a payment plan if needed.



**It is always better to pay what you can instead of paying nothing.**

**Contact your child support agency for more information if you have questions.**