

# **ELIMINATING Driver Responsibility Fees**

**The Driver Responsibility Law took effect October 1, 2003. There have been several amendments to this law. The most recent amendments ELIMINATE the Driver Responsibility Fee Law on October 1, 2018.**

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Effective March 31, 2018, individuals who entered into a payment plan on or before February 1, 2018 will have their outstanding Driver Responsibility Fees eliminated. If there are no additional license actions pending, you may be eligible to reinstate your driver's license without paying a reinstatement fee\* beginning March 31.

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Individuals who did not enter into a payment plan on or before February 1, 2018 are still responsible for making payments until October 1, 2018. All Driver Responsibility Fees and reinstatement fees\* associated with Driver Responsibility Fees will be waived at this time.

**PAYMENT  
OPTIONS**

Please contact the Michigan Department of Treasury, 1-800-950-6227, for payment plan options. Once entered into a payment plan, individuals that have no additional license actions pending may be eligible to reinstate their driver's license without paying a reinstatement fee\*, March 31 through December 31, 2018. Some unemployed individuals may qualify for participation in a Workforce Development Program in lieu of payment. Please check the website below for details.



Eligible drivers can contact the Michigan Secretary of State's Office for additional information regarding reinstating driving privileges at 1-888-767-6424.

**\* Reinstatement fees will be waived through December 31, 2018. Beginning January 1, 2019, they will be required. If your license is currently suspended for other violations, such as failure to appear in court or driving on a suspended license, among others, you must clear these before reinstating.**

**Driver Responsibility Fees**  
**[michigan.gov/driverresponsibility](http://michigan.gov/driverresponsibility)**

# Frequently Asked Questions Regarding ELIMINATING the Driver Responsibility Fee (DRF)

**Has the Driver Responsibility Fee law really been eliminated?**

Yes, as of October 1, 2018 the Michigan Driver Responsibility Fee Law will no longer be in effect and the Michigan Department of Treasury will cease collection activity.

**If I am unemployed and unable to make my DRF payments, how can I reinstate my driver’s license?**

Beginning March 31, 2018, a Work Force Development program will be available for qualified individuals. If you complete one of the qualifying programs, your Driver Responsibility Fees will be waived. A list of qualifying Work Force Development programs and participating agencies will be available by March 31. Please continue to check [www.Michigan.gov/driverresponsibility](http://www.Michigan.gov/driverresponsibility) for updates.

**How do I apply for the Work Force Development program?**

Beginning March 31, 2018, information about qualifying Work Force Development programs and participating agencies will be available at [www.Michigan.gov/driverresponsibility](http://www.Michigan.gov/driverresponsibility).

**Will I receive a refund for Driver Responsibility Fees I have paid?**

No refunds will be issued. Neither the current nor the new Driver Responsibility Fee laws provide legal authority to issue refunds under any circumstances.

| For Individuals on a Payment Plan/Installment Agreement on or before February 1, 2018  | For Individuals NOT on a Payment Plan/Installment Agreement on or before February 1, 2018  |
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| <p><b>What is the effective date?</b><br/>The law was signed on March 1, 2018 with a provision to cease collection, eliminate qualified fees, and prohibit assessment of Driver Responsibility Reinstatement Fees, effective March 31, 2018, for individuals on a payment plan.</p> <p>If you are eligible to have your license reinstated, Driver Responsibility reinstatement fees will not be assessed March 31, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Beginning January 1, 2019 the reinstatement fee will apply.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> New fees can still be assessed for qualifying convictions until the law ends on October 1, 2018.</p> | <p><b>What is the effective date?</b><br/>The law was signed on March 1, 2018 with a provision to cease collection, eliminate qualified fees, and prohibit assessment of Driver Responsibility Fees, effective October 1, 2018.</p> <p>If you are eligible to have your license reinstated, Driver Responsibility reinstatement fees will not be assessed March 31, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Beginning January 1, 2019 the reinstatement fee will apply.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> New fees can still be assessed for qualifying convictions until the law ends on October 1, 2018.</p> |
| <p><b>When will my Driver Responsibility fee(s) be waived?</b><br/>If your payment plan/installment agreement began on or before February 1, 2018 your Driver Responsibility Fee will be waived on March 31, 2018.</p>   | <p><b>When will my Driver Responsibility fee(s) be waived?</b><br/>You are still responsible for payment through September 30, 2018. Your fee(s) will be eliminated on October 1, 2018.</p>  |
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| <p><b>When can I get my license reinstated?</b><br/>         If your payment plan/installment agreement began on or before February 1, 2018, and if you have not already reinstated your license you may do so between March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2018 without a reinstatement fee. Beginning January 1, 2019 a reinstatement fee will be required.</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> If your license is suspended for other violations, such as a failure to appear in court or driving on a suspended license, among others, you must clear these before reinstating.</p>  | <p><b>When can I get my license reinstated?</b><br/>         Individuals whose license is suspended as a result of a Driver Responsibility Fee can set up an installment agreement now and get their license back. Reinstatement fees will not be charged between March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2018. The installment agreement will be in effect until October 1, 2018. At that time the balance will be waived.</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> If your license is suspended for other violations, such as a failure to appear in court or driving on a suspended license, among others, you must clear these before reinstating.</p>   |
| <p><b>Is there anything I have to do to have my Driver Responsibility fee waived?</b><br/>         No. The Michigan Department of Treasury and Michigan Secretary of State's Office will work together to eliminate your Driver Responsibility Fee and cease all collection activity.</p>  | <p><b>Is there anything I have to do to have my Driver Responsibility fee waived?</b><br/>         No. The Michigan Department of Treasury and Michigan Secretary of State's Office will work together to eliminate your Driver Responsibility Fee and cease all collection activity.</p>  |
| <p><b>Can I be issued any additional Driver Responsibility Fees?</b><br/>         The law prohibits the assessment of Driver Responsibility Fees beginning October 1, 2018. Until that time new fees can still be assessed for qualifying convictions.</p>   | <p><b>Can I be issued any additional Driver Responsibility Fees?</b><br/>         The law prohibits the assessment of Driver Responsibility Fees beginning October 1, 2018. Until that time new fees can still be assessed for qualifying convictions.</p>   |
| <p><b>Will I be assessed a second-year fee?</b><br/>         No. These fees were eliminated effective October 1, 2016.</p>   | <p><b>Will I be assessed a second-year fee?</b><br/>         No. These fees were eliminated effective October 1, 2016.</p>   |
| <p><b>I was on a payment plan on or before February 1, 2018. Should I stop paying?</b><br/>         The balance of your payments will be waived and you will owe nothing more after March 31, 2018. No additional payments are necessary.</p> <p><b>I have already paid my reinstatement fee. Is there anything I need to do?</b><br/>         No, your Driver Responsibility Fee will be eliminated.</p> <p><b>My payment plan included the reinstatement fee. Is there anything I need to do?</b><br/>         No, effective March 31, 2018 your Driver Responsibility Fee will be eliminated and your reinstatement fee will be waived.</p> <p>If there are no other pending license actions you will be eligible to apply for license reinstatement.</p> | <p><b>I was not on a payment plan on or before February 1, 2018. Am I responsible for paying? Why should I pay?</b><br/>         You are still responsible for making payments until October 1, 2018. Please contact the Michigan Department of Treasury, 800-950-6227, for payment plan options.</p> <p>If you enter into a payment plan and remain current on your payments you may be eligible to have your driver's license reinstated and the reinstatement fee will be waived between March 31, and December 31, 2018.</p> <p>Failure to make payments may result in further actions against your driver's license.</p> <p><b>Please note: If your license is suspended for other violations, such as a failure to appear in court or driving on a suspended license, among others, you must clear these before reinstating.</b></p> |

For additional questions regarding your **Driver Responsibility Fee(s)**, please contact the **Michigan Department of Treasury** at **800-950-6227**.

For additional questions regarding your **driving record and reinstating your driver's license**, please contact the **Michigan Secretary of State's Office** at **888-767-6424**.

# ***Frequently Asked Questions Regarding WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM***

## **Is everyone eligible to participate in the Workforce Development Program?**

**Only individuals with Driver Responsibility Fees due to one of the following offenses qualify for the opportunity to participate in the Workforce Development Program:**

- Allowed A Suspended/Revoked Person to Operate (1341)
- Allowed a Suspended/Revoked Person to Operate Causing Serious Injury (1342)
- Allowed A Suspended/Revoked Person to Operate Causing Death (1343),
- Drove While Unlicensed or License Not Valid (3010)
- Drove while License Suspended/Revoked/Denied (3011)
- Drove w/o Proper License/Endorsement/Vehicle Group Designator (3020)
- No Proof of Insurance (3100)
- No Insurance (3106)
- No Insurance Under The Insurance Code (3108)
- Drove While License Suspended/Revoked/Denied (DWLS) (3200)
- Drove While License Expired (3220)
- Drove Commercial Motor Vehicle While Disqualified (3230)
- DWLS Causing Death (3235)
- DWLS Causing Serious Injury (3245)
- Immobilization – Violations (9130)

## **What is the Workforce Development Program?**

Workforce development programs provide knowledge and training focused on integrating people into the workforce effectively while promoting growth and skill diversity.

Michigan Department of Treasury and Michigan Secretary of State are partnering with local workforce development agencies to eliminate qualifying Driver Responsibility Fees before October 1, 2018 for individuals who participate in a qualifying workforce development training program.

Individuals with qualifying offenses who are already participating in existing programs have been identified in order to eliminate their qualifying Driver Responsibility Fees and will be notified by mail throughout the month of May.

There are a number of programs available to the public to eliminate qualifying Driver Responsibility Fees and local workforce development agencies will assist individuals with enrollment.

***Michigan Works!, in coordination with Michigan Department of Treasury, is also pleased to offer a new 10-hour workforce development program for individuals to eliminate their qualifying Driver Responsibility Fees. For additional information visit a local Michigan Works! Office or visit [www.michiganworks.org](http://www.michiganworks.org).***

## **How many hours of participation are required for the Workforce Development Program?**

Individuals will need to participate in a qualifying program for at least 10 hours to meet the time requirement.

## **If I am already participating in a workforce development program through Michigan Works!, will my debt be eliminated?**

Michigan Department of Treasury and Michigan Secretary of State are partnering with local workforce development agencies to identify individuals with qualifying offenses in current workforce development programs. Once individuals are identified, their qualifying Driver Responsibility Fees will be eliminated and notification will be sent by mail from the Michigan Department of Treasury throughout the month of May.

If your Driver Responsibility Fees were caused by qualifying offenses and you are currently participating in a workforce development program requiring at least a 10 hour time commitment, you may contact a local workforce development agency for further review of the program.

***Please note: If your participation needs additional review, both the [Intent of Participation for Workforce Development Program \(Driver Responsibility Fee Waiver\) \(Form 5593\)](#) and the approved [Verification of Participation for Workforce Development Program \(Driver Responsibility Fee Waiver\) \(Form 5586\)](#) must be submitted.***

## **What actions do I need to take for the Workforce Development Program?**

Individuals with qualifying offenses resulting in a Driver Responsibility Fee should submit a completed *Intent of Participation for Workforce Development Program (Driver Responsibility Fee Waiver) (Form 5593)* to Michigan Department of Treasury as notification that they are intending to participate in workforce training instead of paying their Driver Responsibility Fees before October 1, 2018. After the form has been submitted, they have 45 days to complete the following steps:

- Visit a workforce development agency
- Enroll in a qualifying program
- Complete 10 hours of workforce development training
- Submit the approved [Verification of Participation for Workforce Development Program \(Driver Responsibility Fee Waiver\) \(Form 5586\)](#) to Michigan Department of Treasury

***Please note: If you do not complete all required tasks, including submitting an approved [Verification of Participation for Workforce Development Program \(Driver Responsibility Fee Waiver\) \(Form 5586\)](#) within 45 days, your Driver Responsibility Fees will be restored for continued collection activity.***

## **Can I withdraw from the Workforce Development Program?**

Individuals must submit a request to withdraw from the Workforce Development Program in writing to Michigan Department of Treasury for further review. Letters may be mailed to: Michigan Department of Treasury, Office of Collections, PO Box 30149, Lansing, MI 48909.

## **When will my Driver Responsibility Fees be eliminated through the Workforce Development Program?**

Individuals with qualifying offenses who are already participating in existing programs have been identified in order to eliminate their qualifying Driver Responsibility Fees and will be notified by mail throughout the month of May.

For individuals intending to enroll in a new workforce development training program, qualifying Driver Responsibility Fees are eliminated upon submitting an [Intent of Participation for Workforce Development Program \(Driver Responsibility Fee Waiver\) \(Form 5593\)](#), provided all required tasks are completed. For all required tasks, please see [What actions do I need to take for the Workforce Development Program?](#)

## When can I get my license reinstated by participating in the Workforce Development Program?

Once your completed *Intent of Participation for Workforce Development Program (Driver Responsibility Fee Waiver) (Form 5593)* has been submitted and processed, you may then qualify to get your license back. If you have additional questions regarding your driving record and reinstating your driver's license, please contact the Michigan Secretary of State at 888-767-6424. Reinstatement fees will be waived through December 31, 2018.

***Please note: If your license is suspended for offenses other than Driver Responsibility Fees, such as failure to appear in court or driving on a suspended license, among others, you must resolve those matters before your license can be reinstated.***

## Where do I send my completed form?

The completed *Intent of Participation for Workforce Development Program (Driver Responsibility Fee Waiver) (Form 5593)*, and *Verification of Participation for Workforce Development Program (Driver Responsibility Fee Waiver) (Form 5586)* can be sent by:

### Mail

Michigan Department of Treasury  
Office of Collections  
PO Box 30149  
Lansing, MI 48909

### Fax

517-272-5561

### Email

Treas-DRFWorkforceWaiver@Michigan.gov

***Please note: Only send one (1) copy of each completed form for review and maintain a copy for your records.***