

THIS SUMMER, THE MVD IS REINSTATING DRIVER'S LICENSES. IS ONE OF THEM YOURS?

New Mexico has officially ended the practice of suspending licenses for “Failure to Appear” (FTA) or “Failure to Pay” (FTP). This new policy officially takes effect on June 16th, 2023 and will result in thousands of New Mexicans regaining the freedom to drive.



WHAT IS CHANGING?

Beginning on June 16, 2023 the MVD will no longer suspend licenses for missing a hearing (FTA) or a payment (FTP) in traffic cases.

Additionally, the MVD will reinstate any licenses currently suspended for FTA or FTP (with no fee) by September 1, 2023.

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOUR LICENSE CAN BE REINSTATED?

Check your mailbox: If your license was recently suspended, the MVD will have sent a suspension notice including the reason for suspension.

Check with the MVD:

- » **By website:** Go to <https://tinyurl.com/mvdservices>, under “Driver’s License” select “View My Driving Status”, enter your license number, date of birth, and other information to check your suspension status (“valid or suspended”). For information on the reason for suspension, you can order a driving record (for a fee) on the MVD website.
- » **By phone:** Call the MVD to inquire about your license status and driving record: 888-683-4636.
- » **In person:** Visit your local state MVD office and request a free driving record.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR REINSTATEMENT

Reinstatements should be automatic and will require no action on behalf of the license holder, and require no fee. On or after September 1, 2023, follow the steps above to confirm reinstatement.

Confirm your license is reinstated before driving. Licenses currently suspended for FTA or FTP **ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL REINSTATED**. Driving before confirming your reinstatement could lead to a “Driving on a Suspended License” charge.

License revocations or suspensions resulting from DWI(s) and other forms of dangerous driving are not eligible for reinstatement.

Actions other than FTP or FTA are not affected by the new law; they will require compliance with the normal reinstatement requirements for each separate action, including the \$27 reinstatement fee.

QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS?

Please contact the Fines and Fees Justice Center’s New Mexico team at license@ffjc.us

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