

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE PROGRAM?

The program is beneficial because the Judge has the authority to consolidate fines from multiple courts, establish reasonable payment plans, and extend payment plans beyond the normal one-year timeframe.

MAY I ENTER THE PROGRAM IF I HAVE UNPAID FINES WITH MUNICIPAL COURTS OUTSIDE OF ESSEX COUNTY?

This program only covers fines imposed by courts in Essex County. A participant would have to address the unpaid fines in other counties separately in order to reinstate their driving privileges. The participants should consider these ineligible fines before setting up a LRP payment plan.

CAN I QUALIFY IF I HAVE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS, INSURANCE SURCHARGES OR OTHER MUNICIPAL FINES?

It depends. You will still have to address these significant charges before your license can be reinstated.

CAN I PARTICIPATE IF I DO NOT HAVE A JOB?

The LRP program does not forgive fines. It will consolidate unpaid fines from multiple courts and develop a payment plan with you based on your ability to pay. For this reason, you must have a source of income in order to comply with the plan.



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LICENSE REINSTATEMENT PROGRAM



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THE LICENSE REINSTATEMENT PROGRAM

The License Reinstatement Program (LRP) is a demonstration project designed to help people who have suspended driver's licenses due to unpaid traffic violation fines and penalties in multiple Essex County municipal courts. The program allows individuals to consolidate and resolve all Essex County municipal court fines in a single court proceeding and obtain one affordable payment plan based on their ability to pay and income.

The goal of the program is to help remove driver's license suspension as a barrier to employment.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Individuals are eligible who have suspended licenses due to unpaid fines imposed by multiple Essex County Municipal courts.

WHICH COURTS ARE THOSE...

The Municipal Courts of:

- Belleville
- Bloomfield
- Caldwell
- Cedar Grove
- East Orange
- Essex Fells
- Fairfield
- Glen Ridge
- Irvington
- Livingston
- Maplewood
- Millburn
- Montclair
- Newark
- North Caldwell
- Nutley
- Orange
- Roseland
- South Orange
- Verona
- West Caldwell
- West Orange

INCOME REQUIREMENTS

Participants must have some source of income sufficient to allow them to enter into and comply with an agreed to payment plan approved by the court.

ELIGIBLE OFFENSES

Eligible offenses generally include:

- Parking Tickets
- Motor Vehicle Offenses
- Failure to comply with Time payment orders

INELIGIBLE OFFENSES

The LRP cannot address a driver's license suspension for:

- Non-municipal matters
- Single court suspensions
- Suspensions mandatory by law or part of a sentence
- DWI suspensions
- Serious Motor Vehicle Violations
- Accumulation of MVC points
- Suspensions for Drug Offenses
- Out of County Offenses
- Open Mandatory Appearance MV Offenses