

NAVIGATING OUT OF LICENSE SUSPENSION IN CHICAGO

The routes Chicago drivers can take to get their license back

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Route 1

1. If in compliance (City Sticker purchased) by Oct. 31, 2019, [apply for City Sticker Debt Relief](#) between Nov.15–Dec. 15, 2019.
2. If City Sticker debt forgiveness reduces the amount of tickets owed to less than 10, **license suspension is rescinded!**
Process: Individuals will receive email notification to confirm approval of city sticker ticket debt relief and eligibility to have license suspension rescinded after Dec. 31, 2019. License reinstatement is processed through the Secretary of State at a \$70 reinstatement fee.
3. Get on payment plan* for other debt, if applicable.

Route 2

1. If in compliance (City Sticker purchased) by Oct. 31, 2019, [apply for City Sticker Debt Relief](#) between Nov.15–Dec. 15, 2019.
2. If amount of non-driving tickets owed is still greater than 10, enroll in an extended or hardship payment plan.*
3. If eligible/can afford to enroll in an extended or hardship payment plan*, **license can be reinstated.**
Process: The process to request a license reinstatement has not changed under new City law. The City of Chicago will provide individuals with documentation (which may cost \$20) to apply for license reinstatement at the Secretary of State. License reinstatement is processed through the Secretary of State at a \$70 reinstatement fee.

Route 3 (Dead End)

If ineligible for City Sticker ticket debt forgiveness—or if non-driving tickets still exceeds 10—and driver cannot afford payment plan entrance, **wait for license suspension to be lifted when State law (The License to Work Act) takes effect on July 1, 2020.**

**Relevant Payment Plans

Extended: Pay 50% debt

OR

Hardship:

- If driver is requesting the release of vehicle booted or impounded or release of driver's license suspension for the first time: **Pay down payment (\$25 minimum) + certification/boot/tow/storage fees**
- If driver did not complete previous payment plan, i.e. second time requesting payment plan: **Pay \$100 + certification/boot/tow/storage fees**
- If driver has not successfully completed the two prior payment plans, i.e. third+ time requesting payment plan: **Pay 25% of total debt**

Note: The License to Work Act, which was [passed by the Illinois General Assembly](#) on October 29, 2019, and is expected to be signed by Governor Pritzker, establishes that driver's license suspension can no longer be used as a means to collect debt on *most* non-driving violations, including parking and compliance tickets. Drivers in suspension for reasons other than parking or compliance tickets, such as driving under the influence, moving violations, red light camera violations, or failure to pay child support, may remain in suspension.

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