

Traffic Cases and Driver's Licenses



Are traffic cases criminal or civil?

Some are criminal, and some are civil. [Consult with a lawyer](#) if you have any questions.

Which court handles traffic cases?

Most traffic cases are handled by the [General District Court in the city or county where the ticket was issued](#).

Where can I find information about paying my traffic ticket online?

This Self-Help website includes information about [paying your traffic ticket online](#).

Where can I find information about restoring my driver's license?

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles offers [information](#) about reinstating your Virginia driver's license. Note the Virginia DMV website states that "you may obtain your specific reinstatement requirements by requesting a personal **Driver Transcript** and a **Compliance Summary**, using the customer logon feature. Use these documents to assist in reinstating your driving privileges or while discussing your requirements with a DMV representative." At the bottom of this panel on the webpage, there is a link to "Compliance Summary Request FAQs" (frequently asked questions), which may be helpful. Both of these documents, explained [here](#), can be requested online after creating an online DMV account. To do this you will need your [DMV customer number](#) (which appears on your driver's license) OR social security number, date of birth, and myDMV account PIN. (You will select a PIN when you create your myDMV account.)

The DMV website also offers information about [Driver Improvement Clinics](#) in Virginia and the Virginia driver's point system. You can learn more about requesting a copy of your driver record (moving violations and points assessed) from the Department of Motor Vehicles [here](#).

[Drive to Work](#) is a Virginia non-profit organization. It assists qualifying low-income people and people who have been in jail or prison to restore driving privileges so they can drive to work and hold a job.

Where can I find court forms about driving privileges or my driver's license?

Visit the [Driver's License and Driving Privileges Forms](#) page for more information.

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Links

[Driver's License Restoration guide \(Legal Services of Northern Virginia\)](#)

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