

Back on the Road

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HEA 1199 2021

1. New & Easier Financial Responsibility Requirements

2. Suspension Stays

3. Reinstatement Fee

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Eligibility

Ineligible if...

A court ordered your suspension, for an offense

such as...

- Drunk driving
- Reckless driving
 - Driving While Suspended
- Suspended for refusing a chemical test
- Passing a school bus

Ineligible if...

The BMV suspended your license for...

- Accumulation of points on your license
 You have been deemed a Habitual Traffic Violator
- Any medical disqualification
- Failure to take a defensive driving course
- An out-of-state suspension of any sort
- Your license is suspended due to unpaid judgment on a property damage crash

Eligible if....

This relief MAY be available for you if...

- Your license is suspended for failure to appear for a citation
- Your license is suspended for failure to pay a citation
- Your license is suspended for failure to provide proof of financial responsibility or not having insurance
- You are suspended for failure to pay child support

Official Driving Record

Driving Record – What it is

- A driver record contains your driving history.
- The record shows current and resolved courtordered suspensions, citations, violations, and other entries impacting your record, including reinstatement fees owed to the BMV.

Driving Record – How to get it

- By Mail
- By State Form 53789 from <u>www.in.gov/bmv/resources/driver-</u> <u>record/</u>

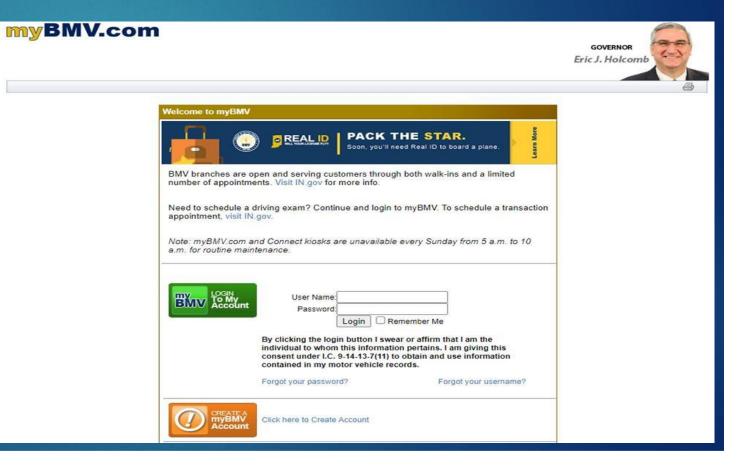
Complete the form and mail, with \$4.00 fee, to

Bureau of Motor Vehicles Attn: Records Request 100 N. Senate Ave, Rm N412 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Driving Record – How to get it

Online:

- Visit <u>https://mybmv.bmv.in.gov</u>
- (Create an account if necessary)



Driving Record – How to get it

View Driving Record for free



Driving Record – What it looks like



STATE OF INDIANA

BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES 100 North Senate Avenue Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 Telephone: (888) 692-6841

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Indiana Official Driver Record

Note: BMV only retains supporting documentation for a period of 10 years

As of 11/23/2022 08:25 AM EST

 SAMP L HOOSIER

 123 MAIN ST
 License number: 1234-56-7890

 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46205-1922
 License type:
 Drivers

 License expires:
 03/27/12023
 Disense expires:
 03/27/2023

 Birth date:
 03/27/1975
 License status:
 SUSPENDED-PRIOR

 Gender:
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Suspension Information - (* indicates active suspension)

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6[*]	FAILURE TO PAY CASE: 49G09-2201-IF-00001 MARION SUP CRIMINAL DIV 9 OFFENSE: SPEEDING	04/02/2022	04/02/2025	03/02/2022	1	
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Total Reinstatement Fees Owed:

Proof of Future Financial Responsibility / SR22

- This is <u>NOT</u> proof of current insurance
 This is <u>NOT</u> a Certificate of Compliance proving past insurance
- An SR22 is a promise by an insurance company to notify the BMV when a specific insurance policy is canceled in the future
 - The insurance company files an SR22 when the insurance policy is effective
 - The insurance company files an SR26 when the insurance policy is cancelled

Failure to Appear

Failure to Appear Suspensions – How it Happens Your license is suspended for "Failure to Appear" when you missed a court date either ordered by the court or printed on your citation

This is an indefinite suspension, so it stays on your license forever unless you appear in the court where your citation is pending

Failure to Appear

Looks like this on a drivers record



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Current points: 10 Social Security #:

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Failure to Appear – Terminating the Suspension

A "failure to appear" suspension may be terminated by appearing in the court that ordered the suspension

This does not resolve the underlying offense

Failure to Appear – New Relief

A person who shows proof of future financial responsibility with SR-22 insurance will have their "failure to appear" suspension stayed

When a suspension is stayed, the suspension is temporarily paused, and a person can drive as if they are not suspended

Failure to Appear

Please Note: A Failure to Appear suspension is an indefinite suspension

The suspension will stay in place forever, unless a person appears in court, a default judgment is entered, or the charge is dismissed

A person will have their Failure to Appear suspension stayed so long as they continue to show proof of future financial responsibility

Your license will be re-suspended if...

- You commit a new criminal offense that suspends your license
- You receive a new administrative suspension
 - You fail to maintain proof of future financial responsibility with SR-22 insurance or your insurance lapses
 - Your insurance carrier will notify the BMV when you fail to pay
 - The BMV will automatically lift the stay, which means your license is once again suspended

Failure to Pay

Failure to Pay Suspension – How it Happens

- Pleading guilty or nolo contendere to a citation
- Being found guilty at trial of a citation
- A default judgment being entered against you for a citation
- After December 31, 2021, this only applies to pointable violations found at 140 IAC 1-4.5-10
- You failed to pay the fine by the date set by court
 - Once the payment date is passed, notice is sent to the BMV
 - The BMV suspends the license starting 30 days from when they receive notice from the court (the date will be on the notice sent from the BMV)

Failure to Pay -Pay -Terminating the Suspension A "failure to pay" suspension may be terminated by paying the amount ordered by the court

- Before December 31, 2021 will automatically terminate after 12/31/2024
- After December 31, 2021 will automatically terminate after three (3) years from suspension date
 - Any money owed is still due, only the suspension is terminated

How it looks on a drivers record



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Failure to Pay

Failure to Pay – New Relief

A person who shows proof of future financial responsibility with SR-22 insurance will have their "failure to pay" suspension stayed

 When a suspension is stayed, the suspension is temporarily paused, and a person can drive as if they are not suspended

The suspension has not been terminated and remains on a person's record. However, the suspension time continues to run

Failure to Pay – New Relief

The suspension will stay in place forever unless the person pays their citation

But,

A person will have their Failure to Pay suspension stayed as long as they continue to show proof of future financial responsibility with SR-22 insurance

Failure to Pay – New Relief

- ► A **STAY**, is a temporary pause.
- A person can drive as if they are not suspended
- The suspension has not been terminated and remains on a person's record.
- This suspension terminates after three (3) years, though any money owed is still due
 The suspension stays on the person's driving record.

Your license will be resuspended if...

- You fail to maintain SR-22 insurance:
 - •Your insurance carrier will notify the BMV when you fail to pay
 - •The BMV will automatically lift the stay, which means your license suspension is active
- Your license accumulates enough points to trigger a suspension, or you are declared a Habitual Traffic Violator by the BMV
- You commit a new criminal offense that suspends your license

Financial Responsibility

Financial Responsibility

Several ways the BMV will determine if you have operated without insurance:

Citation

Crash

Failure to pay SR-22 insurance

Any other contact with the BMV that causes them to check the status of your insurance

Financial Responsibility

Old penalties are being removed from law

 They used to range from 90-day suspensions to 1year suspensions

Pre-existing suspensions are still valid until they expire

As of December 31, 2021, your license will be suspended <u>indefinitely</u> if you are driving without insurance AFTER December 31, 2021

Financial Responsibility – New Relief

Terminating the indefinite suspension

- Obtain proof of future financial responsibility with SR 22 insurance for 180 days
 - BMV will stay the suspension upon receiving notice of future financial responsibility with SR-22 insurance
 - Normal insurance will not stay the suspension or count towards the 180-day period
 - Must carry 180 days of SR22 insurance
 - The indefinite suspension will terminate after the 180-day period as long as there is not a lapse in coverage

Reinstatement Fees

After the financial responsibility suspension is terminated, you will not need to pay your reinstatement fees tied to the no insurance suspension in order to be reinstated

After 180 days, may get any insurance that complies with BMV requirements

Child Support Suspensions

Child Support Administrative Suspension Relief Pay 8 X Current Weekly Support Order in a lump sum.

Second, you must provide Proof of Payment to the Prosecutor Child Support Office enforcing your case.

If you have suspensions in other cases with other child support orders, you must take the above steps in each of those cases.

Child Support Administrative Suspension Relief

Child Support office must

 Confirm that you made the payment
 Send a reinstatement order to BMV within 7 days after confirmation Child Support Administrative Suspension Relief

You must continue paying as required by your child support order to avoid another suspension.

Waiver of Reinstatement Fees

Reinstatement Fee Waivers

Person owing reinstatement fees may file a petition in a criminal court in the county where they live

Serve the prosecutor

Prosecutor may appear at hearing

Reinstatement Fee Waivers

- Court may waive some or all reinstatement fees owed if the person proves they:
 - Are indigent,
 - Have future financial responsibility, and
 - Waiver is appropriate under the circumstances

 Court may waive reinstatement fees on its own motion; no petition required

Forbearance

Forbearance -Eligibility

Reinstatement fees imposed under IC 9-25-15 may be waived if a person:

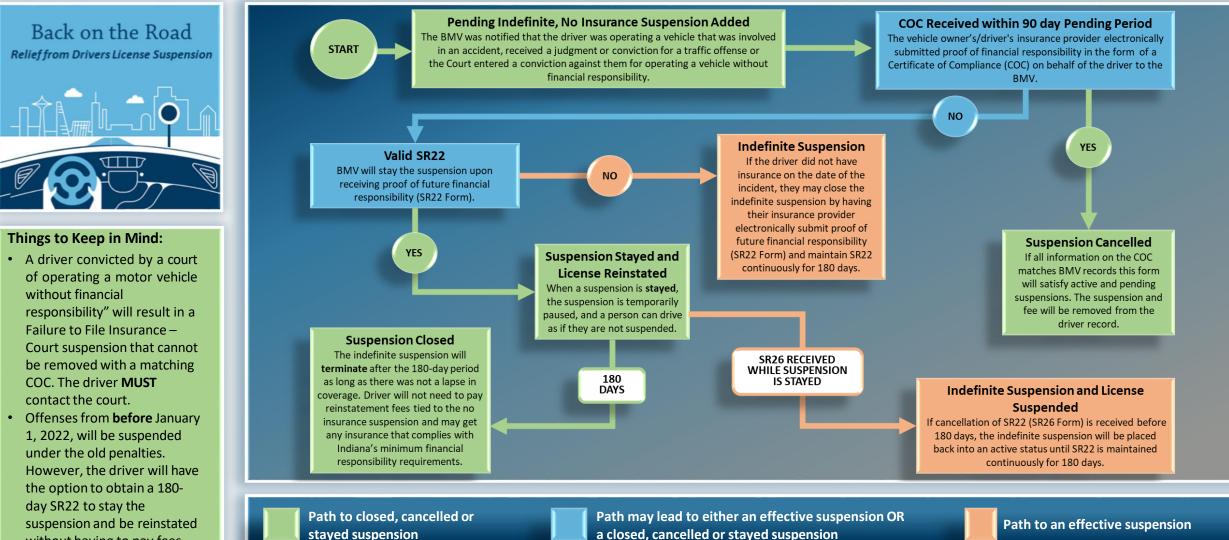
- Is a nonviolent offender;
- Has completed the individual's criminal sentence or is serving a term of probation or parole; and
- Is enrolled in job training or maintains consistent employment for at least three (3) years

Forbearance -Application

 Submit State Form 57170 "Application for Department of Corrections Forbearance of Reinstatement Fees" to BMV

No Insurance Suspension Flow Chart Effective On or After 12/31/2021





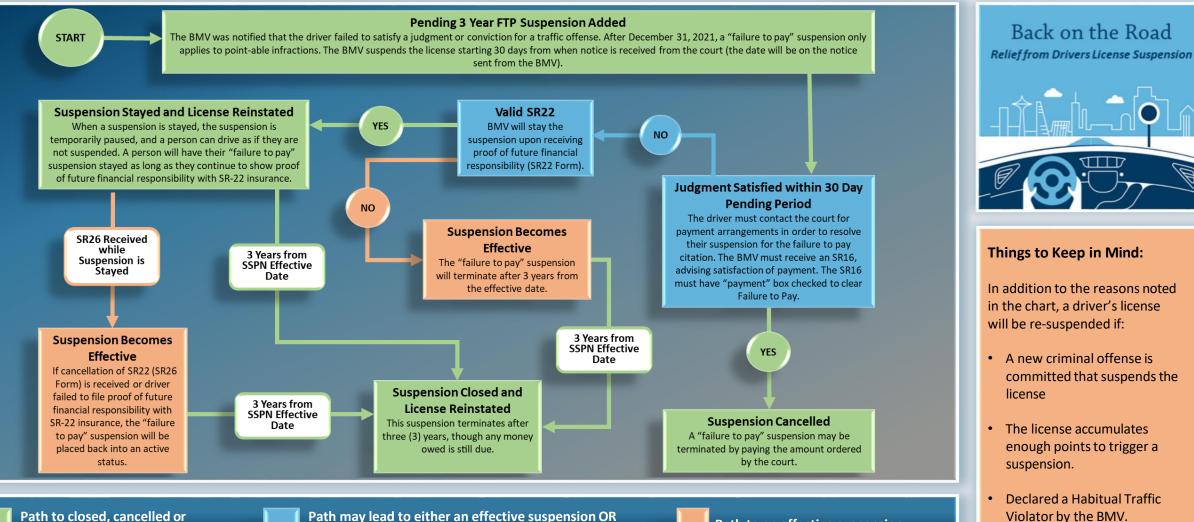
without having to pay fees.

a closed, cancelled or stayed suspension



Failure to Pay (FTP) Suspension Flow Chart Effective On or After 12/31/2021





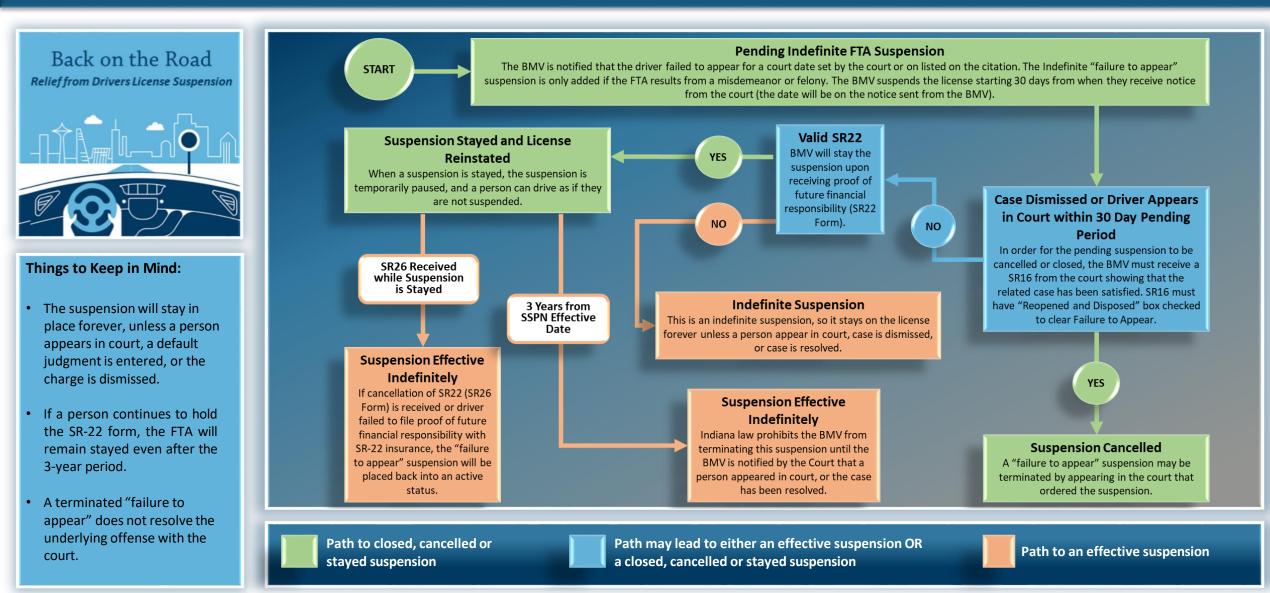
Path to closed, cancelled or stayed suspension

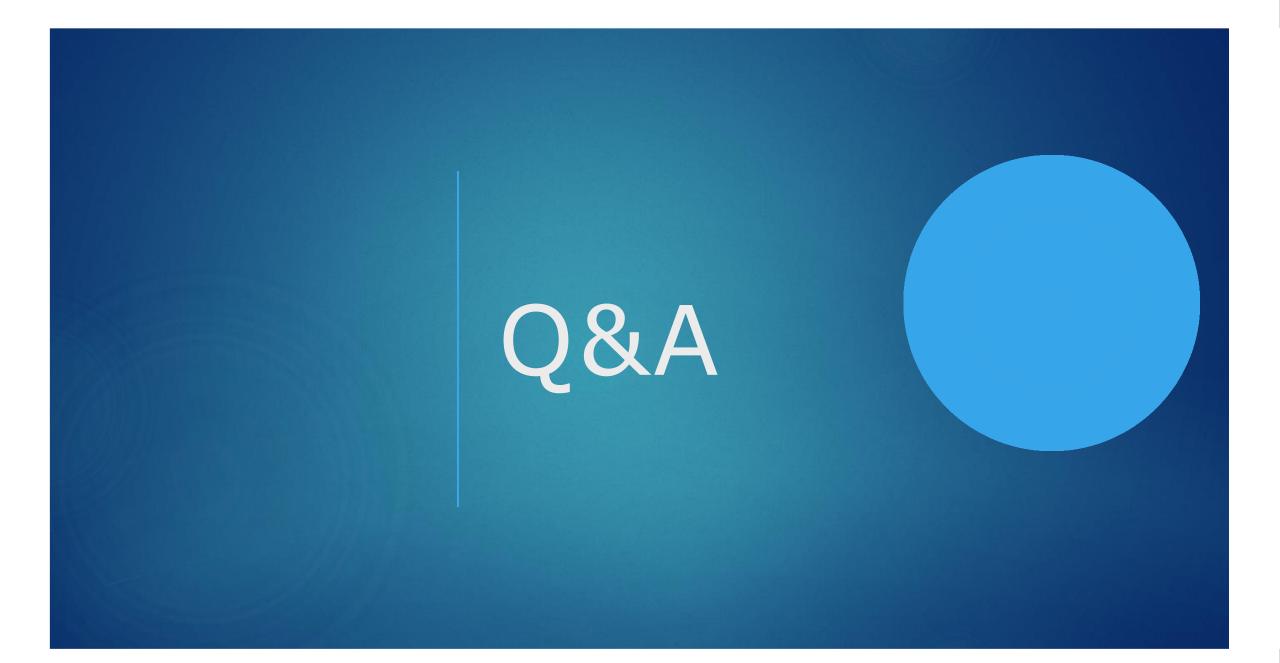
Path may lead to either an effective suspension OR a closed, cancelled or stayed suspension

Path to an effective suspension

Failure to Appear (FTA) Suspension Flow Chart Effective On or After 12/31/2021







SR22

Can an individual submit proof of insurance to the BMV for themself or does it have to come from the insurance carrier?

It has to come from the carrier.

SR22

Once the carrier sends the SR22 to the BMV, how will the driver know the suspension is stayed and they are able to validly drive?

The BMV will send the person a "stayed notice" confirming that the suspension has been stayed



How will Law Enforcement know the person has a valid driving privileges?

The driver's record will show the person's suspensions are stayed and their driving privilege is valid



How will the Official Driver's Record reflect that a suspension is stayed due to the existence of insurance with SR22?

 Each suspension that is stayed will be marked with a double asterisk (**)

SR22

Can an Indiana resident whose license is suspended for failure to comply with an out-of- state violation seek relief from that suspension by obtaining insurance with SR22?

No, only suspensions for in-state failures to appear and failures to pay are eligible for such relief

SR22

If an individual has a suspension stayed by having an SR22 on file, and then picks up a new FTP suspension, will that suspension automatically be stayed as well?

Yes, as long as the SR22 continues, the new suspension will be stayed, though it will still require a full 3 years of SR22 for the person to remain valid throughout the suspension Suspension for Failure to Appear If someone is suspended for failure to appear, can they have that suspension stayed by obtaining insurance with SR22?

Yes, but the underlying suspension will remain indefinite and will not terminate after 3 years like the new failure to pay suspensions will

Is there a time limit on a court's ability to enter default judgment to "convert" a failure to appear into a failure to pay?

No. Failures to pay are indefinitely pending cases that may be closed via the default judgment process at any point

Is default judgment automatic or must the prosecutor and court follow a procedure?

The state and court must follow a procedure including a new hearing date, notice, and making certain assurances required by rule

Can judgment being entered on cases that are currently pending as "failure to appear" result in a person being declared HTV?

Yes. Default Judgment counts as a conviction.

Can a person resolve their HTV status by obtaining SR22 and having the underlying failure to pay suspensions stayed?

No.

However, relief from an HTV suspension may be obtained through a Specialized Driving Privilege Petition—consult an attorney.

Points-based Suspensions

If someone resolves their FTA/FTP suspensions by appearing and/or paying their fines, doing so may cause points to accumulate against their license resulting in an administrative suspension. Will having insurance with SR22 on file stay that administrative suspension?

No. Suspensions based on accumulated points are only eligible for relief via specialized driving privileges Suspension for Not Having Insurance If a person whose suspension is stayed by having an SR22 on file allows their insurance to lapse before the 180-day period is complete, can they have the suspension stayed again and ultimately terminated by re-obtaining SR22?

Yes, but the 180 day period starts over as the insurance with SR22 must be maintained for 180 consecutive days

Specialized Driving Privileges

Are SDPs still available?

Yes, all previously existing forms of relief still exist and may still be used.

The relief from license suspension created by HEA 1199 is in addition to what already existed.

Child Support

Can a IV-D prosecutor negotiate the lump sum payment required by IC 33-25-4-33.5 to something less than 8weeks of support in order to lift the suspension?

No, but all means of negotiating resolution are still available

Resources

Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles Licenses, Permits & IDs: Suspension, Reinstatement, and Insurance Forms:

https://www.in.gov/bmv/licensespermits-ids/suspension-andreinstatement/suspensionreinstatement-and-insurance-forms

Indiana Legal Services, Inc.

https://www.indianalegalservices.org

Civil Legal Assistance & Self-Help Court Forms



Indiana Legal Help https://indianalegalhelp.org



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