

Restricted License Program



What is the Restricted License Program?

The Restricted License program is designed to assist those who have license stoppers for unpaid traffic fines but need to drive because (1) their position at work requires them to drive or (2) they have no alternative transportation to get to work.

The purpose of the Restricted License Program is to help these individuals negotiate a payment plan with the Court to pay off said unpaid traffic fines and in exchange, obtain a temporary restricted drivers' license. Obtaining a restricted drivers' license will help these individuals maintain gainful employment and have more opportunities for growth in their current employment, while working on paying off license stoppers.

Who is Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i?

Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i is a non-profit legal service organization, established in 1981, that provides legal assistance to the low to moderate income community through education, legal advice clinics, brief services, and referrals to pro bono attorneys for direct representation.

Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i partners with volunteer attorneys to provide services to those who qualify based on income and legal issue. Please call today to apply for services!



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This program can help assist you with a temporary restricted drivers' license while you pay off your traffic fines. Call VLSH today to see if you are eligible for the Restricted License Program.

How does it work?

Call to Apply for Services!

To qualify for the Restricted License Program, you must first speak with a Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i ("Volunteer Legal") staff member to see if your income qualifies you for the program.

After confirming qualification, Volunteer Legal will complete an intake application form and request the following documents:

-Copy of Government issued photo identification card (i.e. driver's license, state ID);

-Original certified letter of Driver License Status from the City and County of Honolulu DMV, dated within the last thirty (30) days. (Volunteer Legal may assist in requesting the letter for you from the DMV with your permission and signature.) You are not eligible for Restricted License Program if there has been a DMV-issued suspension or revocation imposed on your license;

-Original Complete Traffic Court Report dated within the last thirty (30) days;

-Recent paystub;

-Recent rent receipt that includes your name, current address, rent amount and rent period;



-List of utilities/monthly expenses; and

-If applicable, a letter from your employer, indicating the necessity for you to drive.

If you choose to participate in the program, there is a \$40 administrative fee.

Upon receiving and reviewing the required documents from you, Volunteer Legal will prepare the necessary court documents requesting your restricted license and proposing a payment plan to the court. You are responsible to pay the total balance of all court fines and fees associated with your tickets.

You must appear in court for a short hearing after the motion is filed. Volunteer Legal will assist in finding you a Pro Bono Attorney to represent you for this hearing only. If an attorney is not able to attend, you will be provided instructions and advice on how to proceed before your hearing.

Do you qualify?

- Low income.
- Currently employed.
- Have a license stopper(s).
- Have unpaid traffic fines in collections.
- O'ahu tickets only.
- No active tickets or bench warrants.
- Willing and able to take a written examination and road test if required by the Court.
- Willing and able to make monthly installment payments to the Court.

Call us today at **(808) 528-7046** to see if you qualify for help!



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