

Important Information Regarding Your Driver's License (UPDATED)

Beginning October 1, 2018, the state will eliminate all existing Driver Responsibility fees (DRF) and will no longer collect the fees. The repeal of the DRF law allows a driver to apply for reinstatement of their driving privileges provided they are otherwise entitled to reinstatement.

If you have an unexpired Michigan license and do not have any open action(s), such as a license suspension, denial, or revocation on or after October 1, 2018, your driving privileges are restored as of October 1. The \$125 standard reinstatement fee is waived and there is no need to visit a Secretary of State office.

If your Michigan driver's license is expired and it has been less than four years since you had a valid driver's license, you must renew your license either [online](#) or at a [Secretary of State office](#) before you may drive. The \$125 [standard reinstatement fee](#) is waived for DRF suspensions through December 31, 2018. As noted above, if you have an [open suspension or revocation](#), do not attempt to renew your license [as it will be denied](#). Additional driver's license information may be found at [the Renewing Driver's License page](#).

If your license has been expired more than four years, you must renew your license at a [Secretary of State office](#). Because your license has been expired for a long period of time, you will need to repeat the [driver's license application process](#) that includes a vision and written knowledge test as well as a third-party driving skills test. You will also be required to provide [documents to prove your identity, residency, and legal presence](#). Make sure that you bring these documents with you to the Secretary of State office.

If you have any open actions, these must be cleared before you apply. The \$125 [standard reinstatement fee](#) is waived through December 31, 2018. If you renew your license after December 31, the \$125 will be due. Please note that you may be responsible for some other [reinstatement fee \(s\)](#) and that some fees, such as those for a [Failure to Appear in Court or Failure to Comply with Judgment](#), are paid directly to a court or other agency.

More information about restoring your driving privileges, including license appeal information [is available](#).

If you are not sure what suspensions, denials, or revocations are on your record, you may obtain information on how to purchase your driving record by visiting [the Requesting a Driving or Vehicle Record page](#). Information on interpreting your driving record may be found at the [How to Read a Driving Record page \(PDF\)](#).

Please visit Michigan.gov/sos for more information on driver licensing.