Driver’s License Reinstatement Fee Debt Reduction and Amnesty Program

What is the Amnesty Program?
The Driver’s License Reinstatement Fee Debt Reduction and Amnesty Program is a program administered by the Ohio BMV. The Program assists people who cannot afford to pay reinstatement fees following a driver's license suspension.

How does the Program work?
An eligible individual may receive a reduction of reinstatement fees or a complete waiver, depending on whether the participant is indigent. Eligibility for both is determined in two phases based on if the offense occurred before or after the bill’s effective date. However, any person who receives a reduction or waiver in the first phase is not eligible to receive either in the second phase.

How do I apply?
The BMV will automatically enroll eligible individuals. If you believe you are eligible but have not been contacted by the BMV you should provide them with a working email and current mailing address.

How might I qualify for a total waiver of reinstatement fees?
A total waiver of fees is extended to indigent individuals. The program considers a person indigent if they participate in one of the following programs: SNAP, Medicaid, Ohio Works First, SSI, or VA Pension. If you are not indigent, you may still qualify for a reduction in fees.

Where can I learn more?
If you have additional questions about the Amnesty Program, or you would like to apply for a complete waiver of fees, you should visit bmv.ohio.gov.
How to contact LASC:
Franklin & Madison counties, call us at 614-241-2001 or Toll Free 1-888-246-4420
Delaware, Marion, Morrow & Union counties, call 740-383-2161 or 1-888-301-2411
Visit us online at www.columbuslegalaid.org

How to contact SEOLS:
Call us at 614-824-2503 or 844-302-1800 Visit us online at seols.org

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