



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4501:1-2-06 Procedures for the surrender of suspended certificates of registration, license plates, and driver's licenses and procedures for reinstatement.

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(A) The following procedures will be followed for any driver or owner who to show proof of financial responsibility to the registrar of motor vehicles as required after a motor vehicle accident, upon issuance of a traffic ticket, or in conjunction with a motor vehicle inspection pursuant to section 4509.101 of the Revised Code:

(1) The registrar will send a written notice to the last known address of the driver or owner that:

(a) Informs the driver or owner that his or her certificate of registration, license plates, driver's license, or all of them, are suspended;

(b) Directs the driver or owner to surrender his or her certificate of registration, license plates, driver's license, or all of them, to the bureau of motor vehicles on or before the required date stated in the notice;

(c) States the duration of the suspension;

(d) May give notice of the driver's or owner's right, if any, to request a hearing or appeal the suspension and surrender determination; and

(e) May contain any other information the registrar prescribes.

(2) Upon receipt of notice, the driver or owner shall surrender his or her certificate of registration, license plates, driver's license, or all of them in accordance with the registrar's notice by transmitting them to the bureau of motor vehicles at the address specified in the notice.

(3) The registrar may cause such information about the notice and directive to surrender as he deems appropriate to be entered in the law enforcement automated data system (LEADS).



(4) Any peace officer who, in the performance of his duties as authorized by law, becomes aware of a person whose license is under an order of suspension, or whose certificate of registration and registration plates are under an order of impoundment, pursuant to section 4509.101 of the Revised Code, may confiscate such license, certificate of registration, and registration plates, and return them to the registrar.

(5) If the driver or owner does not make a timely and voluntary surrender, the registrar may designate and authorize employees of the bureau of motor vehicles to obtain the surrender of certificates of registration, license plates, or driver's license directly from the driver or owner.

(B) Upon receipt of any certificates of registration, license plates, or driver's licenses surrendered in accordance with this rule, the registrar will destroy them pursuant to sections 4503.232 and 4510.52 of the Revised Code.

(C) The registrar will determine the length of any driver's license suspension in accordance with division (A)(2)(a) through (A)(2)(c) of Section 4509.101 of the Revised Code based upon the records of the bureau of motor vehicles. The registrar will not restore any driver's license until the suspension period has expired and any reinstatement requirements have been met.

(D) The registrar will determine from the records of the bureau of motor vehicles the amount of the financial responsibility reinstatement fee in accordance with division (A)(5)(a) of section 4509.101 of the Revised Code.

(E) The registrar will determine from the records of the bureau of motor vehicles whether the driver or owner is required to pay a financial responsibility nonvoluntary compliance fee in accordance with division (A)(5)(b) of section 4509.101 of the Revised Code and the amount of that fee, if any, for failure to comply with any order or notice requiring the surrender of his certificate of registration, license plates, or driver's license.

(F) The registrar will not restore any operating privileges or registration rights or return any license, certificate of registration, or license plates unless the rights are not subject to suspension or revocation under any other law and unless the person, in addition to complying with all other



conditions required by law for reinstatement of the operating privileges or registration rights, complies with all of the following:

(1) Pays a financial responsibility reinstatement fee as determined by the registrar in accordance with this rule;

(2) Pays the financial responsibility nonvoluntary compliance fee, if any, as determined by the registrar in accordance with this rule; and

(3) Files and maintains proof of financial responsibility in accordance with paragraph (B) of rule 4501:1-2-01 of the Administrative Code.

(G) When the period of any driver's license suspension has expired and the person has complied with all requirements of paragraph (F) of this rule, the registrar will authorize the person to obtain a driver's license. The authorization will be conditioned upon any other applicable requirement prescribed by law, including the requirement that the person submit to a driver's license examination if the driver's suspended driver's license has been expired for six months or more.

(H) The registrar will authorize any person whose certificate of registration or license plates that have been suspended to apply for a certificate of registration or license plates upon the registrar's determination that the person has complied with paragraph (F) of this rule. The authorization will be conditioned upon any other applicable requirement prescribed by law.