

FACT SHEET

OCCUPATIONAL LIMITED LICENSE (OLL)



Q: What is an Occupational Limited License?

A: An Occupational Limited License (OLL) is a limited driver's license issued to a driver whose Pennsylvania driving privilege has been suspended. If your driving privilege has been revoked, disqualified, cancelled or recalled, you are not eligible for an OLL. If you have never been licensed by this or any other state, you are also ineligible to apply. An OLL authorizes driving a designated motor vehicle, under certain conditions, only when it is necessary for the driver's occupation, work, trade, medical treatment or study.

Q: What types of suspensions are NOT eligible for an OLL?

A: If you are currently, or about to be suspended for any of these violations, you are not eligible for an OLL.

3345 - Passing a School Bus	1533 or 6146 - Failure to Respond to a Citation
3367 - Racing on Highways	1543 - Driving while Suspended (exceptions see below)
3732 - Homicide by Vehicle	1547 - Refusal to Submit to Chemical Testing (exceptions see below)
3733 - Fleeing a Police Officer	1786 - Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility
3734 - Driving Without Lights	ARD Ordered Suspension for DUI (only 60 days or less)
3735 - Homicide by Vehicle/DUI	Controlled Substance, Drug, Device & Cosmetic Act Violations
3736 - Reckless Driving	Underage Alcohol Violations (exceptions see below)
3742 - Accidents Involving Death or Injury	Any Serious Traffic Offense
3743 - Leaving Scene of an Accident	Any Violations Relating to Accidents and Accident Reports
3802 - Driving Under the Influence (possible exceptions see below)	

Note: only DUI violation dated 2-1-04 or after.

Q: Does a driving while under suspension violation qualify for an OLL?

A: If your driving record shows that this suspension occurred only as a result of a prior indefinite suspension due to an unpaid citation or non-payment of a judgement, failure to attend a Departmental hearing or failure to undergo a Special Point Examination, you may be eligible. However, you may not apply for the OLL until three (3) months have been served for the suspension for driving while under suspension.

Q: Does a DUI violation qualify for an OLL? (Violations prior to 2-1-04 do not qualify)

A: A DUI conviction qualifies only if the violation is your first offense. However, you may not apply for the OLL until the 60 days have been served for the suspension of the DUI.

Q: Does an underage alcohol offense violation qualify for an OLL?

A: You qualify only if the violation is your first offense.

Q: Does a refusal to submit to chemical testing or DUI qualify for an OLL?

A: It qualifies only if you have no more than one prior offense, have served 12 months of an 18 month suspension and have satisfied all restoration requirements, and have ignition interlock installed on your vehicle.

Q: Can a suspended CDL driver get an OLL?

A: Yes, you would be eligible for a **non-commercial** OLL only.

Q: What are the first things I must do in order to qualify?

A: If your suspension is in effect, you must surrender your driver's license if you have not done so already. If your driver's license has been lost or stolen, you must submit an application for a replacement license, along with the proper fee. If your driver's license has expired, you must submit an application for renewal, along with the appropriate fee. All fines, costs and restoration fees must be paid at the time of petition.

Q: How do I apply?

A: In order to apply, you must complete an Occupational Limited License Petition (*form DL-15*). Then send the form, along with a check or money order, proof of insurance (*copies only*) and Restoration Fee if not previously paid by mail to the Department.

Q: Will I have enough time to apply and receive the OLL prior to my suspension date?

A: If the DL-15 form is received and approved prior to the effective date, one of two things will happen:

- 1) If the effective date of suspension is less than 15 days from the process date, the Department will delay the start of your suspension for 15 days and issue an interim license;
- 2) If the effective date is greater than 15 days from the process date, the Department will not delay the suspension but will issue an interim license. The interim license provides you with a continuous driving privilege while the surrender of your regular driver's license is used for the processing of your OLL.

Note: Credit toward your suspension will begin upon the new effective date or after.

Q: What is the cost?

A: A fee for applying for an OLL is \$50.00 and is non-refundable.

Q: After I apply, what happens next?

A: Within 20 days of receiving your petition, the Department will inform you in writing whether or not you qualify for an OLL.

Q: When does my OLL expire?

A: The OLL is valid for the length of your suspension term. After your driving privilege has been restored, the Department will return your valid regular driver's license.

Q: Can the OLL be extended?

A: Maybe. If you are only convicted of a point related violation, the Department will notify you and send you the application to extend your OLL.

Q: Can I get another OLL if I am suspended again?

A: You may be issued only one (1) OLL every five (5) years.

Q: What happens if I commit a violation while driving on an OLL?

A: If you are convicted of an offense for which the penalty is a cancellation, disqualification, recall, suspension, or revocation of your driving privilege, the Department will recall your OLL and you must surrender the OLL to the Department.

Q: Can I take any action in the event that my OLL is recalled or my request is denied?

A: Yes. You may file with the Department a petition for an Administrative Hearing accompanied by a non-refundable processing fee of \$100.00. Additional information regarding this filing process will be provided upon request. "Hardship or extraordinary medical circumstances DO NOT qualify you to receive an OLL."

Q: Where do I write to get further information about an OLL or get a petition (Form DL-15)?

A: You may write to the following address:

PA Department of Transportation
Bureau of Driver Licensing
OLL/PL Unit
P.O. Box 68689
Harrisburg, PA 17106-8689

A customer service representative will get back to you. Be sure to include a daytime telephone number in your letter.