

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

### **DL Reinstatement after Revocation/Suspension**

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on DL Reinstatement after Revocation/Suspension s.343, 346, a proposed guidance document.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website:

<https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DMV57>

2. Mailing written comments to:

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### **WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at [wisconsindot.gov](http://wisconsindot.gov) to allow for ongoing comment.

### **AGENCY CONTACT**

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# Reinstatement a revoked or suspended driver license

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If your operating privilege is suspended, revoked or disqualified, you will need to reinstate it.

- Check your [driver license status](#) to know if your license is valid, suspended, revoked or disqualified
- Check your [eligibility for reinstatement](#) to determine what conditions need to be met to reinstate your driving privilege

## The difference between revocation and suspension

Both revocation and suspension of one's driving privilege make it illegal to operate a motor vehicle on public roadways. The difference between revocation and suspension are:

- the penalties
- the requirements to reinstate your driving privileges

### Revocation

- The first driving-after-revocation conviction can be either a criminal or civil offense, depending on the reason the operating privilege is revoked.
- Second and subsequent driving-after-revocation convictions are criminal offenses. Penalties may include jail time.

### Suspension

- Driving-while-suspended convictions are civil offenses. Penalties do not include jail time.

## Proof of insurance

Wisconsin may require you to file an [SR22 proof of insurance](#) certificate as a requirement to reinstate your operating privilege.

- [Check online](#) if you are required to file proof of insurance, for how long you are required to file and if you have acceptable insurance on file.
- To reinstate from a **revocation**, you must file proof of insurance in all cases except:
  - first offense Operating While Intoxicated (OWI)
  - noncompliance with Alcohol or Other Drug assessment
  - noncompliance with a Driver Safety Plan
  - noncompliance with Driver Safety Plan – new arrest while in a plan
- To reinstate from a **suspension**, you are not required to file filing proof of insurance except for:
  - suspension cases under the safety responsibility and damage judgment laws (uninsured motorist)

## How to reinstate your driving privilege

- **Wisconsin residents:** [How to reinstate after suspension or revocation](#)
- **Out of state residents:** [How to reinstate after suspension or revocation](#)

### Driver Information Section

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