

OCCUPATIONAL LIMITED LICENSE (OLL)

FACT SHEET

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 If your driving privilege has been revoked, disqualified, cancelled or recalled, you are not eligible for an OLL.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, and you are not a resident of PA, you are also ineligible to apply. An OLL authorizes driving a designated non-commercial 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 violations are NOT eligible for an OLL?

A: Certain violations may make you ineligible depending on previous violations or a conviction date. In most cases, after the suspension time has been fully served for an ineligible violation or the violation has been released, it is no longer a disqualifying violation. Refer to the chart below to help determine eligibility.

Vehicle Code	Vehicle Code Description	Eligibility	Additional Eligibility Information
13a12	Acquisition or obtaining possession of a controlled substance	Yes	If the violation was sent court certified from 01/01/04 to 10/27/14 with a conviction date greater than 10 days from the processing date
13a16	Possession of Controlled Substance	Yes	If the violation was sent court certified from 01/01/04 to 10/27/14 with a conviction date greater than 10 days from the processing date
13a30	Delivery of Controlled Substance	Yes	If the violation was sent court certified from 01/01/04 to 10/27/14 with a conviction date greater than 10 days from the processing date
13a31	Possession of Marijuana	Yes	If the violation was sent court certified from 01/01/04 to 10/27/14 with a conviction date greater than 10 days from the processing date
13a36	Manufacture; distribution, possession of a designer drug	Yes	If the violation was sent court certified from 01/01/04 to 10/27/14 with a conviction date greater than 10 days from the processing date
1533	Failure to respond to a Citation	No	Ineligible until citation is satisfied/released
1538(a)	Failure to undergo a special exam or hearing on accumulation of points of excessive speeding	No	Ineligible until exam or hearing is held and a determination is made.
1538(b)	Failure to attend a departmental Hearing	No	Ineligible until hearing is held and a determination is made
1543(a)	Driving while Suspended	Yes	Eligible once 3 months of the suspension is served and only if it is the result of a 1533, 6146, 1538(a), 1538(b), 1772(b), 1774, and/or 1775.
1543(b)	Driving while (DUI related) Suspended	No	Ineligible until suspension term is fully served

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1547	Refusal to Submit to Chemical Testing	Yes	Eligible after 12 months of this suspension has been served, no more than 1 prior 1547/3802/3731 in the last 10 years, carries an 18 month suspension term and vehicle is certified and equipped with ignition interlock.
1772(b) /1774 /1775	Unsatisfied Judgement as a result of a motor vehicle	No	Ineligible unless judgment is satisfied or an agreement is made
1786(f)	Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility	No	Ineligible until suspension term is fully served
3345	Passing a School Bus	No	Ineligible until suspension term is fully served
3367	Racing on Highways	No	Ineligible until suspension term is fully served
3732	Homicide by Vehicle – Includes 3732.1	No	Ineligible until suspension term is fully served
3733	Fleeing a Police Officer	No	Ineligible until suspension term is fully served
3734	Driving Without Lights	No	Ineligible until suspension term is fully served
3735	Aggravated Assault while DUI – Includes 3735.1	No	Ineligible until suspension term is fully served
3736	Reckless Driving	No	Ineligible until suspension term is fully served
3742	Accidents Involving Death or Injury – Includes 3742.1	No	Ineligible until suspension term is fully served
3743	Leaving Scene of an Accident	No	Ineligible until suspension term is fully served
A3802	ARD Driving Under the Influence	No	Ineligible until suspension term is fully served
3802/ 3731	Driving Under the Influence (DUI) - First Offense	Yes	First Offense – Eligible after 60 days of this suspension has been served Second Offense or 18 month first offense – see below
3802	Driving Under the Influence (DUI) - Second Offense	Yes	Eligible after 12 months of this suspension has been served, no more than 1 prior 3802/3731, the suspension carries an 18 month term and vehicle is certified and equipped with Ignition Interlock
6146	Failure to Respond to Citation	No	Ineligible until citation is satisfied/released
6308	Underage Alcohol offense	Yes	Eligible only for the first offense
7102(b)	Removal of falsification of identification number	No	Ineligible until suspension term is fully served
7103(b)	Dealing in vehicles with removed or falsified numbers	No	Ineligible until suspension term is fully served
7111	Dealing in titles and plates for stolen Vehicles	No	Ineligible until suspension term is fully served
7121	False application for certificates of title registration	No	Ineligible until suspension term is fully served
7122	Altered, forged or counterfeit documents and plates	No	Ineligible until suspension term is fully served

Q: Am I still eligible for an OLL if I have 2 DUI's that are more than 10 years apart?

A: No, unless you have a second 18 month suspension, the vehicle code does not outline a previous violation time-frame (such as 10 years) for DUI's when determining OLL eligibility.

Q: According to the chart I'm not eligible to apply until my vehicle is equipped with an Ignition Interlock Device, does having the device installed also count towards my 1-year restoration requirement for the Ignition Interlock device?

A: No. The Ignition Interlock is a separate requirement to obtain an OLL and from satisfying your restoration requirement, you may refer to Section 1553(d.2)(2).

Q: If the listed drug violation was sent court certified from 01/01/04 to 10/27/14 with a conviction date greater than 10 days from the processing date, how do I find the conviction/processing date for the violation?

A: If you've pulled a copy of your Driving History the Processing Date can be calculated by looking at the "Official Notice Mailed" date and subtracting 7 days. If you have letters from your suspensions your processing date will be shown in the top right corner of the letter. These violations must have a court certification date from 1/1/04 to 10/27/14. Additional information can be found under the Controlled Substance Act in the PA vehicle code under section 1532(c).

Q: Can a suspended CDL driver get an OLL?

A: Yes, provided all requirements are met, 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 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. Follow the instructions in the petition for further instructions.

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 the required Restoration Fee (if not previously paid) by mail to the Department (**address listed below.**)

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 of your suspension, 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, if you delay in submitting your license to the Department.

Q: What is the cost?

A: A fee for applying for an OLL is \$65.00 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. If you qualify, you will receive an OLL camera card to obtain a photo OLL. You are to carry your photo OLL and DL-15A together at all times.

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: Only if you are given a suspension due to the result of a Departmental Hearing or if you were convicted of a point related violation which resulted in an "add on" suspension. The Department will notify you and send you the application to extend your OLL. (DL-800P)

Q: I've bought/sold/changed vehicles, do I need to notify anyone?

A: The Department does not need to be notified of any vehicle changes for the purposes of maintaining a valid OLL but your DL-15A should be updated and kept with your OLL.

Q: What happens if I commit a violation while driving on an OLL or if a violation is placed on your record after receiving the 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 get another OLL if I am suspended again?

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

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: PA Department of Transportation, Bureau of Driver Licensing, OLL/PL Unit, P.O. Box 68689, Harrisburg, PA 17106-8689 or visit the Driver Vehicle Services website at www.dmv.pa.gov

Note: You may submit one check or money order for all required fees made payable to: PennDOT

This Fact Sheet is for information purposes only and not a complete resource, all users of this Fact Sheet are advised to consult the Vehicle Code at Section 1553, 75 Pa. C.S. 1553, relating to Occupational Limited License which can be found online at:

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&ttl=75&div=0&chpt=15>