



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE OHIO DRIVER ABSTRACT

The Bureau is constantly striving to improve services; however, it is most important that the information furnished by you for the report search is complete. The information submitted must include a complete and correct name. In addition, either the driver license number or the Social Security Number or both, may be submitted. We are prepared to search the file with any of the following:

- A. Ohio Driver License Number, Social Security Number, Name, and Date of Birth.**
- B. Driver License Number, Name, and Date of Birth.**
- C. Social Security Number, Name, and Date of Birth.**
- D. (Online Only) Ohio Driver License Number and Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number.**
- E. (Online Only) Name, Date of Birth, and Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number.**

IMPORTANT: The abstract processing programs search first by Social Security Number. The system cannot compare the information from your request to the driver record found, if you submit an incorrect Social Security Number. You may get a driver abstract report for someone other than the individual requested. The same is true when you submit a request with a driver license number only. If the driver license number is wrong, you will probably get an incorrect report. Another item of interest - the Social Security Number is listed on your report only if you submit the Social Security Number with your request.

The report is a complete record of all moving violation convictions, accident involvement reports, and departmental actions that result in license suspensions, revocations or other disqualifications that have occurred within the past 36 months, or three years. If an employer needs to obtain or verify information relating to the holder of a Commercial Driver License or permit that is required under state or federal law the appropriate box must be marked on the OBMV Record Request form (BMV 1173). A minimum of 10 years of information and any medical card information will be provided.

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) Sections 4501.021 and 4509.05, violation convictions are maintained on the record for 36 months from the conviction date and accident involvement for 36 months from the accident date. Suspensions / revocations / disqualifications are maintained on the record for 36 months from the release or compliance date.

By statute, accident reports appear on the driving record for each driver and vehicle owner involved in a crash. The Bureau does not determine which driver is at fault. Under normal circumstances, a moving violation conviction carrying the same date as the accident report will imply fault in the crash. The lack of a conviction would, therefore, imply that the driver was not at fault. Also shown on the report are accident severity, commercial vehicle use and hazardous material involvement.

Under Ohio Motor Vehicle Law R.C. Section 4510.036, points are assessed by the court for moving violation convictions. The accumulation of 12 points within two years results in a six month driver license suspension. Although only the two years, or 24 months, are required for the point system for a license suspension, additional driving history is listed to comply with conditions set forth by the R.C.

The message NO DRIVER LICENSE IN FILE printed on the report indicates that information supplied for the individual does not match a record on the Ohio driver license computer system.

The message NO DRIVER RECORD IN FILE indicates that the individual does not have any moving violation convictions, accident reports or administrative action records appended to the driver license record.

The message NOT VALID indicates that the individual does not have a valid Ohio driver license on file. This may be due to the individual having a state id or an out-of-state license.

The message DRIVER RECORD TEMP NOT AVAILABLE indicates that the computer file area containing the individual's driving record is temporarily disabled. This may be due to either a computer program or hardware problem. Resubmission of the request at a later date will result in a complete report.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SUSPENSIONS / REVOCATIONS OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES

Breathalyzer Refusal - The length of suspension for a first refusal is set at one year. Second and third refusals are for two and three years respectively, and a fourth refusal or greater, five years, with certain reinstatement requirements.

Commercial Driver License - Federal law became effective in January, 1990. Commercial Driver License (CDL) holders can be issued one license, which must be from their home state. All 50 states share information on the Commercial Driver License Information System, thus if the CDL is disqualified, the CDL holder would not be able to acquire a CDL or drive in any state. The disqualifications range from 60 days to life.

Point Suspension - The accumulation of 12 points within any two year period results in a suspension period of six months. There are reinstatement requirements.

Alcohol / Drug Offenses For Juveniles - Juveniles aged 16 years and 17 years convicted of first time alcohol or drug offenses will have their license suspended for 60 days or until age 18, whichever occurs first. Note: Probationary suspensions that include OVI or OVUAC are mandatory six month suspensions without limited driving privileges.

OVI / Drug Offenses - First offense, 90 day suspension; second and third offenses, one year suspension; fourth and subsequent offenses, three years to lifetime suspension. There are certain reinstatement requirements at the end of a suspension period. Note: OVI suspensions are determined by the court.

Civil Judgment Suspension - Remains active until settlement is completed.

Security Suspension - Administratively imposed for a period of two years from the date of an accident or until damages are settled.

Non-Compliance Suspension - Imposed for failure to carry insurance coverage at the time of an accident, when charged with certain moving violations or when the person is randomly selected by the Registrar and requested to provide such verification. A first offense carries an indefinite suspension of both the driver and vehicle licenses until requirements have been met (payment of a \$150 reinstatement fee and filing of insurance in the form of an SR-22); a second offense carries a one year suspension and requires the payment of a \$350 reinstatement fee and filing of insurance in the form of an SR-22; a third or subsequent offense carries a two year suspension and requires the payment of a \$650 reinstatement fee and filing of insurance in the form of an SR-22.

Financial Responsibility Act (FRA) - Future proof of insurance is required for three or five years from the beginning date of the suspension. The proof may be in the form of an SR-22 insurance certificate, or bond. The FRA is automatically imposed in situations involving noncompliance, civil judgments and 12 point suspensions.