

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 If your driving privilege has been revoked, disqualified, cancelled or recalled, you are not eligible for an OLL.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.

***Note:** This petition must be mailed to the address listed on the DL-15 and will not be accepted or processed at any PennDOT Driver License Centers.

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.

Please note that **on or after August 25, 2017**, the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes amends Title 75 (Vehicles) so the Department will no longer be able to issue an Occupational limited license (OLL) to a driver whose operating privilege is suspended or revoked for one or more violations under section 1547 (relating to chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled substance) or 3802 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance) or under former section 3731 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance) or a violation substantially similar to a violation under section 3802 or former section 3731 in another jurisdiction. However, you may be eligible for an Ignition Interlock limited license (IILL).

For more information about the IILL please visit www.dmv.pa.gov or contact our Information Center at 717-412-5300.

Vehicle Code	Vehicle Code Description	Eligibility	Additional Eligibility Information
1532(c)	Any offenses involving controlled substances	Yes	Only if the conviction report was sent between 01/01/2004 and 10/27/2014 and the conviction date is more than 10 days before PennDOT processed the conviction report.
1371	Operation following suspension of registration	Yes	If no other disqualifying violations are reported
1501A	Driver required to be licensed	Yes	If no other disqualifying violations are reported
1533	Failure to respond to a Citation	No	Ineligible until citation is satisfied/released
1538(a)	Failure to undergo a special	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

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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
1547	Refusal to Submit to Chemical Testing	No	See question/answers below
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	No	See question/answers below
3802	Driving Under the Influence (DUI) - Second Offense	No	See question/answer below
4355	Support Obligations	No	Ineligible until suspension is satisfied/released
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 a DUI or chemical refusal offense?

A: No, the Department will no longer be able to issue an Occupational Limited License (OLL) to a driver whose operating privilege is suspended or revoked for one or more violations under section 1547 (relating to chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled substance) or under former section 3731 (relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance) or violation substantially similar to a violation under section 3802 or former section 3731 in another jurisdiction.

Q: If the listed drug conviction was sent between 01/01/04 and 10/27/14 and the conviction date is more than 10 days before the processing date, how do I find the conviction/processing date for the violation?

A: If you have 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 up to 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. Your actual OLL will be sent to you. You can continue to use your regular license until the OLL arrives.

Note: Your suspension will begin upon the new effective date if an interim is issued.

Q: What is the cost?

A: A fee for applying for an OLL is listed on the petition 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 have 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>