If your driver’s license was suspended for failing to appear in the San Francisco Traffic Court, you may be able to get your license back.

The City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Superior Court worked together to remove driver’s license suspensions for up to 88,000 people who failed to appear in San Francisco Traffic Court. People who had their license suspended for failure to appear in traffic court can now go to the DMV and request to have their driver’s license reinstated.

You may still have a suspended license for other reasons, and this action will not resolve those suspensions. To find out if you have other suspensions or holds or holds on your license, you can call the DMV’s Mandatory Action Unit at: 916-657-6525.

Research shows that driver’s license suspensions make it harder for people to get and keep jobs, further impeding their ability to pay their debt. Court leadership and legal aid attorneys agree that people often do not appear for their traffic court dates because they cannot afford to pay their citations.

To find out if your suspension has been lifted:
Call the DMV Mandatory Actions Unit at **916-657-6525** to find out if you have any other holds on your record.

You will need your name, date of birth, and driver’s license number.

To reinstate your driver’s license:
Visit your local DMV field office to re-instate your license.

The DMV encourages customers to make an appointment at [https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/dmv/appointments](https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/dmv/appointments). *

If for some reason your hold in San Francisco Traffic Court has not been lifted:
You can submit an ability to pay application (SF Local Form TR-320/CR-320) and your hold will be lifted automatically.

You can submit the application by mail, or in person at: 850 Bryant Street, Room 101, San Francisco California.

*Please note:
  • Vision and/or knowledge tests might be required if your license has expired.
  • You may need to bring additional documents. Visit the DMV website to learn more.
  • The DMV charges a $55 reinstatement to get your license reissued.
  • If your license has also expired, there is an additional $33 fee.