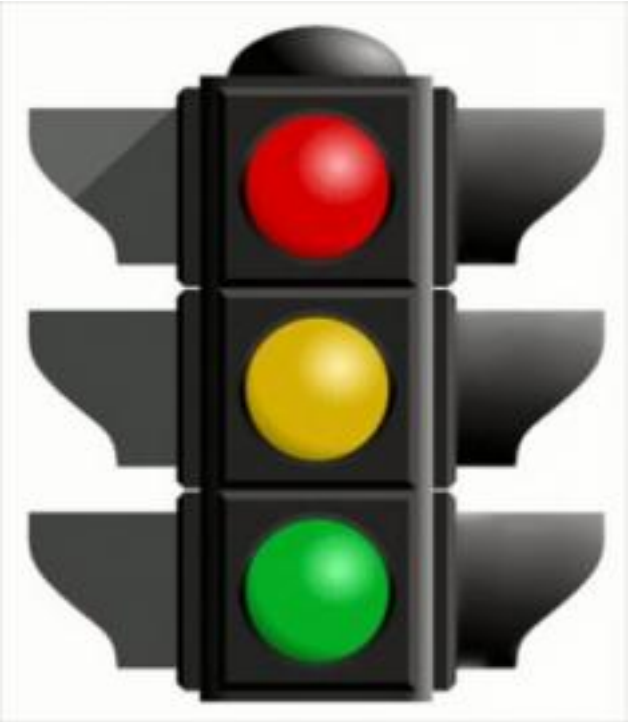
Driving Safety Courses



NOTE: "A person who holds a commercial driver's license (CDL), is not eligible to take a driving safety course to dismiss a charge, nor is the Court allowed, by law, to grant a deferred sentence." This includes, if an offense was committed in a construction work maintenance zone when workers are present. Passing a school bus, leaving a scene of an accident and/or speeding 25 mph or more over the limit or in excess of 95 mph, you are NOT eligible to take a driving safety course. If you are charged with a traffic offense under the Subtitle C, Transportation Code, you may ask the judge before the appearance date on the citation, either orally or in writing, to take a driving safety course. If you were operating a motorcycle and request to take a driving safety course, you must take a motorcycle operator's training course. At the time of the request, you must do the following:

You must be approved by the Court before attempting to complete any Driver Safety Course.

Present proof of financial responsibility (auto liability insurance);
Present proof of a valid Texas driver's license
Plead guilty or no contest; and
Pay court costs of $109.10, if not a speeding in a school zone violation or $134.10 if a speeding in a school zone without the presence of a crossing guard violation.
Prosecution of the traffic offense will be postponed for ninety (90) days from your appearance date to allow you time to complete the course. You are required to attend a driving safety course that has been approved by the Texas Education Agency or a motorcycle operator's course approved by the Department of Public Safety.

You are eligible to request this course IF you:

Have not taken a driving safety course for a traffic offense within the last 12 months.
Are not currently taking the course for another traffic violation.
Have not committed to the offense of Speeding 25 mph over the posted speed limit; and
Have not committed any of the following offenses:
a. Failure to Give Information at Accident Scene;
b. Leaving Scene of Accident;
c. Fleeing or Attempting to Elude Police Officer;
d. Reckless Driving;
e. Passing School Bus; or

f. A serious traffic violation as defined under Chapter 522, Transportation Code, which applied to drivers with commercial driver's licenses.

Prior to the end of the ninety (90) day period, you will be required to submit proof of completion of the driver safety course. If you fail to do so, you will be required to pay the fine amount of up to $200.00. The Judge **MAY NOT** grant you an extension to complete the course.

Supporting Documents

Driver's Safety Course Form
Driver Safety Course for School Zone Violations

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