

One Time Traffic Amnesty Program

October 1, 2015 to March 31, 2017

The Plumas Superior Court and the Plumas County Treasurer Tax Collector are participating in the Traffic Amnesty Program as enacted by Senate Bill 85 (Stats. 2015, ch 26)(Section 42008.8 Vehicle Code).

The mandatory amnesty program includes all traffic and nontraffic infraction violations. The Court and County have jointly agreed to extend the one-time amnesty program to bail and fines imposed for misdemeanor violations of Vehicle Code Sections 12500(a) and 14601.1. The amnesty program does not apply to parking violations.

Violations are eligible for the mandatory amnesty program only if the following requirements are met:

- The initial due date for payment of the bail or fine was on or before January 1, 2013.
 - A failure-to-appear case is eligible for amnesty *if* the case is currently on failure-to-appear status *and* the appearance date was on or before January 1, 2013.
 - A failure to pay case is eligible for amnesty *if* the fine due date *and* the last payment made on an installment plan or accounts receivable was on or before January 1, 2013.
- The defendant does not owe restitution to a victim on **any** case within the county where the violation was issued.
- **No** misdemeanors or felony warrants for the defendant are outstanding within the county where the violation was issued.
- The defendant is not currently making payments (on an amnesty-eligible violation) to a comprehensive collection program under Penal Code section 1463.007(c).
- A \$50 amnesty program fee applies

Under the amnesty program, eligible participants will not have to pay any civil assessments. Once the civil assessment amounts are deducted, the remaining balance owed will be reduced by 50 to 80 percent depending on income or receipt of specified public benefits.

- The discount will be 80 percent for those who certify that they make 125 percent or less than the federal poverty level — or who receive public assistance.
- The discount will be 50 percent for all other eligible participants

Concurrent with the amnesty program, and *only* between October 1, 2015, and March 31, 2017, the amnesty program may provide relief to individuals who have found themselves in violation of court-ordered obligation stemming from traffic and nontraffic infractions and eligible misdemeanors that have resulted in driving privilege restrictions. The \$50 amnesty program fee applies for driver's license reinstatement.

If an individual is in good standing in a comprehensive collections program (e.g., current on an installment payment plan) and he or she has appeared in court, has paid the fine in full or has agreed to the terms of the amnesty payment plan, or has otherwise satisfied the court, the court must notify the DMV, as authorized by Vehicle Code section 40509 (a) and (b).

Before notifying the DMV when a person is eligible for amnesty, the court or county is responsible for confirming that an individual meets eligibility requirements and individuals will be required to certify or sign under penalty of perjury that they meet eligibility requirements.

The Courts and the DMV will use existing reporting processes to release a hold on or reinstate a suspended driver's license for amnesty-eligible cases.

The DMV will also charge a \$55 driver's license reinstatement fee as it does for any license reinstatement

The Plumas County Treasurer Tax Collector is the enhanced collections provider for the Plumas Superior Court. If you believe you qualify for the amnesty program or reinstatement of your privilege to drive, you must complete the Amnesty Participation form available below and return it to the Plumas County Treasurer/Tax Collector, 520 Main St., Room 202, Quincy, CA 95971 or mail to the same agency at P.O. Box 176, Quincy, CA 95971. A determination will be made as to whether you qualify for a reduction of your fine and/or a reinstatement of your privilege to drive.

[Amnesty Participation Form](#)

Further information can be found at

<http://countyofplumas.com/index.aspx?nid=95>

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/trafficamnesty.htm>