# **Installment Payment Plan (IPP)**

You are encouraged to make payment in full. If you are unable to do so, you may be eligible to initiate an Installment Payment Plan (IPP). However, any judgments will remain outstanding until paid in full. To be enrolled in an IPP, you must first remit the installment amount listed on the front of your billing notice by the due date. The remaining surcharge balance will be billed in monthly installments.

# **Change of address**

Surcharge notices are mailed to the last address on record with the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC). You must always maintain a current mailing address with the MVC. If you move, the law requires that you notify the MVC within seven days. Changing your address with the U.S. Postal Service does not change it with the MVC. You must contact the MVC directly.

On the web: www.njmvc.gov

By mail: MVC Change of Address

**Database Corrections Unit** 

P.O. Box 141

Trenton, NJ 08666-0141

You are responsible to pay all surcharges even if you are not currently living in New Jersey. Please remember that you must always keep your address current with the MVC.

# **Judgments**

To satisfy a judgment debt, all payments must be made in certified funds (U.S. Postal money order, attorney trust account check or certified bank check). All uncertified payments (personal check, credit card) will delay the filing of a Warrant of Satisfaction by two months.

### **Dishonored checks**

All checks returned for insufficient funds or reversed credit card charges will be subject to a \$25.00 dishonored payment fee.

# **Billing questions**

If you have any questions about your surcharges, please write to:

NJ Surcharge Violation Billing Office P.O. Box 1502 Moorestown, NJ 08057-9704

Please include a daytime phone number and your New Jersey driver license number. All surcharge offenses are billed immediately when they are posted to your motor vehicle record. The billing office does not have the authority to reduce your surcharge assessment or change any court reported convictions.

# Contact the billing office by phone

#### Toll-free / Teléfono gratis

(844) 424-6829

Customer service representatives are available to take your calls from 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday. This number is only for surcharge related questions.

The automated telephone system provides general surcharge information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

You may find out:

- How much you owe
- When your last payment was made

Credit/debit card payments (MasterCard, VISA or Discover) are accepted. Please have your surcharge bill or driver license and your credit/debit card handy when you call.

#### More information

If your driver license was suspended/in a suspended status before January 1, 2021, please call (609) 292-7500 ext. 5024, for information on how to restore your driving privilege.



# **State of New Jersey**

# Surcharge Violation System







www.njsurcharge.com



New Jersey law\* requires collection of surcharges from motorists whose driving records include certain motor vehicle offenses. These surcharges are in addition to any courtimposed fines and penalties or any premiums that may be assessed by insurance companies.

### Who is responsible?

You are responsible for paying your surcharges even if you move out of New Jersey. The surcharges apply regardless of your current license, registration or insurance status. All drivers, whether licensed by the State of New Jersey or another jurisdiction, are responsible for surcharges.

Do not ignore the notices. Even if you file for bankruptcy, you may still be responsible for your surcharges.

# When are they due?

The due date for surcharge payments is printed on the bill that you receive. Failure to pay the surcharges in full or to begin an IPP by the due date may result in the entry of a judgment, which will include additional costs, interest and fees, in addition to other collection action permitted by the

If your driver license was suspended/in a suspended status before January 1, 2021, you are still responsible for all outstanding surcharges and payment of the \$100 driver license restoration fee before your driving privilege can be restored.

If you need to set up an IPP to pay your surcharges, please call (844) 424-6829.

\*(N.J.S.A. 17:29A-35)

# What violations are subject to surcharges?

#### Alcohol - drug related offenses

These surcharges are billed each year for three years:

- In-state operating under the influence of liquor or drugs (DUI)
- Out-of-state DUI
- Refusal to submit to chemical test

The surcharge for operating under the influence or refusal, whether it occurs in New Jersey or another state, is \$1,000 a year for three years for both a first and a second violation.

A surcharge of \$1,500 for three years is imposed for a third or subsequent violation that occurs within three years of the first violation.

If you are convicted of both drunk driving and refusal resulting from the same arrest, you will only receive one surcharge.

### **Point violations**

Surcharges are assessed against any driver who, in the preceding three-year period, has accumulated six or more points. The accumulation of points shall be calculated as of the date the point violation is posted to the driver history record. The surcharge for six points if \$150, plus \$25 for each additional point.

Points reductions are issued for each 12-consecutive month period of violation-free or suspension-free driving, or completion of an approved license or driver improvement or defensive driving course. These points reductions are not considered when assessing a driver's three-year record for surcharge purposes.

# Other actions subject to surcharges\*\*

These surcharges are billed each year for three years:

Unlicensed driver	\$100 a year
No insurance - MOPED	\$100 a year
Driving while suspended, court or MVC reported	\$250 a year
No liability insurance on motor vehicle	\$250 a year

<sup>\*\*</sup>Regulations at N.J.A.C. 13:19-13.1, et seg.

### How to pay your surcharges

#### On the web

Go to www.njsurcharge.com

You may pay by:

MasterCard, VISA, Discover or e-Check

#### By telephone

Call (844) 424-6829 (toll free)

You may pay by:

MasterCard, VISA, Discover or e-Check

#### By mail

You must do all of the following:

- Send the bottom portion of your notice
- Write your NJ driver license number on your check or money order
- Mail to:

New Jersey Surcharge Violation System P.O. Box 1502 Moorestown, NJ 08057-9704

You may pay by:

- Check
- Money order
- Western Union

Payments must be made payable to "NJ SVS" DO NOT MAIL CASH!

#### In person

You may pay by:

- MasterCard, VISA, Discover or American Express
- Cash
- Check
- Money order

Surcharge payment may only be made at NJMVC Regional Service Centers.

The \$100 driver license restoration fee may be paid at any MVC Regional Service Centers.