

The Driver Responsibility Fee (DRF) law has also been amended by Public Act 283 of 2014 allows one to perform community service in place of paying certain Driver Responsibility fees.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2015, one can complete 10 hours of community service for each qualifying violation. The Community Service program will end on December 31, 2015. Any community service application forms submitted after December 31, 2015 will not be counted.

Community service can be accepted instead of payment for the following qualifying violations:

- No Proof of Insurance
- No Insurance
- Drove without Proper License/Endorsement/Vehicle Group Designator
- Drove While License Expired
- Drove While Unlicensed or License Not Valid

Note: This program DOES NOT include "Driving While License Suspended/Revoked/Denied" OR "No Insurance Under the Insurance Code."

If eligible, one will be mailed one written notification to the address Treasury has on file. The notification letter will explain what offenses are on your driving record and which ones qualify for community service. Letters will be sent to qualifying individuals in a one-time mailing during December 2014.

A community service application will be included with your notification letter. Fill out the form completely and mail it to the address as directed on the form. Applications are also available on the Driver Responsibility website at www.michigan.gov/driverresponsibility. Information about the program may also be found at Secretary of State Branch Offices and Treasury Field Offices.

Community service should not be started until receipt of a verification letter from the Michigan Department of Treasury stating that the application has been received and approved. After application is received, the Department of Treasury will notify the Department of State of the intent on completing community service.

One will be given 45 days to complete your 10 hours of community service. If one has more than one qualifying offense on the driving record, you may decide to do your 10 hours of community service in blocks of 45 days each or group them all into one 45-day period.

Upon completion of the community service the person who supervised your volunteer efforts must sign your community service form, verifying that you completed the required hours and work. Once the form is signed, it must be sent back to the Department of Treasury at the address provided on the form.

If the DRF has been previously paid community service will not be approved.

Reinstatement fees are not included in the Community Service program.

Driver Responsibility Fee Community Service Public Act 283 of 2014

What's new about the Driver Responsibility Fee Program?

Public Act 283 of 2014 is a new law that allows you to perform community service to waive fees for certain driving violations under the Driver Responsibility law. The law requires 10 hours of community service for each qualifying violation.

Community service is defined as: Engaging in a useful and productive activity for someone other than a family member without receiving any compensation (money or gifts). Volunteer work at local nonprofits (organizations classified as a "504c(3)"), churches, schools, or city and state agencies can count. To search for volunteer opportunities, visit www.volunteermichigan.org.

Am I eligible for to perform community service to waive my Driver Responsibility Fee?

If you are eligible for the program, you will be contacted through the mail by the Michigan Department of Treasury in December 2014. It depends on what types of offenses are on your driving record; not all Driver Responsibility offenses will qualify for the community service program.

Which driver responsibility fee offenses can be waived by completing community service?

The fees assessed for these offenses can be waived by completing community service:

- No Proof of Insurance
- No Insurance
- Drove without Proper License/Endorsement/Vehicle Group Designator
- Drove While License Expired
- Drove While Unlicensed or License Not Valid

How will I be notified if I am eligible to do community service?

If you are eligible, you will be mailed a notification letter to the address the Michigan Department of Treasury has on file for you. Your notification letter will explain what offenses are on your driving record and which ones qualify for community service. Letters will be sent to qualifying individuals in a one-time mailing during December 2014.

How do I sign up for community service?

A community service application will be included with your notification letter. Fill out the form completely and mail it to the address as directed on the form. Applications are also available on the Driver Responsibility website at www.michigan.gov/driverresponsibility. Information about the program may also be found at Secretary of State Branch Offices and Treasury Field Offices.

When do I start my community service?

Do not start your community service until you receive a verification letter from the Michigan Department of Treasury stating that your application has been received and approved. After your application is received, the Department of Treasury must notify the Department of State that you intend on completing community service as an alternative to paying a Driver Responsibility Fee.

Can I do community service and receive a refund for any Driver Responsibility Fees I've already paid?

No, once a Driver Responsibility Fee has been paid, community service cannot be approved.

When will my driver's license be reinstated?

If you have paid the reinstatement fee to the Secretary of State AND if there are no other active suspensions or revocations on your driving record, then your driver's license will be reinstated.

If I have other fees that do not qualify for waiver by community service, will I continue to pay them while I am on community service?

Yes, you must continue with any approved installment agreements with Treasury regarding assessments that either do not qualify for waiver through this program or are not approved for waiver on the current application.