

## Change of address

Surcharge notices are mailed to the last address on record with the MVC. You must always maintain a current mailing address with the MVC. If you move, the law requires that you notify the Motor Vehicle Commission 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](http://www.njmvc.gov)  
**By mail:** **MVC Change of Address**  
**P.O. Box 016**  
**Trenton, NJ 08666-0016**

You are responsible for all surcharges assessed to you in New Jersey. All surcharges for NJ offenses are your responsibility even if you are not presently living in New Jersey. Please remember that you must always keep your address current with the MVC.

If your New Jersey driving privileges are suspended for not making surcharge payments, the MVC will file a judgment against you to collect any unpaid assessments.

## Dishonored checks

For returned checks (insufficient funds), you will receive a notice about an indefinite suspension of your driving privileges including a notice for an additional \$25 penalty fee. That notice will have instructions about how to make further payments to avoid having your driving privileges suspended.

## Certified copies of driving records or suspensions

Call and request that Information Form DO-21 be mailed to you.  
Toll-free in NJ: (888)486-3339.  
From out-of-state: (609)292-6500.  
Mail all the following for each request:

- Completely filled out and signed Form DO-21
- \$15 check or money order payable to NJMVC
- A photocopy of your driver license
- The effective date of your suspension
- Your correct address

### Mail to

**NJ MVC Driver Abstract Unit**  
**P.O. Box 142**  
**Trenton, NJ 08666-0142**

### Online

There is also an online process to request your certified driving record only. Visit [www.njmvc.gov](http://www.njmvc.gov).

## Billing questions

If there is a mistake in your billing, or if you have any questions about your surcharges, please write to:

**NJ MVVSS Surcharge Billing Office**  
**P.O. Box 4775**  
**Trenton, NJ 08650-4775**

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

## Surcharge information

To obtain information about the surcharge program, or your individual surcharges, you may call the surcharge hotline:

**Toll-free (888)651-9999**

Customer Service Representatives are available on the hotline to take your calls from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. This number is only for surcharge related questions.

Our 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

It will accept your credit card payment (MasterCard, VISA or Discover.)

Please have your surcharge bill or driver license and your credit card ready when you call.

## More MVC information

### General MVC inquiries

Toll free in NJ: (888)486-3339  
From out of state: (609)292-6500

### License suspension and restoration information

(609) 292-7500

**If you don't understand about your surcharges, or have questions, please call (609) 292-7500.**

# surcharge billing facts



**Governor Chris Christie**  
**Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno**  
**Chief Administrator Raymond P. Martinez**

[www.njmvc.gov](http://www.njmvc.gov)



**New Jersey statute\* requires the Motor Vehicle Commission to collect surcharges from motorists whose driving records include certain motor vehicle offenses. These surcharges are in addition to any court-imposed fines and penalties or any premiums that may be assessed by insurance companies.**

## Who is Responsible?

You are responsible for paying an imposed surcharge even if you move out of New Jersey. The surcharge applies regardless of your current license, registration and/or insurance status. No driver will be exempt from surcharge obligations based on violations received while in New Jersey with an out-of-state license.

Do not ignore the notices. Having a driver license in another state does not mean that the surcharge doesn't have to be paid. Even if you file for bankruptcy, you may still be responsible for your surcharges. Call the MVC to find out what you need to do.

If you have questions please call (609)292-7500.

## When are they due?

The due date for surcharge payments is printed on the bill that you receive. If you fail to pay the surcharge in full, or to begin an installment payment plan (IPP) by that date, your driving privileges will be indefinitely suspended. You will also be charged an additional \$100 fee that must be paid before you can have your driving privileges restored. An unpaid surcharge will lead to a Notice of Proposed Judgment, and the MVC may file a Certificate of Debt in the New Jersey Superior Court to collect the full balance, plus the interest and the collection costs.

If you need to set up an installment payment plan (IPP) to pay your surcharges, please call (888)651-9999 or (609)292-7500.

If you are suspended for missing or late payments, your installment payment plan will be automatically canceled. You will have to apply for a new payment plan.

The judgment and collection processes will occur even if your driving privileges are suspended for other reasons too and you are not eligible to be restored at that time.

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

## What violations are subject to surcharges?

### Alcohol and 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

If you receive six or more points in a period of three years or less, you must pay a surcharge of \$150 for the first six points and \$25 for each additional point.

The point surcharge will remain in effect as long as you have six or more points on your record resulting from violations posted in the immediate past three years. The points are totaled from the date that they are posted to your driving record, not from when the violations occurred.

Point reductions issued for one year of violation or suspension-free driving, or for completion of a driver improvement school or defensive driving course, are not considered when reviewing the 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

\*\* Regulation N.J.A.C. 13:19-13.1 et seq.

## Operating while suspended

If your driving privileges are suspended because you failed to pay surcharges, and you are convicted of operating while suspended, the court is mandated to impose an additional \$3,000 fine. If you pay the surcharge in full before your court appearance, you will avoid this extra fine.

## How to pay your surcharges

### In person

**At select MVC facilities. See the "Locations" section of [www.njmvc.gov](http://www.njmvc.gov) for walk-in services.**

You can pay by:

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

### On the web

Go to [www.njmvc.gov](http://www.njmvc.gov) or [www.njsurcharge.com](http://www.njsurcharge.com). You can pay by:

- MasterCard, VISA, Discover or e-Check

### By telephone

Call (888)651-9999 (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:  
NJ MVVSS  
P.O. Box 4850  
Trenton, NJ 08650-4850

You may pay by:

- Check
  - Money order
- DO NOT MAIL CASH**