Road to Restoration Clinic Training Part 1

Agenda

- Clinic Layout
- Volunteer Assignments
- How do the Clinics Help
- Important Documents
- ❖ Parts of the Michigan Driving Record
- ❖ Definitions of Critical Record Terms
- Review of Examples
- Instructions for Completing the Interview

PHYSICAL LAYOUT OF HYPE ATHLETICS- EXAMPLE FOR OTHER CLINICS Bleacher Seating Seating Seating Seating Exit Check Out Exit Registration Entrance Greeters Entrance \Box MDOS Banquet Room Community Partners OIS Treadmills Bleacher Bleacher Bleacher Bleacher Bleacher Seating Seating Seating Seating E = Electrical Outlets = Chairs = Entering = Extension Cords

Volunteer Assignments

- Client Consultation Limited Service Agreement, Clinic Summary Form
- 2. Case Information Looking at MICOURTS and/or court's case search and calling specific courts
- 3. Revocation discussing Hearing Application, Procedural Requirements, as well as Community Support Letters
- 4. DJC Surveys for Non Legal Volunteers

HOW DO THE CLINICS HELP PEOPLE?

- * At the record review clinics, individuals meet with Secretary of State staff and/or an attorney to review their driving record.
- ★ If there are any barriers a person must address before their full driving privileges can be restored, these will be identified.
- ★ Attorney consultation is helpful for those who have open court cases.
- ★ Attorneys contact the courts or review the court's online case search to determine if the person has warrants and/or unpaid fines.
- ★ The clinics help the driver learn of all the barriers as well as instructions on how to get additional information after the clinics.

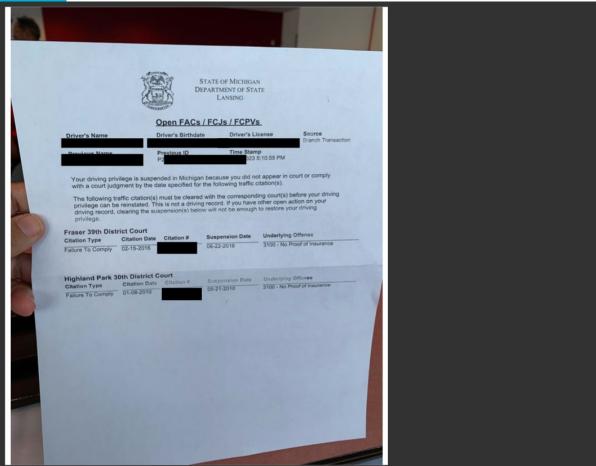
Important Documents

- ❖ Limited Service Agreement (Malpractice Form)
- Clinic Summary Form
- Court Suspensions Certified Michigan Driving Record or free FAC/FCJ sheet.
- Chart of Courts to Contact
- ❖ Instructions for Going to Court
- Revocations Administrative Hearing Packet and Community Support Letter (Day 2 Training)

MISTAKES WERE CATEGORIZED AS FAILURES BEFORE REFORM

- Two of most common reasons for suspension occurred if someone didn't show up for a required court date (FAC) or didn't pay the judgment on the ticket (FCJ).
- ❖ The license was automatically suspended until all the infractions were resolved and usually paid in full.
- Most traffic violations were listed as indefinite suspensions until 10-1-21. The new law changed what violations would result in a suspension as well as retroactively terminating suspensions from older infractions.
- The retroactive removal of suspensions for an Failure to Comply sanction changed people's lives for the better, who had suffered for decades with these sanctions. However, the court cases and balances did not go away.
- At the clinic, a person may have a suspended, revoked, or restricted license. The path to license restoration varies with each of these.

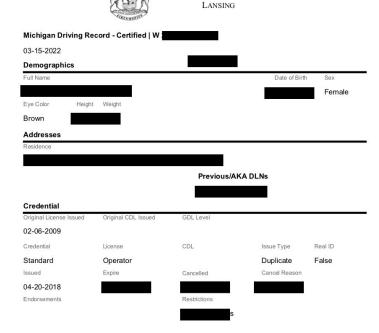
Sample FAC/FCJ Sheet



MICHIGAN DRIVING RECORD SECTIONS - (1st) HEADER

Includes Identity information, similar to License or State ID

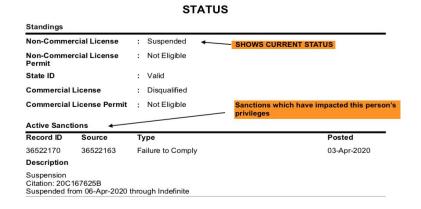
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MICHIGAN DRIVING RECORD SECTIONS - (2ND) STATUS PAGE

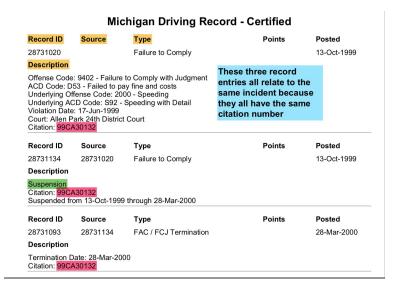
Status

- > "Standings" whether the license is valid, not valid, suspended, or revoked Only Non-Commercial driving will be discussed at the clinic
- > "Active Sanctions" are also listed in this section, if any



MICHIGAN DRIVING RECORD SECTIONS - (3RD) DRIVING HISTORY

- Driving History
 - > Multiple entries noted by "Record Id", "Source" and "Type" and Description"



MICHIGAN DRIVING RECORD - DRIVING HISTORY



Sample of a record entries impacted by the new law

Record ID Source Type **Points** 36522161 Failure to Comply Description Offense Code: 9402 - Failure to Comply with Judgment ACD Code: D53 - Failed to pay fine and costs Underlying Offense Code: 3400 - Equip Viol - Defective/ Missing Underlying ACD Code: N/A Violation Date: 02-Jan-2020 Court: Oak Park 45B District Court Citation: 200P00022B Record ID Source Type Failure to Comply 36522169 36522161

05-Mar-2020 These two record entries have the same citation number. The suspension was terminated on 10-1-21 under the new law.

> **Points** Posted

> > 05-Mar-2020

Posted

Description

Suspension

Citation: 200P00022B

Suspended from 06-Mar-2020 through 01-Oct-2021

Record ID Source Type **Points** Posted

227114488 36522174 FAC / FCJ Termination 14-Nov-2021

Description

Termination Date: 01-Oct-2021

Citation: 200P00022A

This related entry appears at the end of the record.

A DRIVER'S HISTORY TELLS A STORY

STATUS

- 1. VALID
- 2. INVALID
- 3. CANCELLED
- 4. RESTRICTED
- 5. SUSPENDED Most common
- 6. REVOKED Second Most Common

COURT BASED SUSPENSION - SHOW ON SCREEN



STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANSING

Open FACs / FCJs

Driver's Name	Driver's Birthdate	Driver's License	Source Driver Report
Previous Name None	Previous ID None	Time Stamp 4-7-2022 12:38:33 PM	
	s suspended in Michigan bec by the date specified for the fo		court or comply

The following traffic citation(s) must be cleared with the corresponding court(s) before your driving privilege can be reinstated. This is not a driving record. If you have other open action on your driving record, clearing the suspension(s) below will not be enough to restore your driving

Dearborn 19th District Court

privilege.

Citation Type	Citation Date	Citation #	Suspension Date	Underlying Offense
Failure To Comply	01-01-2020		03-11-2020	3100 - No Proof of Insurance
Eniture To Comply	10.00.2010	10	12 19 2010	3100 No Proof of Incurance

Dearborn Heights 20th District Court

Citation Type	Citation Date	Citation #	Suspension Date	Underlying Offense	
Failure To Comply	04-01-2017	17	08-25-2017	3100 - No Proof of Insurance	

Instructions

- Getting information A script to contact the court will be available to hand out. If the attorney has time, they can contact the court to get more information.
- ❖ Warrant They need instructions from the court on how to set aside the warrant.
 - > If a court sets a cash bond amount, usually the court requires the bond to be paid to set aside the warrant, referred to as posting a bond. After the warrant is set aside, the court will give them a hearing notice for the date they need to appear in court.
 - ➤ If a person cannot afford to pay bond, ask the court clerk if there are walk-in days to get arraigned on the warrant. Some judges will set a personal bond for someone who walks in, which means no cash is required at first. However, a person should be prepared to have some cash for a bond if they go to the walk-in arraignment in person.
- ❖ Note -Warrants are usually only issued for criminal traffic violations, typically a misdemeanor. Civil infractions will generally not have a warrant.

Court Script

- I would like to find out what traffic ticket fines and fees, if any, I
 have owing in your court.
 - a. Do I have any open cases?
 - b. Do I have any warrants? Do I have to pay a bond? If so, how much?
 - c. Are there any walk-in days to be arraigned on the warrant?
- 2. If there are fines and fees, ask the court how you can make the payments and if the court allows payment plans.
- 3. If there are open cases, ask how can I get a court date? And/or what I must do to resolve the cases?
- 4. Ask If I can have a lawyer from the court and how I get one. [Note: You may not need a lawyer if you only owe money, but you may want to talk to a lawyer if you have a warrant].

Completing the Interview - Instructions

Each person will leave the clinic with:

- 1. A copy of their Certified Michigan Driving Record or, a copy of their FAC/FCJ sheet
- 2. Chart with court phone numbers
- 3. Instructions for contacting the court unless they are visiting the court at the clinic
- 4. List of fines and fees that they may owe.
- 5. If we find out that they have a warrant, we will instruct them on that court's policy regarding how to address the warrant.

Chart for Our Sample Record

The chart provides contact information for the court and case numbers.

Record Page(s)	Scale document down District Court (City and Number)	Court Phone Number	Ticket Date	Case # or Citation #	Civil or Criminal	Suspended? -Y/N
p 5	Allen Park - 24th District Court	313-928-0535	2/2/20	20C167625	Civil	N
р6	Allen Park - 24th District Court	313-928-0535	2/2/20	20C167625B	Civil	Υ
p 4	Oak Park - 45th District Court	248-691-7440	1/2/20	200P00022A	Civil	N
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Dos and Don'ts for Advice

- - ☐ Tell them that they can ask to speak to an attorney if they have questions.
 - Tell them that they should let the court know that they do not have the money and need an alternative, like community service or lower fines and fees.
 - ☐ Tell them to stay in contact with the court about their cases.
 - Tell them to try to resolve older cases first or the court that has the most cases.
- DON'T
 - Tell them how to plead. It's okay to educate them to ask for help at the court so that a case won't hurt their driving record.
 - Tell them that these are the only warrants. We only know what we can learn from the driving record. We do not know their entire legal history.

Special Situations -Questions to ask in the interview

- ❖ If the person's driving privileges are suspended or not valid, ask if they have ever had a Michigan driver's license.
 - > If yes, then addressing the suspensions should clear their path to getting full driving privileges.
 - ➤ [APP DENIAL] If no, ask one of the Department of State staff whether they can apply for a license once their suspensions are cleared. If a person has never had a license, they will be denied a licence if they had 2 or more moving violations within the last 3 years.
- Ask if the person's driving privileges are expired. They can renew their license if it has been expired for less than 4 years. If it has been more than 4 years, they will need to reapply for their license.

Special Situations -Questions to ask in the interview

- ♦ How many points are on the record within the last two years? Points stay on the driving record for 2 years. If a person accumulates 12 or more points in 2 years, then their driving privileges can be sanctioned up to and including being revoked.
- This should only be discussed confidentially with the attorney.
 - Do you have any other pending tickets that are new and don't appear on your driving record?
 - Do you know what the tickets or violations were for?
 - > If yes, then the attorney can look up the violations in the Offense Code Index and let them know if the violations have points and whether there is a risk of suspending or revoking their license.
 - They should address all pending cases as soon as possible. If they go to court, sometimes a city attorney will reduce the violation to a lesser charge so they are not adversely impacted on their driving record.

Sanctions on the Driving Record

MANDATORY ACTIONS

The Department of State must suspend driving privileges by law for certain criminal convictions. Many of these suspensions have a time limit. See pages 4-7 of the Basic Overview document for additional types of suspensions.

❖ ADDITIONAL ACTIONS

- The Department of State will extend the time that a suspension of revocation is in effect if a person is reported to have a moving violation while their license was suspended or revoked. This delays the time that a person can apply for driving privileges. MCL 257.904(10), (11)
- For example, if a person has their license suspended for one year, their license will be suspended for another year if they have another moving violation while their license is suspended. (10)
- > If a person has an <u>indefinite</u> suspension, another moving violation will suspend their license for an additional 30 days. (11)

Sanctions on the Driving Record - Examples

Record ID	Source	Туре	Points	Posted
12497655	12497644	Mandatory Action		24-Sep-2014

Description

Suspension Followed By Restricted License

Suspended from 10-Oct-2014 through 11:59 PM of 08-Nov-2014

Restricted from 09-Nov-2014 through 11:59 PM of 07-Apr-2015 and until requirements have been met

Requirement(s): Standard Reinstatement Fee

May drive to and from residence, place of and during employment, treatment and support group meetings, regularly scheduled treatment for serious medical conditions, probation, community service, and school, must carry proof of destinations and hours

Shall not drive a vehicle requiring a commercial driver's license

Record ID	Source	Туре	Posted
12497651	12497645	Mandatory Action (Revocation)	20-Nov-2014

Description

2 or more substance abuse convictions in 7 years
Revoked from 06-Dec-2014 and until requirements have been met
Requirement(s): OHAO Approval - eligible to appeal on 06-Dec-2015, Standard Reinstatement Fee

Sanctions on the Driving Record - Examples

Record ID Source Type Points Posted

28731186 28731059 Additional Action 31-May-2002

Description

Suspension
Suspended from 16-Jun-2002 through 11:59 PM of 16-Jul-2002
Not Valid from 17-Jul-2002 and until requirements have been met

Record ID	Source	Туре	Points	Posted
28731153	28731060	Additional Action		19-Jul-2002

Description

Suspension

Suspended from 04-Aug-2002 through 11:59 PM of 03-Sep-2002 Not Valid from 04-Sep-2002 and until requirements have been met Requirement(s): Standard Reinstatement Fee

Requirement(s): Standard Reinstatement Fee

Record ID	Source	Туре	Points	Posted
28731185	28731061	Additional Action		09-Aug-2002

Description

Suspension

Suspended from 25-Aug-2002 through 11:59 PM of 24-Sep-2002 Not Valid from 25-Sep-2002 and until requirements have been met Requirement(s): Standard Reinstatement Fee

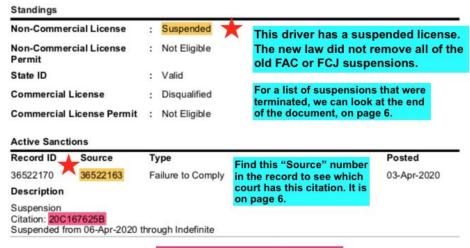
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Record Review Example - Suspended License

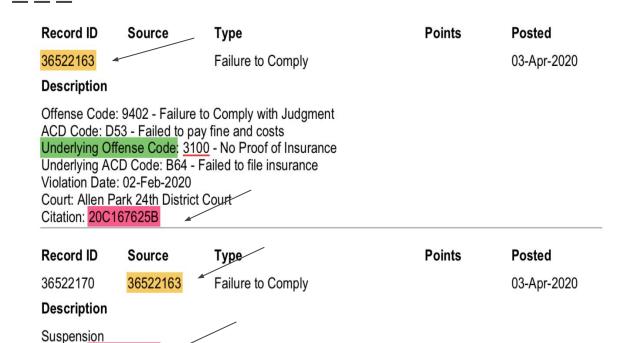
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STATUS



Note: You can also look for matching citation number

Record Review - Match the Source or Citation Numbers



Citation: 20C167625B

Suspended from 06-Apr-2020 through Indefinite

On page 6, we find two entries that match the Source number of the active sanction. We also find a match for the Citation number. Next, we look up the Underlying Offense Code, 3100.

Record Review - Identifying the court and case number

03-Apr-2020

03-Apr-2020

Record ID Source Type Points Posted

36522163 Failure to Comply

Description

Offense Code: 9402 - Failure to Comply with Judgment

ACD Code: D53 - Failed to pay fine and costs

Underlying Offense Code: 3100 - No Proof of Insurance Underlying ACD Code: B64 - Failed to file insurance

Violation Date: 02-Feb-2020

Court: Allen Park 24th District Court

Citation: 20C167625B

Record ID Source Type Points Posted

36522170 36522163 Failure to Comply

Description

Suspension

Citation: 20C167625B

Suspended from 06-Apr-2020 through Indefinite

On page 6 again, we see the this person did not pay the fines and costs to the 24th District Court in Allen Park for Case No. 20C167625B.On the chart, list the court's phone and case number. Since the person has not paid the fines and costs, the suspension will not be terminated until these are paid in full.

Record Review - Identifying other cases to be addressed

Source	Туре	Points	Posted
36522169	FAC / FCJ Termination	This suspension was	14-Nov-2021
		terminated, but the	
		owed money.	
Source	Туре	Points	Posted
36522174	FAC / FCJ Termination	This suspension was terminated, but the	14-Nov-2021
		court may still be	
		owed money.	
Source	Туре	Points	Posted
36522173	FAC / FCJ Termination	This suspension was	14-Nov-2021
		terminated, but the	
		owed money.	
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On page 6 again, we see the this person has a similar case number where the suspension has been terminated. Coincidentally, this was for a case in the same court that had the suspension. Let's look at page 5.

Record Review - Identifying other cases to be addressed

Record IDSourceTypePointsPosted36522162Failure to Comply03-Apr-2020

Description

Offense Code: 9402 - Failure to Comply with Judgment

ACD Code: D53 - Failed to pay fine and costs

Underlying Offense Code: 3500 - Registration and/ or Plate Violation

Underlying ACD Code: N/A
Violation Date: 02-Feb-2020
Court: Allen Park 24th District Court

Citation: 20C167625

Record ID Source Type

36522173 36522162 Failure to Comply

Description

Suspension

Citation: 20C167625

Suspended from 06-Apr-2020 through 01-Oct-2021

Posted 03-Apr-2020

This suspension was terminated, but this person may still owe money to the court.

Points

On page 5 again, we see that the Violation Date, Citation Number (Case), and Court are the same as the case that was suspended. So, this person will need to address this case as well. In some cases, they can ask that the court credit the payments first to the suspended case, and then, pay off this case, which has no suspension.