



CHAPTER 20

ARTICLE 2 - UNIFORM DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT

N.C.G.S. § 20-24.1.

Revocation for failure to appear or pay fine, penalty or costs for motor vehicle offenses.

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§ 20-24.1(a)

The Division must revoke the driver's license of a person upon receipt of notice from a court that the person was charged with a motor vehicle offense and he:

- (1) failed to appear, after being notified to do so, when the case was called for a trial or hearing; or
- (2) failed to pay a fine, penalty, or court costs ordered by the court.

Revocation orders entered under the authority of this section are effective on the sixtieth day after the order is mailed or personally delivered to the person.

§ 20-24.1(b)

A license revoked under this section remains revoked until the person whose license has been revoked:

- (1) disposes of the charge in the trial division in which he failed to appear when the case was last called for trial or hearing; or
- (2) demonstrates to the court that he is not the person charged with the offense; or
- (3) pays the penalty, fine, or costs ordered by the court; or
- (4) demonstrates to the court that his failure to pay the penalty, fine, or costs was not willful and that he is making a good faith effort to pay or that the penalty, fine, or costs should be remitted.

Upon receipt of notice from the court that the person has satisfied the conditions of this subsection applicable to his case, the Division must restore the person's license as provided in subsection (c). In addition, if the person whose license is revoked is not a resident of this State, the Division may notify the driver licensing agency in the person's state of residence that the person's license to drive in this State has been revoked.

§ 20-24.1(b1) A defendant must be afforded an opportunity for a trial or a hearing within a reasonable time of the defendant's appearance. Upon motion of a defendant, the court must order that a hearing or a trial be heard within a reasonable time.

§ 20-24.1(c) If the person satisfies the conditions of subsection (b) that are applicable to his case before the effective date of the revocation order, the revocation order and any entries on his driving record relating to it shall be deleted and the person does not have to pay the restoration fee set by G.S. 20-7(i1). For all other revocation orders issued pursuant to this section, G.S. 50-13.12 or G.S. 110-142.2, the person must pay the restoration fee and satisfy any other applicable requirements of this Article before the person may be relicensed.

§ 20-24.1(d) To facilitate the prompt return of licenses and to prevent unjustified charges of driving while license revoked, the clerk of court, upon request, must give the person a copy of the notice it sends to the Division to indicate that the person has complied with the conditions of subsection (b) applicable to his case. If the person complies with the condition before the effective date of the revocation, the notice must indicate that the person is eligible to drive if he is otherwise validly licensed.

§ 20-24.1(e) As used in this section and in G.S. 20-24.2, the word offense includes crimes and infractions created by this Chapter.

§ 20-24.1(f) If a license is revoked under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, and for no other reason, the person subject to the order may apply to the court for a limited driving privilege valid for up to one year or until any fine, penalty, or court costs ordered by the court are paid. The court may grant the limited driving privilege in the same manner and under the terms and conditions prescribed in G.S. 20-16.1. A person is eligible to apply for a limited driving privilege under this subsection only if the person has not had a limited driving privilege granted under this subsection within the three years prior to application.

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APPARATUS I
7 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1985	c. 764, s. 19	ENACTED
02	1985	1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 852, ss. 4-6, 9, 17	AMENDED
03	1987	c. 581, s. 4	AMENDED
04	1991	c. 682, s. 4	AMENDED
05	1993	c. 313, s. 1	AMENDED
06	1995	c. 538, s. 2(d)	AMENDED
07	2020	S.L. 2020-77, s. 6.5(a)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
5 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 20-7(i1)	(c)	"pay the restoration fee set by"
G.S. 50-13.12	(c)	"orders issued pursuant to this section,"
G.S. 110-142.2	(c)	"to this section, G.S. 50-13.12 or"
G.S. 20-24.2	(e)	"used in this section and in"
G.S. 20-16.1	(f)	"the terms and conditions prescribed in"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-24.1 (2020).

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