

RE: Driver's License Restoration Packet
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To: All MVD
From: Mac Lewis, MVD Policy and Procedures Manager

[This is the latest in a series of procedural updates. These updates deal with specific MVD procedures and practices. Managers and Supervisors should consistently distribute the updates to all personnel and integrate them into regular information and training sessions.]

A Driver's License Restoration packet (MVD-10233) is now available on the MVD Internet and intranet forms pages for use by any individual (except a resident of Bernalillo County) whose license has been revoked for multiple DUI convictions pursuant to Sec. 66-5-5(D) NMSA 1978 and who now seeks restoration of full driving privileges.

The new Driver's License Restoration packet (MVD-10233) is intended to help the individual:

- whose license has been revoked for multiple DUI convictions pursuant to Sec. 66-5-5(D) NMSA 1978;
- who (with one exception that is described in the packet's Step-by-Step Guide) must go to court to apply for restoration of their driving privileges; and
- who (as is often the case) will be representing himself or herself in court.

The Driver's License Restoration packet should only be given to a person whose license has been revoked or denied under §66-5-5(D). That individual cannot automatically reinstate once the time period is over. The law requires that the person file for restoration in District Court in the county in which the person lives. The packet comes with instructions. If the person has questions, refer him or her to the instructions.

A person who lives in Bernalillo County should not be given the packet. The district court in Bernalillo County has developed its own packet that includes a court order requiring the person to undergo an alcohol assessment. Our packet does not have that order, so any person filing in Bernalillo County needs to be informed to obtain the packet from the district court – Bernalillo County Courthouse, 400 Lomas MW, Albuquerque, NM.

Because it is not always easy to know who may be eligible for what specific reinstatement process, do not always assume that you cannot handle an individual's reinstatement in MVD 2.0. If the individual is required to file for restoration with the District Court, a pop-up should appear in MVD 2.0 with that information.

Important note: A different, unofficial Driver's License Restoration packet has been in use for some years. All copies of that packet must be destroyed immediately. Customers should now be given only the new Driver's License Restoration packet (MVD-10233).

Field office managers and supervisors should refer any comments or questions regarding this Procedural Quick Update to their Bureau Chiefs, with cc to mac.lewis@state.nm.us. Others are encouraged to direct comments or questions directly to Mac Lewis.
