

SKAGIT COUNTY DISTRICT COURT ANACORTES, BURLINGTON, MOUNT VERNON MUNICIPAL COURTS

FINE PAYMENT RELICENSING PROGRAM

The Washington State Department of Licensing suspends driver's licenses of people who do not pay their court fines. The Skagit County District and Municipal judges want people to have a valid license and insurance. If your fines have **not** been turned over to a collection agency, you can ask (in writing) for a payment plan, and a judge or commissioner will look at your request. You can also ask for community service work to pay some of your fine. For every hour of community service work you do, \$15 is taken off your fine. If you want to find out how to do community service or ask for a payment plan, talk to one of the court clerks.

If your fines are at a collection agency, you must try to make your payments to the collection agency. First contact the collection agency and make a written offer to make a fixed monthly payment, (for example \$100.00). The payment you offer to make will depend on how much money you earn. You will have to show the collection agency how much you earn each month in order to figure out how much to pay on your fines. Look at your paycheck to see how much you take home each month. The chart on the next page shows a monthly payment for different paycheck amounts. If you think you can pay the monthly amount shown on the chart, then you can make this payment offer to the collection agency.

If you want to make a lower payment because of other bills you have to pay (child support, car payments, etc.) then you can fill out a longer form to offer a lower monthly payment to the collection agency. The form, "**Application to Make Monthly Fine Payment,**" is included in this packet. You must provide proof of your bills. If you have offered a payment plan to the collection agency and the collection agency refused to accept the plan, then you can ask a judge to set up a monthly payment plan for you. The judge will not set up a payment plan for you unless you have (1) made a payment offer to the collection agency which was not accepted and (2) you provide to the Court the **written** response from the collection agency. Once you have set up a payment plan, you can become relicensed as long as you make your payments (unless there are other fines in other counties holding your license). You will have to pay a reissuance fee to the Department of Licensing.

If you have bills in collection for debts other than fines, you have a right to make payments on the fines separately from your other debts.

The courts do not use the same collection agency. Skagit County District Court and Mount Vernon Municipal Court contract with SB&C. Burlington Municipal Court contracts with AllianceOne Receivables Management, Inc. Anacortes Municipal Court contracts with Debt Recovery Specialists. The mailing addresses for these collection agencies are listed at the end of this document.

**Income Available for Court Contract Payments
(GUIDELINES ONLY)**

Monthly Income	Available for Garnishment	%	Expected Court Contract Payment
\$ 1,000.00	\$ 131.00	7%	\$ 70.00
\$ 1,200.00	\$ 240.00	7%	\$ 84.00
\$ 1,400.00	\$ 280.00	9%	\$ 126.00
\$ 1,600.00	\$ 320.00	9%	\$ 144.00
\$ 1,800.00	\$ 360.00	11%	\$ 198.00
\$ 2,000.00	\$ 400.00	11%	\$ 220.00
\$ 2,200.00	\$ 440.00	13%	\$ 286.00
\$ 2,400.00	\$ 480.00	13%	\$ 312.00
\$ 2,600.00	\$ 520.00	15%	\$ 390.00
\$ 2,800.00	\$ 560.00	15%	\$ 420.00
\$ 3,000.00>		17%	of monthly income

**APPLICATION TO MAKE MONTHLY FINE PAYMENTS
(Relicensing Program)**

Your monthly salary \$ _____
(attach two most recent pay stubs)

Other family income \$ _____

Monthly child support
you pay \$ _____
you receive \$ _____

Monthly rental/mortgage payments \$ _____
(attach rental contract/mortgage showing amount of monthly payments)

Monthly car payments \$ _____
(attach proof of obligation)

Other monthly payments/obligations

Nature of obligation	Payment amount
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Names and ages of dependents

Monies owed to courts

Court/Case #	Total owed	Monthly Payment
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____

Other Information

I am making application to make payments upon fines, the nonpayment of which has resulted in the suspension of my driving privilege. I do this for the purpose of becoming relicensed. The fines in question have been assigned for collection. I have reviewed the policy of Skagit County District and Municipal courts set forth on the reverse side of this form. The monthly amount by which to pay and the applicable courts to which the fines are owed are set forth below.

Court/Case #	Date fine assessed	Fine (includes collection costs)
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____

I wish to pay \$_____ monthly

Signature_____

Collection Agency action:

**TO PROTECT THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THIS INFORMATION PLEASE
MAIL THIS FORM TO:**

Collection Manager
SB&C LTD
PO Box 519
Mount Vernon WA 98273

AllianceOne Receivables
Attn: PIA
PO Box 11641
Tacoma WA 98411

Collection Manager
Debt Recovery Specialists
PO Box 1145
Mount Vernon WA 98273