



New Jersey law\* requires collection of surcharges from motorist 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 your surcharges even if you move out of New Jersey. The surcharges apply 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 surcharges don't have to be paid. Even if you file for bankruptcy, you may still be responsible for your surcharges.

## When are they due?

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

If you need to set up an installment payment plan (IPP) to pay your surcharges, please call (844) 424-6829

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

If you do not pay your surcharges, a judgment may be filed with the New Jersey Superior Court for non-payment of your debt. If a judgment occurs, additional fees for collection cost and interest is added to your principal.

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

## What violations are subject to surcharges?

### Alcohol and drug related offences

**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.

Point reductions issued for one year of violation or suspension free driving, or for completion of a driver improvement class 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

\*\*Regulations at N.J.A.C. 13:19-13.1, et seq.

## How to pay your surcharges

### On the web

Go to [www.njsurcharge.com](http://www.njsurcharge.com)

You may pay by:

- MasterCard, VISA, Discover or e-Check

### By telephone

Call (844) 424-6829 (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 Surcharge Violation System  
P.O. Box 1502  
Moorestown, NJ 08057-9704

You may pay by:

- Check
- Money order
- Western Union

**Payments must be made payable to "NJ SVS"  
DO NOT MAIL CASH!**

### In person

You may only pay surcharges to restore your driving privilege at select MVC facilities.

You may pay by:

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

## Installment Payment Plan (IPP)

You are encouraged to make payment in full. If you are unable to do so, you may be eligible to initiate an installment payment plan (IPP). However, any judgments will remain outstanding until paid in full. To be enrolled in an installment payment plan (IPP), you must first remit the installment amount listed on the front of your billing notice by the due date. The remaining surcharge balance will be billed in monthly installments.

## Change of address

Surcharge notices are mailed to the last address on record with the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC). You must always maintain a current mailing address with the MVC. If you move, the law requires that you notify the MVC 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  
Database Corrections Unit  
P.O. Box 141  
Trenton, NJ 08666-0141**

You are responsible for all surcharges assessed to you in New Jersey. All surcharges for New Jersey 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.

## Judgments

To satisfy judgment debt all payments must be made in certified funds (U.S. Postal money order, attorney trust account check or certified bank check). All uncertified payments (personal check, credit card) will delay the filing of a Warrant of Satisfaction by two months.

## 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 penalty fee. That notice will have instructions about how to make further payments to avoid having your driving privileges suspended.

## Billing questions

If you have any questions about your surcharges, please write to:

NJ Surcharge Violation Billing Office  
P.O. Box 1502  
Moorestown, NJ 08057-9704

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

## Contact the billing office by phone

### Toll-free / Teléfono gratis

**(844) 424-6829**

Customer service representatives are available to take your calls from 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday. This number is only for surcharge related questions.

The 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

Credit/debit card payments (MasterCard, VISA or Discover) are accepted. Please have your surcharge bill or driver license and your credit/debit card ready when you call.

## More information

**License suspension and restoration information/  
Información sobre suspensión de licencia y  
restauración**

(609) 292-7500



# State of New Jersey

# Surcharge Violation System



[www.njsurcharge.com](http://www.njsurcharge.com)