

DRIVING WITH NO OPERATORS LICENSE DEFERRAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM

The purpose of this deferral program is to assist responsible, otherwise law-abiding individuals with stand-alone charges for Driving with No Operators License NCGS 20-7A and NCGS 20-35 (NOL) to achieve a safe, financially feasible, and overall reasonable disposition of their charges in traffic court in Orange and Chatham County.

Greater public safety and ultimately improved relationships between residents, law enforcement, and the court system are overarching goals as well.

IMPORTANT NOTE

The District Attorney's Office and the court (judge) have no licensing authority in North Carolina. Participation in this deferral program is no substitute for a valid North Carolina Drivers License and driving without a valid license remains a criminal offense. This deferral program only has the potential to assist individuals post-charge and has no present ability to help individuals achieve legal driving status in North Carolina.

ELIGIBILITY

Each case will be considered on a case-by-case basis and eligibility under the deferral program will be in the sole discretion of the District Attorney's Office.

The Deferral Program Applies To:

- Driving with No Operators License (NOL) NCGS 20-7A and NCGS 20-35 (**only applicable offense**).
- Stand alone NOL charges ONLY.
- Individuals who, due to immigration status, financial situation, or other relevant criteria (as determined by the District Attorney's Office) are unable to legally obtain a North Carolina Driver's License.
- ONLY individuals with clean driving and criminal records, as determined by the District Attorney's Office.

The Deferral Program Does Not Apply To:

- A NOL in conjunction with any other charge.
- Driving While License Revoked charges.
- Any charge, including stand-alone NOL charges, not deemed appropriate in the sole discretion of the District Attorney.
- Individuals with license ineligibility due to prior revocations, moving violations, unpaid tickets, or other offenses.

How to participate: text "education" to Justice United at (919) 328 3966 to receive important text message updates about this program.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Present the following to the Assistant District Attorney assigned to traffic court:

1. An approved photo identification card (ID)

- a. ID will be approved by the District Attorney and may include not only Faith-ID but any other photo ID the DA deems appropriate.
- b. Faith-ID's or current (valid) passports are preferred types of photo-ID.

2. A certificate or letter indicating that the individual has completed an extensive educational course approved by the District Attorney, consisting of the following:

- a. Driving school;
- b. ATLUS-type instruction (Adjusting to Life in the United States) which includes in its core curriculum: an introduction to criminal law and the role of law enforcement; a civics primer on the role of government; as well as relevant elective courses.

3. The certificate or letter must be issued within 3 years (36 months) of the date of offense for the NOL charge under consideration for the NOL deferral program.

Upon presentation of an approved photo-ID and a certificate or letter indicating completion of an approved educational course, the District Attorney's Office may, in its sole discretion, dismiss the NOL charge. A dismissal would not require payment of court costs or fines.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The first approved educational course will offered in June 2017. Individuals who successfully complete the course will receive a letter or certificate which can be presented to the Assistant District Attorney at Traffic Court, along with an approved ID.

Justice United is partnering with El Centro Hispano to coordinate this program. El Centro is currently hiring a coordinator. More information will be available soon.

In the meantime there are two ways that you can sign up for important updates:

- Sign up for text message updates about this course by texting "education" to Justice United at (919) 328 3966. Your contact information will be protected and only used for communication about this program.
- "Like" El Centro Hispano on Facebook to receive additional information about how you can participate in this program.

LEARN MORE

This program was won through a campaign led by people like you. Contact Orange County Justice United to learn how YOU can organize and make change in your community.

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