



Hardship License Information Form

INFORMATION SHEET FOR MGL c. 90 § 24D FIRST OFFENSE OUI HARDSHIP LICENSE APPLICATIONS TO THE REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES

The following document contains important information regarding the availability of hardship licenses for people whose OUI cases have been disposed of in court pursuant to MGL c. 90 § 24D on or after June 30, 2003. **Please be advised that this information is being provided solely for the purpose of allowing a defendant to better prepare for their hardship hearing before appearing at the Registry and that the Registry may require other documents or information before rendering a decision. At a minimum, please be aware of the following:**

1. Hardship licenses are available on any case where a defendant has been properly granted a disposition under MGL c. 90 § 24D. The Registrar will not entertain requests in cases where the records of the agency reflect that such a disposition was not available to the defendant.
2. In order to allow for the courts and the Registry to exchange information regarding these dispositions, **hardship applicants must wait three business days after** their court date before appearing at the Registry and **MUST** first have appeared for in-take at their assigned first offender program. For example, on a court disposition on Monday, you may not appear at the Registry until Thursday.
3. Hardship applications may only be made at Registry locations that conduct hearings. Presently, those branches are: Boston (630 Washington Street), Brockton, North Attleboro, Lowell, Worcester, Springfield, and Lawrence. These locations are subject to change without notice.
4. You may not operate a motor vehicle until such time as a hardship license may be granted. **Any evidence that you have been driving since you have been suspended in this matter will be grounds for denial of your application.**
5. You must provide the following documentation at the hearing: proof of hardship (i.e. employment, education, medical, etc.) and proof of enrollment in a Massachusetts First Offender Program approved by the Department of Public Health. No out of state programs are authorized by MGL c. 90 § 24D. You must first appear at the first offenders program that you have been assigned to for your initial interview and have that documented on letterhead from the program.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Hardship licenses are **NOT** available under the law if: you are suspended or revoked for any reason apart from your case; if charges other than OUI in this case cause you to be suspended or revoked or; if these charges combined with other incidents on your driving record result in other suspension or revocation action.