

Right to Take a Driving Safety Course

You may be able to require that this charge be dismissed by successfully completing a driving safety course or a motorcycle operator training course. You will lose that right if, on or before your appearance date, you do not provide the court notice of your request to take the course. You must enter a plea of guilty or no contest and provide proof of liability insurance and have a valid Texas Driver's License or Permit and pay the required court cost at the time your request is made. You must make your request on or before your court date. Certain violation restrictions apply*.

Do not take a driving safety course without pre-approval from the exact court listed on your ticket.

***DSC NOT ALLOWED:**

- Passing a school bus-unloading/loading children
- Speeding 25 MPH or more over the speed limit
- Speeding with total speed of 95 MPH or more
- Failure to stop and render aid
- Failure to stop and exchange information
- Any offense committed by someone who has a CDL or did at time of offense
- Any offense committed in work zone w/workers present

Driving Safety Course Qualifications

- You have a valid Texas driver's license or permit or Active Military ID;
- You are not currently taking, nor have you taken a Driving Safety Course to have a ticket dismissed within the one year immediately preceding the date of the alleged offense.
- You were not charged with speeding more than 24 miles over the posted speed limit *OR* charged with speeds of 95 mph or more *OR* charged with a school bus violation.
- You do not hold a Commercial Driver's License (CDL)

Driving Safety Course Procedures

1. On or before your court date, you must request the opportunity to take this course and pay the Court a \$10.00 administrative fee plus applicable court cost of \$100.00 for a total cost of \$110.00. You will also be required to complete and sign a plea affidavit form requesting the DSC course, which states you meet the above listed qualifications. The affidavit can be found under the forms tab subject "Plea Form".
2. You must provide the Court with your Driving Record Form (3A certified version) which can be obtained at www.texasonline.com. The driving record will provide verification that you have not dismissed a ticket by taking a Driving Safety Course within one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the alleged offense.
3. Provide Proof of Financial Responsibility to the Court.
4. After the Court receives your \$110.00 Driving Safety Course fee, and you've returned the signed Plea Form Affidavit, you must complete a Texas State Certified Driving Safety Course. After completing the course, the certificate of completion will be mailed to you. You must file the Court Copy with the Court (your signature **MUST** be on the COURT COPY of the certificate).