

# Traffic & Minor Offenses

## Locations

- Kearny Mesa Traffic Court
- East County Regional Center
- North County Regional Center
- South County Regional Center



## Financial Hardship and Inability to Pay

If you have a financial hardship and can show that you are unable to pay the full amount for the offenses on your traffic ticket, find more information on the options available to you on the Court's website at [sdcourt.ca.gov/Traffic](https://sdcourt.ca.gov/Traffic).

If your case is in collections or your license is suspended for failing to appear, you have two options:

- If you want to plead guilty, consider submitting completed [MO-041](#) and [ADM-283](#) forms to the Court. If these forms are received, the Court will release the hold on your license (if applicable) and you will be notified by mail of the Court's decision.
- If you want to plead not guilty, consider submitting completed [MO-012](#) and [ADM-283](#) forms to the Court. Bail will not be required. If these forms are received, the Court will release the hold on your license (if applicable) and you will be notified by mail of a trial date.

## Online Services:

**[sdcourt.ca.gov/Traffic](https://sdcourt.ca.gov/Traffic)**

[Pay your bail or fine online](#)

[Request a 30-day extension](#)

[Request traffic school](#)

[Set up a payment plan or make a payment](#)



*If you receive a "time out" error when trying to process a payment online and are using Google Chrome as your web browser, that may be the problem. Try using a different web browser and see if that corrects the issue. If the problem persists, you can mail your payment to the address indicated on your citation.*

Services available in person at all Traffic Court locations (business offices/payment windows):

- Fine or bail payments (All payment types accepted. Non-cash payment types can also be dropped in the secure Drop Box)
- Program reassignments/extensions
- Background/Records checks
- Process copy requests
- Establish payment plans
- Issue verifications of appearance
- Assist customers at the counter with inquiries
- Accept and process correspondence and mail
- Receive fax arraignments and recall warrants
- Order files upon request
- Accept guilty/not guilty plea at counter in the same manner as those mailed in or dropped
- Process bail forfeitures

Drop Box Options:

- Payments (check, money order, credit card; no cash)
- Proof of completion of court-ordered programs
- Proof of correction with payment of applicable fee (no cash)
- Motions to be filed, and responsive pleadings
- Correspondence not mailed

In-person hearings are not being held. Vacated hearings are being re-scheduled and held remotely. Find more information about virtual Traffic hearings at [sdcourt.ca.gov/Traffic](https://sdcourt.ca.gov/Traffic).

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **I had a court trial set during the Court's closure. When will my matter be heard?**

At this time, court trials originally scheduled for any date after March 16, 2020, have been rescheduled as virtual hearings. If you have not received a notice of rescheduled hearing, please contact the Court immediately.

### **I have received a "Notice of Rescheduled Hearing/Appointment – Remote." How do I appear for my virtual hearing?**

Prior to your hearing date, visit the Traffic page on the Court's website at [sdcourt.ca.gov/Traffic](http://sdcourt.ca.gov/Traffic) for the most current instructions on how to appear for your hearing. Hearings will be held remotely (via videoconference or teleconference) with no in-person attendance. The website also contains information on other services that are available, including options for resolving your case without a court appearance.

### **I received a "Notice of Rescheduled Hearing/Appointment – Remote" and I am unable to participate because I don't have a computer, tablet or phone. What do I do?**

If you are technologically unable to appear by either videoconference or teleconference (for example, lacking a working computer, tablet or phone), you may request a continuance of your hearing using the Motion for Continuance of Remote Hearing ([SDSC #MO-063](#)). This form must be received by the Court (by mail or express drop box) at least 48 hours before the scheduled hearing. If the motion is granted, the Court will continue your hearing and will notify you by mail of the new hearing date.

### **I was supposed to complete traffic school during the Court's closure. How can I get more time to complete it?**

You will need to submit in writing a request for more time to complete traffic school.

### **I was supposed to submit proof of completion of a court-ordered program during the Court's closure. What should I do?**

The due dates for all proofs of completion due to the Court from March 17 – May 22 were extended to August 26, 2020. If you have proof of completion, please submit it immediately to the Court via mail or drop it off at the appropriate court location.

### **I previously requested a trial by declaration and was supposed to submit my declaration during the Court's closure. What should I do?**

All deadlines to submit declarations were extended to June 20. If you submitted your declaration during the closure, it is being reviewed by a judicial officer, and you will be notified via mail of the Court's decision. If you did not submit timely declarations, contact the Court immediately.

### **I submitted documents during the closure. How do I know if the Court received them?**

Most documents submitted during the closure have been processed. If you have not received written notification, contact the Court immediately.