

Infraction Deferral Information Sheet

What is an Infraction Deferral?

- An Infraction Deferral is a contract between the defendant and the Court, which, should conditions be met, will result in the dismissal of the citation. This means that the citation will not be reported to DOL and it will not go on your driving record.
- The contract lasts for one (1) year and requires the defendant to pay the fine amount as an administrative fee and refrain from receiving another citation within that period.

Eligibility or ineligibility for an infraction deferral:

- Washington State law allows one moving and one non-moving violation to be deferred every seven (7) years.
- Drivers with a CDL (Commercial Driver's License) do not qualify for a deferral.
- Citations received in a School, Construction, or Emergency Zone, or involving an accident, do not disqualify you from a deferral; however, they will require approval by the District Court Judge.

How to receive and complete a deferral:

- Mark the Mitigation box on the Violator's Copy of the citation and write 'Please Defer' beside it; confirm or correct your mailing information; and mail the citation to the Court.
- Sign the Deferral Contract, once you receive it, and mail it to the Court. We will return a completed copy to you once approved by the District Court Judge.
THE DEFERRAL IS NOT VALID UNTIL THE CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY BOTH THE DEFENDANT AND PRESIDING JUDGE.
- Pay the Administrative Fee by the review date and avoid receiving any other violations during the deferral period. Parking tickets do not count against you.
- If contract conditions have been met at the time of review, your case will be dismissed.

What happens if you receive another citation or fail to pay the administrative fee:

- If you received another citation but have paid the full administrative fee by the review date, the Court will find the violation committed and report it to DOL, and it will go on your driving record.
- If you fail to pay the full amount of the administrative fee by the review date, the above actions will be taken. An additional \$52.00 penalty will be assessed along with the remainder due, and your account will be referred to a collection agency. The DOL then has the right to begin the process of suspending your license.