



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR**

*The Mayor's Office on Returning Citizen Affairs*

# PATHWAYS TO WORK

## DRIVER LICENSE INITIATIVE

Mayor Bowser wants to ensure that, in Washington DC, incarceration does not act as a permanent barrier to employment or to the tools (like a driver license) necessary to find a job.

The Mayor's Office on Returning Citizen Affairs (MORCA), working in partnership with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), The LAB DC, and the Central Collection Unit (CCU), has launched a program designed to help the District's returning citizens who cannot afford to obtain a driver license because of debt from tickets, insurance lapse, booting, towing, or impounding.

This program will allow eligible DC returning citizens the option to obtain a 2 year driver license while not beginning payment on their debt for up to 12 months. It will also allow the option to settle their debt outright for a reduced rate of 40% or more. The goal of the program is to assist the District's returning citizens in their efforts towards gainful employment.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a DC Resident
- Must be a verified Returning Citizen (MORCA will verify through Department of Corrections, Federal, or State Prison ID number)
- Must be unable to obtain a DC driver license because of debt resulting from tickets, insurance lapse, or Department of Public Works fees (booting, towing, impounding)
- All tickets must be over 90 days old

### Options to Address Debt

#### Settlement Option (Full-Term License):

- o 50% of the total debt for balances up to \$1,500 and 40% for any debt over \$1,500
- o Individuals who are unemployed or making less than 150% of the federal poverty line (as determined by CCU) are eligible for greater reduction
- o CCU will allow up to thirty (30) days for the settlement amount to be paid

#### Deferred Installment Payment Plan (IPP) Option (2 Year License):

- o No down payment required
- o No payment required until (up to) 12 months after the IPP agreement is signed
- o Details will be arranged in consultation with CCU



**TO APPLY,** Visit The Mayor's Office on Returning Citizen Affairs:

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