

Should I Take a Driving Safety Course Or Request Deferred Disposition to Have My Traffic Ticket Dismissed?

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	DSC	DEFERRED
ELIGIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any moving violation (not for "paperwork offenses" such as inspection/registration or defective equipment) Valid Texas Driver's License CDL Holders are not eligible Valid Texas Auto Liability Insurance. Must not be taking DSC for another offense Must not have taken DSC in past year to dispose of another offense Requires plea of "No Contest" or "Guilty" Must request before appearance day or will require judge's approval 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any Violation Valid Texas Driver's License CDL Holders are not eligible Valid Texas Auto Liability Insurance Requires Plea of "No Contest" or "Guilty" Must have judge's approval (May require court appearance for certain offenses) Court will consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seriousness of violation Accident/Injury Other offenses at time of incident Offender's driving record
OFFENSES EXCLUDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offenses in construction zones when workers are present Speeding 25 miles or more over the speed limit 95 miles per hour or more Passing a School Bus Reckless Driving Fleeing/Eluding Police Failure to Stop and Render Aid Failure to Stop at Accident: Damage Any offense according to Judge's discretion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offenses in construction zones when workers are present. Any offense according to Judge's discretion. Court Policy: Failure to stop in obedience to traffic control devices (Red lights, stop signs, etc. requires personal appearance in court)
LENGTH OF PROBATION	90 Days (Three months)	30-180 Days
COSTS UP FRONT	\$94.00 Court Costs + \$10.00 Administrative Fee \$104.00 Total	Special Expense (Full fine amount) and Court Costs Call for amount

<p>EXTRA EXPENSES</p>	<p>\$10.00 to Department of Public Safety</p> <p>\$25-\$100 for certified driver safety course</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drivers who hold provisional licenses must pay \$10 to Department of Public Safety for examination fee (Effective 9/1/2005) • Drivers under age 25 must pay \$25-100 for driving safety course (Effective 9/1/2005)
<p>CONDITIONS OF PROBATION</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No moving violations during period of probation 2. Obtain Driving Record from DPS 3. Take driving safety course 4. Provide court with Driving Record and certificate of course completion before end of probation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No moving violations during period of probation • Return affidavit of compliance • Drivers under age 25 must complete a driving safety course approved under Chapter 1001, Education Code (Effective 9/1/2005) • Drivers who hold provisional licenses must be examined by the Department of Public Safety (Effective 9/1/2005) • Proof of course and examination completion must be provided to the court
<p>PENALTY FOR NON - COMPLIANCE</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conviction 2. Payment of Additional Fine 3. Offense reported to DPS 4. Potential warrant for arrest if fine remains unpaid 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conviction 2. Bond forfeited to Fine 3. Offense reported to DPS