Texas Defensive Driving Course Eligibility Requirements

Texas has a program that enables drivers to attend a six (6) hour course to have certain moving violations (tickets) dismissed.  There are various formats in which state -approved courses are offered including classroom, online, dvd / video courses.

Drivers are eligible to attend a state-approved course once every twelve (12) months.  There are certain eligibility criteria that must be met for a traffic citation dismissal.  Here is a list of the criteria for drivers to have a citation dismissed:

**FILL OUT THE REQUEST FORM, ENTERING A NO CONTEST PLEA, PAY THE FEES OF $146 TO THE COURT—TAKE THE COURSE AND YOU WILL PAY LESS THAN THE TICKET ITSELF PLUS KEEP THE TICKET OFF YOUR DRIVER RECORD AND OFF YOUR INSURANCE**

**Present a valid copy of your Texas driver’s license; you may not possess a Commercial Driver License (CDL) and take the course for dismissal purposes,**

**Present valid proof of liability insurance, submit a copy to the court,**

**Submit the course completion certificate-after signing it---(Uniform Certificate of Completion) ALONG with a current driving record (obtainable from the Department of Public Safety (DPS) in Austin for $10), in accordance with the Court instructions by the deadline.**

**NOT alleged to have been speeding 25 MPH or more over the posted speed limit, Speeding 95 MPH or higher; ANY VIOLATION THAT IS NOT LISTED UNDER THE ‘RULES OF THE ROAD; ANY CHARGE WHILE PASSING A SCHOOL BUS; ANY CHARGE IN A CONSTRUCTION ZONE WITH WORKERS PRESENT; ACCIDENT INVOLVING A FATALITY; ACCIDENT WHERE THE DRIVER IS AGE 25 AND UNDER; LEAVING AN ACCIDENT WITHOUT EXCHANGING INFORMATION; ACCIDENT AND FAILED TO RENDER**

**AID IF AN INJURY OCCURRED**

**CANNOT have completed another Texas approved driving safety course within one year of the date of this citation/ticket,**

**JUDGE LARRY FIELDS JUDGE TONI HUGHES**

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