

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

How DMV Handles Bad Checks

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on How DMV Handles Bad Checks, chs. 20, 341 and 422, a proposed guidance document.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website:

<https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DMV414>

2. Mailing written comments to:

Division of Motor Vehicles
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
4822 Madison Yards Way
PO Box 7336
Madison, WI 53707-7336

WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at wisconsin.gov to allow for ongoing comment.

AGENCY CONTACT

DOTDMVGuidanceDocs@DOT.WI.GOV



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How DMV handles checks returned for insufficient payment

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If you wrote a check to the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Registration Fee Trust, and it did not clear your bank, it will be automatically redeposited if it is under \$1,000. DMV charges a \$20 returned check fee for all returned checks, except for stop payments.

You will receive a letter

If your check is unpaid, you will receive a letter within 30 days from the day you presented the check. If you know you have a returned check and did not receive a letter within 30 days after presenting the check, you may contact the DMV Revenue Accounting office at (608) 266-7587.

You will be notified of a suspension, cancellation or refusal of products

If DMV does not receive payment within three weeks, you will receive a second letter notifying you of a suspension or cancellation of the vehicle or driver license product(s).

- If the check was for a vehicle product, DMV will suspend all vehicle titles and registrations in your name and add a \$25 reinstatement fee to the total amount due.
- If the check was for a driver license or identification card, DMV will cancel that product. In addition to the returned check fee, there will be a \$60 reinstatement fee for a driver license or a \$28 fee for a new identification card.

DMV will not issue any future registration or driver license products to you until full payment for the returned check, returned check fee and any reinstatement fees due are received.

How to pay for a returned check

DMV accepts only money orders, cashier's checks or cash for returned checks. There are two options available for payment:

1. Mail a money order or cashier's check to the address below. Please allow mailing time for your payment to reach the DMV by the due date.
Division of Motor Vehicles
Revenue Accounting Unit
P.O. Box 7336
Madison, WI 53707-7336
2. Visit any [DMV customer service center](#) and pay by cash, money order or cashier's check.

DMV will remove a suspension or cancellation once we receive full payment by mail or in person at a DMV customer service center. You cannot pay for a returned check at vehicle emissions test stations or other DMV agent providing registration renewal services.

If you have questions about a returned check, contact the DMV Revenue Accounting Unit:

Email: [DOT Revenue Accounting](#) **Call:** (608) 266-7587 (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

[Check your eligibility for reinstatement of your driving privilege online](#)

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