License Suspension and Release Process

California's Child Support Program: A Resource for Parents

Making timely child support payments not only helps your children, but helps you avoid your driver, professional, or other licenses from being suspended. The State Licensing Match System (SLMS) denies or suspends state-issued licenses of Person Paying Support (PPS), who owe past-due court-ordered child support.

- **How will I know that my license may be suspended?**
  - The state license issuing agency will send you a 150-day Notice of Intent to Suspend with an effective date of the suspension. If your license has been suspended in the past, and your child support payment is late or not paid in full, the 150-day warning notice **will not** be provided, and the license will automatically be suspended. You must keep your mailing address updated to ensure receipt of the initial notice.
- **What licenses are subject to suspension?**
  - Business License
  - State-issued professional licenses, such as:
  - Contractor
  - Medical
  - Teacher
  - Attorney
  - Cosmetology
  - Real Estate Agent or Broker
  - Driver's License may be suspended under certain criteria.

- **How do I get my suspended license released?**

  Contact any local child support office to request a license release by calling: **1-866-901-3212**. The Local Child Support Agency (LCSA) will discuss the options available to you.

Things to Remember...

- To reach an agreement, contact any child support agency during the 150-day period following receipt of *Notice of Intent to Suspend*.
- If your license has been suspended in the past and your child support payment is late or not paid in full, the 150-day warning notice **will not** be provided again and your license will be automatically suspended.

For more information, contact your local child support office: 1 (866) 901-3212 **or TTY:** 1 (866) 399-4096
https://childsupport.ca.gov/

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