

## **Driver Safety Course**

Taking a Driver's Safety Course is a method to keep a citation off of your driving record. Upon the timely completion of an approved driver's safety course and the return of the Certificate of Completion and a current copy of your driving record (obtained from the Texas Department of Public Safety) to the court, the court dismisses your citation.

### **To Be Eligible for a Driver's Safety Course**

- You must enter a plea of "guilty" or "no contest."
- You must not have taken a course for ticket dismissal within the 12 months preceding the date of your citation.
- You must make the request for a Driver's Safety Course either in writing or by appearing in person at Winnsboro Municipal Court by the court date / time at the bottom of the citation.
- You must show proof of a current Texas Driver's License.
- You must pay the court costs of \$99.10 plus a \$12.90 dismissal fee in full at the time you make the request. There are no extensions or payment plans for this payment.
- You must show proof of valid automobile liability insurance with your name on the policy.

### **You are Not Eligible for a Driver's Safety Course If**

- You are accused of speeding 25 miles per hour or more than the posted speed limit
- You have a commercial driver's license or an out-of-state driver's license
- Your violation occurred in a construction zone when workers were present
- Your violation occurred where a school bus was loading or unloading children

## **After Determining Your Eligibility**

Once you determine that you are eligible for a Driver's Safety Course, you must:

- Make a timely request to the court for a Driver's Safety Course (before your court date)
- Pay the court costs plus all applicable fees in full at the time of your request. The court will then sign an order allowing you to complete Driver's Safety Course. You will have 90 days from the date of the court's order to complete your course.
- Present satisfactory proof of all the above requirements (driver's license and insurance)

Most courses take a minimum of two days to complete. If you do not complete the course by the date ordered, you will be deemed to have failed the course. If you do not turn in your driver safety course certificate of completion and your driving record to the court by the last day of your probation, you will be deemed to have failed the course and will have to pay the balance of your citation and the citation will go on your record. Extensions of time are not granted.

### **Advice**

- It is advisable to make a copy of the certificate and driving record for your files.
- You can locate a Driver's Safety Course online or look in your phone book under "Driving Instruction".

You can request your driving record by mail or go online to the [Texas Department of Public Safety](#) and obtain form 3A. You will be able to print your driving record after purchase.