A certified driver history record abstract lists all accidents, violations and actions (including, but not limited to suspensions, points credits, fee payments and restorations) incurred by a motorist. It presents the user with an official record of these events.

Permitted Users of Driver History Record Abstracts

There are a number of authorized users who may request a certified driver history record abstract from the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC). Permitted users include:

Attorneys: An attorney may request a driver history in connection with any civil, criminal, administrative or arbitral proceeding in any federal, state, local court or MVC agency.

Employers: If requested by an employer or prospective employer the MVC will provide a driver history record abstract to verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by the individual. Federal, state and local municipalities and other government agencies may request a driver history record abstract for employment purposes. If the employment requires the employee to operate a motor vehicle the employer or potential employer may use the information to determine the individual’s driver license status. (Only those with a valid license should be hired to operate any type of vehicle as part of their job.)

Insurance Companies and Agencies: The MVC will provide a driver history abstract in connection with claims investigation activities, antifraud activities, rating or underwriting policies.

Motorists: An individual may request a copy of his or her driver history record abstract for any purpose.

Municipal Courts, Local and Foreign States Police/Law Enforcement Agencies: The MVC provides the support necessary for law enforcement and court access to motorist driver history record abstracts.

Other permitted users: Users may also be permitted if the request provides notarized written consent from the motorist in question or if the user’s request is permitted under N.J.S.A. 39:2-3.4 (c), as outlined on the application form.

Requesting a Certified Driver History Record Abstract

For your convenience, there are three easy ways to obtain a certified Driver History Abstract for $15:

Online*
Visit www.njmvc.gov (convenience fee applies)

Mail*
Complete a Driver History Abstract application and mail it along with a copy of your valid driver license and a check or money order to:
NJ Motor Vehicle Commission
Abstract Unit
225 East State Street
P.O. Box 142
Trenton, New Jersey 08666-0142

Driver History Abstract applications (2 pages) are available online at www.njmvc.gov. See “Download Forms.”

In Person (for your own abstract only)
Visit any MVC Agency or Regional Service Center.

Requests for a certified Driver History Abstract require the following:
• Completed application
• Proof of valid photo ID
• Payment of processing fee
• Adherence to the permitted uses of driver history abstracts

Additional Questions?
Please call the MVC at (888)486-3339 (toll free in NJ) or (609)292-6500.

* Driver History Abstract requests take at least two to seven days for delivery.
How to Read
a Driver History Record Abstract

You can review all items (marked by reference letters) by referring to the example of a driver abstract provided in this brochure.

(a) Printout of a New Jersey Driver License (DL)
In this example, the DL number is D4047-16371-09992. Each letter and number provides a piece of information about the driver (i.e., eye color, name, birthdate).

(b) Printout of Full Name
The name as it appears on the individual's driver license (i.e., Dennis J. Driver)

(c) Last Document or Known Address
Mailing address provided by driver as it appears on driving record.

(d) The Requester or User Name
Name and mailing address. In this example, the requester is the OAL Transmittal Driver Improvement Unit.

(e) Class of Vehicle Licensed to Operate
In this case it refers to a basic automobile.

(f) Date the Driver License is Due to Expire
This license has been issued only as a driver license and it will expire in 2011. If there is also a motorcycle endorsement (or motorcycle only) the expiration will appear as well.

(g) The Unit Number
An internal computer code used for MVC purposes only.

(h) The Abstract Date
Date the abstract was printed by the MVC.

(i) The Event Date
The date on which each violation or event occurred, dates are listed chronologically beginning with the most recent event.

(j) The Event Responsibility
The court or MVC unit responsible for the action taken. The codes are listed on the back of the current abstract form.

(k) The Event Type
A code for the kind of occurrence. The codes are listed on the back of the abstract form. In the example, the first event is a traffic violation (V).

(l) The Event Identifier
The MVC reference code used to uniquely identify specific events, it is the numerical or alphabetical equivalent of the event description (k). In the example, the first event is for Operating Under the Influence of Drugs or Alcohol (0450).

(m) The Event Description
A written description of the event, which explains the event identifier.

(n) Total Numerical Points
Points assessed for violations are noted and accumulated until a point reduction is awarded for violation free driving.

(o) The Posting Date
The date the occurrence is entered on the driver record by the MVC (not the date on which the event occurred).

(p) New Jersey State Seal
The seal is included on a certified abstract only and appears as a watermark in the center of the document or impression in paper.

(q) The Issue Date and Chief Administrator's Signature
These are included only on a certified abstract and are located on the bottom right-hand side of the abstract.