



Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal

Payment Instructions

You were assessed a fine and/or court costs during your appearance before a magistrate at the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal. As instructed at the time of your appearance, you have forty-five (45) days to pay the fines and/or court costs before your license may be suspended for nonpayment. You may pay the amount assessed by any of the following payment methods.

1. **Make a payment by check or money order.**

Make your check or money order payable to the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal and mail the check or money order to 670 New London Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920.

Please include your name and the number of the Summons or Ticket you are paying in the notation area of your check or money order.

Do not send cash payments by mail.

2. **Make an online payment by credit card or debit card on the Make Payments portal.**

Click on [Make Payments](#) to access the portal directly. You can also go to the Judiciary's website at <https://www.courts.ri.gov> and click the "eServices" icon on the home page under "Find what you are looking for." You can then select "Make Payments" under the heading of "For the Public."

Please be aware that that you can only make a full balance payment on the Make Payments portal.

3. **Payment in person.**

You may pay your assessed fine and/or court costs by appearing in person at the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal. Please proceed to the second floor and speak with a cashier.

If you have any questions related to the payment of your fines and/or court costs, please call the Clerk's Office at (401) 275-2700, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

If you are unable to pay the fines and/or court costs by the date of your license suspension, you may request an Ability to Pay hearing and a payment schedule. Please call the Clerk's Office at (401) 275-2700 and you will be assigned a date to appear for your hearing.

If you request an Ability to Pay hearing you will receive a scheduled date and time to appear. Ability to Pay hearings are conducted in Courtroom 2C at the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal Monday through Friday at 2:00 p.m. At the Ability to Pay hearing your financial ability to pay the assessed fines and/or costs will be examined by the court. **Prior** to the hearing you must fill out and sign a [Financial Statement form](#) which describes your financial assets and liabilities. A copy of the [Financial Statement form](#) is available on the Judiciary's website at www.courts.ri.gov and can be found under the "Forms" tab. You may also obtain a copy of the [Financial Statement form](#) by contacting the Traffic Tribunal's clerk's office at (401) 275-2700.

At an Ability to Pay hearing the court will review your ability or inability to pay the fines and/or costs. The court will use the [Financial Statement form](#) referenced above and may ask additional questions to fully assess your ability to pay. If a determination is made that you have the ability to make payments, the court may require periodic payments until the amount due is paid in full. The court will set a future court date to review your compliance with any payment schedule. If the court determines that you are unable to make any payments, the court will set a date for a future hearing to determine if your financial ability has changed or may take other action the court determines is in the interest of justice.

A failure to appear for any scheduled court date may result in a suspension of your license. If you willfully fail to make payments after a court determination of your ability to make payments, the court may order a suspension of your license consistent with the court's rules and Rhode Island general laws.