

Amnesty Program for Merced Superior Court

California Superior Courts in all 58 counties are offering a 50 percent off discount on some old unpaid traffic tickets. It's a limited-time "Amnesty Program" for certain outstanding court debt. More than 6 million cases statewide could qualify.

"This is a win-win," according to Ronald G. Overholt, Interim Administrative Director of the Courts. "People have an opportunity to clear their traffic tickets at a reduced cost, and the courts and the counties will get an injection of much-needed funds to help maintain critical services to the public."

The program begins on January 1, 2012 and ends on June 30, 2012.

All adult and juvenile Vehicle and Non-Vehicle Code Infraction violations where a delinquent bail or fine was due on or before January 1, 2009, are eligible for the infraction amnesty program. In addition, the Merced Superior Court is participating in the optional amnesty program to include Vehicle Code Misdemeanor cases. Parking tickets, driving under the influence (DUI), and reckless driving cases are NOT eligible.

To qualify for the 50 percent discount, all of the following conditions must be met:

- You have an outstanding case that was due to be paid in full before January 1, 2009;
- You either failed to appear in court or failed to pay in full;
- You have not made a payment after January 1, 2009;
- You do not owe restitution to a victim on any case within the county where the eligible case was filed;
- You do not have any outstanding misdemeanor or felony warrants within the county where the eligible case was filed except for misdemeanor warrants issued for misdemeanor violations authorized by the court to be included in the amnesty program.

If you know who your collection agency is, you can visit their website for additional Amnesty information:

Merced County Revenue & Reimbursement
www.mercedrr.org

GC Services
www.courtpay.gcserv.com

If you are unsure of the status of your outstanding adult traffic case, you can visit the court website at www.merced.courts.ca.gov and click on the Traffic Tickets button then the Access Now button. If your case is in collections, contact information will be provided. For other Non-Vehicle Code Infraction or Vehicle Code Misdemeanor cases and Juvenile traffic cases, contact Merced County Revenue & Reimbursement at www.mercedrr.org.

After January 1, 2012, contact the superior court in which the violation occurred for further details. Court locations are listed at www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm.

Additional information about the Amnesty Program, authorized by Assembly Bill 1358, is available on the California Courts Amnesty Program partner website: www.courts.ca.gov/partners/941.htm and an amnesty video is available at: <http://youtube/2jQdhsGU9k>.