

Re-Employment and Community Service Work Program (RACS)



What is RACS?

The RACS program is designed to assist those who want to be employed but are held back due to a license stopper for unpaid traffic fines.

The purpose of the RACS program is to recall unpaid traffic tickets from collections to help O'ahu drivers lift drivers license stoppers in order to attain employment. Lifting license stoppers and working off fines and fees is the beginning steps to accessing employment opportunities.

Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i is the only organization in the state whose sole mission is to serve Hawai'i's low-income community through volunteer attorneys.

Who is Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i?

Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i is a non-profit legal service organization, established in 1981, that provides legal assistance to the low to moderate income community through education, legal advice clinics, brief services, and referrals to pro bono attorneys for direct representation.

Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i partners with volunteer attorneys to provide services to those who qualify based on income and legal issue. Please call today to apply for services!



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Do not let unpaid traffic fines keep you from the job you deserve.

Call VLSH today to see if you are eligible for the RACS program.

How does it work?

Call to Apply for Services!



To qualify for RACS, you must first speak with a Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i ("Volunteer Legal") staff to see if your income qualifies you for the program.

If you qualify, Volunteer Legal will research public court records to determine how much you may owe in fines and fees (approximate) and if you have any outstanding bench warrants related to your traffic ticket cases.

Upon reviewing your court record, Volunteer Legal will provide you with an estimate of the court fees you are required to pay, and the number of community service hours you must complete to resolve your case. If you choose to participate in the program, there is a \$40 administrative fee.

Volunteer Legal will prepare the necessary court documents to recall the cases from collections for unpaid fines and request to convert the fines to community service. *(For example, \$25 in fines is converted into approximately 2 hours of community service).* You are responsible for all court fees associated with your tickets.

You must appear in court for a short hearing after the motion is filed. Volunteer Legal will assist in finding you a Pro Bono



Attorney to represent you for this hearing only. If an attorney is not able to attend, you will be provided instructions and advice on how to proceed before your hearing.

Will this program work for me?

Only you can decide if this program is appropriate for you. Some applicants do not have the ability to complete community service work hours and choose to pay the fines and fees instead.

Some applicants are willing and able to complete the community service, but unable to pay the court fees. In that case, it may be worthwhile to save the money necessary to pay the court fees and then reapply for services.

Do you qualify?

- Low income.
- Have a license stopper(s).
- Have unpaid traffic fines in collections.
- O'ahu tickets only.
- No active tickets or bench warrants.
- As of 2/22/22, Maximum total of all ticket fines combined cannot exceed \$7500.
- Willing and able to do community service.

Call us today at **528-7046** to see if you qualify for help!



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