



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

**INFRACTION AMNESTY PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

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**Program Authority**

In October 2010, Senate Bill 857 (Stats. 2010, ch. 720) added section 42008.7 to the Vehicle Code. In October 2011, Assembly Bill 1358 amended such section. This authorizes a one-time mandatory Infraction Amnesty Program in each county for bail and fines meeting the eligibility requirements.

**Purpose of Amnesty Program**

The purpose of the one-time Infraction Amnesty Program is to provide relief to individuals who have found themselves in violation of a court-ordered obligation because they have been unable to pay the infraction bail or fine amount due.

**Amnesty Period**

The one-time Infraction Amnesty Program will operate from January 1, 2012, through June 30, 2012. No extensions will be granted.

**Eligibility**

All adult and juvenile Vehicle and non-Vehicle Code infraction violations where bail or a fine was due on or before ***January 1, 2009***, are eligible for the Infraction Amnesty Program. Under Vehicle Code section 42008.7, the terms "bail" and "fine" refer to the total bail amount or fine balance due in connection with a specific Vehicle Code or non-Vehicle Code infraction.

Violations are eligible for amnesty only if each of the following requirements is met:

- The violation is an infraction filed with the court. At this time, no other misdemeanor cases/charges are eligible, with the following exceptions. If a Failure to Appear (FTA) misdemeanor warrant charge of Vehicle Code Section 40508(a) or Penal Code Section 853.7 or a Failure to Pay (FTP) misdemeanor warrant charge of Vehicle Code Section 40508(b) was added to the underlying charge, the case is eligible. If these charges were added after 1/1/09, or if a civil assessment was added after 1/1/09, the case is not eligible.
- Includes juvenile traffic cases.

- The due date for payment of the bail or fine was on or before January 1, 2009.
  - ✓ An FTA case is eligible for amnesty *if* the case is currently on FTA status and the appearance date was on or before January 1, 2009.
  - ✓ An FTP case is eligible for amnesty *if* the fine due date *and* last payment made were on or before January 1, 2009 (if defendant was on a payment arrangement and defaulted per these guidelines, case is eligible).
- The defendant does not owe restitution to a victim on any case within the county (per Penal Code section 1202.4(f)).
- The defendant has no outstanding misdemeanor or felony warrants within the county.
- To qualify, the defendant must pay 50 percent of the delinquent bail amount or fine balance due, in full satisfaction of the debt.

A defendant is not required to apply in writing or request amnesty in order for the case to be eligible. Amnesty is granted at the time all eligibility criteria is verified and the defendant makes a payment. If the court is unable to determine eligibility, an Eligibility Affidavit may be submitted by the defendant. If it is later determined the defendant is ineligible for amnesty, the defendant will be notified in writing of ineligibility and the due date for the remaining balance, which may be subject to further collection activity.

### **Payments**

Payment can be by check, cash, money order, and all major debit, credit, and ATM cards with a Visa or MasterCard logo. Payment arrangements or multiple payments are not available on Amnesty cases.

*Please contact the Riverside County Superior Court at [www.riverside.courts.ca.gov](http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov)  
AFTER January 1, 2012 for further details.*

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