

**A MESSAGE
FROM THE SOLICITOR,**

Safer roads and highways through Driving education is the primary objective of the Ninth Circuit Traffic Education Program (TEP). At some point in their lives, most drivers receive a minor traffic citation. TEP gives good drivers with 4 or less points against their license a chance to give back to the community, become a better driver and avoid increased insurance premiums. I encourage you to take advantage of this one-time opportunity to clear your driving record and hope you will help make Charleston and Berkeley County's roads safer for us all.

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TRAFFIC EDUCATION PROGRAM



What is Traffic Education Program?

The Traffic Education Program (TEP) is a program designed to dispose of traffic charges without trial. TEP was established by legislation in South Carolina with the primary goal of educating drivers with minor traffic citations. TEP provides the opportunity to have eligible tickets dismissed by the court and maintain good driving records.

Offenders may participate in this program only once.

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Traffic Education Program

TEP Participants Must Have:

- Four or less points currently on their driving record.
- TEP referred ticket must be a four point or less violation.
- Per state law, participants must not have a current Commercial Driver's License (CDL).
- No more than 4 current points against their license at application.

Items Needed for Application:

- \$280.00 Program Fee
- Current Driver's License
- Social Security Card
- Provide Court Referral

Participation and Program Requirements

- Complete approved 4 hour defensive driving class.
- Complete 4 hours of documented community service.
- Have no new citations for 6 months from TEP violation.
- Comply with timeline of your TEP case manager.
- In all cases community service and defensive driving courses sites must be approved by the Ninth Circuit TEP Director.

If the TEP applicant resides out-of-state, they have the responsibility to provide a driving record from their state of residence to the Ninth Circuit TEP program.

TEP Referral Process

- You must appear at your required court.
- You have the right to request TEP when in court.
- You must apply to the county where the ticket was received.
- The court will forward the referral to the Solicitor's TEP office. The magistrate or municipal court will also give you a copy of the TEP referral to apply to the TEP office in Charleston.
- You must apply within 10 days of your court date.
- If you apply online, you have 10 days to send in a copy of your Driver's License and a copy of your Social Security card. You can email at divservices@scsolicitor9.org or mail a copy to the office.
- Once your completed application is received, you will be notified within 30 days whether or not you are accepted.

How to apply to TEP:

- Before you apply, make sure you have been to court and received a referral.
- Application 1 of 3 ways:
 1. Online: www.scsolicitor9.org/tep.php
 2. Apply in person Monday- Friday 9-5:00
 3. Apply via mail. Download the application online: www.scsolicitor9.org/tep.php

