

Violations that qualify for Traffic Education Program

Offense	Pts
Driving too fast for conditions, or speeding: No more than 10 m.p.h. above the posted limits	2
Driving too fast for conditions, or speeding: More than 10 m.p.h. but less than 25 m.p.h. above the posted limits	4
Disobedience of any official traffic control device	4
Disobedience to officer directing traffic	4
Failing to yield right of way	4
Driving on wrong side of road	4
Passing unlawfully	4
Turning unlawfully	4
Driving through or within safety zone	4
Failing to give signal or giving improper signal for stopping, turning, or suddenly decreased speed	4
Shifting lanes without safety precaution	2
Improper dangerous parking	2
Following too closely	4
Failing to dim lights	2
Operating with improper lights	2
Operating with improper brakes	4
Operating a vehicle in unsafe condition	2
Driving in improper lane	2
Improper backing	2

The total number of points cannot exceed 4

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Attend a four hour defensive driving education class
- Complete eight hours of community service at a non-profit agency
- No subsequent traffic violations during the six months following the issuance of the ticket referred to the Traffic Education Program.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All applicants will be mailed an application packet with instructions to provide the following:

1. Fees as set by law to be paid in two separate money orders:
 - Application Fee: \$140.00
 - Participation Fee: \$140.00
2. Copy of the applicant's Driver's License
3. Copy of the applicant's Social Security Card
4. Out-Of-State residents must provide a ten (10) year driving record and the
5. Completed application form.

PARTICIPATION PROCEDURE

TEP will process the application to determine eligibility. If approved, the participant will be mailed a packet of requirements and instructions for completion. The participant is responsible for providing TEP with documentation of completion of requirements.

NON-COMPLIANCE

If the participant fails to complete all requirements in a timely fashion, or is issued a subsequent traffic citation while participating in TEP, the case will be returned to court for prosecution.

COMPLETION

Upon receipt of documentation that all requirements have been completed, the case will be closed. The court will be notified of completion and the ticket will be dismissed.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Traffic Education Program (TEP) is designed for drivers charged with four point or less traffic violations. Upon successful completion of the requirements of TEP, including six months with no subsequent traffic citations, the violations against the driver will be dismissed.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- No significant history of traffic violations.
- A traffic ticket carrying a four point or less violation or a combination of traffic tickets carrying four points or less.
- Clients can only participate in TEP once.



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TRAFFIC **EDUCATION** **PROGRAM**

Lexington, Edgefield, Saluda
and McCormick Counties

The Traffic Education Program was established to educate the driver while providing an opportunity to have eligible South Carolina traffic tickets dismissed.

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