



Enforcement Warrants and Stay of Execution Arrangements

What is an Enforcement Warrant?

An Enforcement Warrant is a warrant that is issued for unpaid court fines and infringements. Enforcement Warrants are issued by the Registrar of the Fines Enforcement Registry to the Sheriff.

They give the Sheriff authority to take further action to recover unpaid court fines and infringements.

What action can be taken under an Enforcement Warrant?

Enforcement Warrants authorise the Sheriff to:

- wheel clamp your vehicle
- remove your vehicle registration plates
- suspend and/or cancel your vehicle licence
- seize and sell your personal property
- lodge memorials (caveats) on your land and/or real property (real estate).

Who can enforce an Enforcement Warrant?

Enforcement Warrants are enforced by appointed Deputy Sheriff's and Sheriff's Officers.

What can I do if I can't pay an Enforcement Warrant?

If you can't pay the Enforcement Warrant you may be eligible to apply for a payment arrangement called a Stay of Execution.

What is a Stay of Execution arrangement?

A Stay of Execution arrangement is a formal repayment plan which temporarily stops an Enforcement Warrant from being actioned.

Scheduled payments are made towards the outstanding amount on the warrants that are held by the Sheriff.

If you are eligible to apply, an approved Stay of Execution arrangement will prevent further enforcement action and will lift any licence suspensions that are in place, as long as payments are made in accordance with the agreed schedule.

How do I know if I am eligible to apply for a Stay of Execution arrangement?

You are eligible to apply for a Stay of Execution arrangement if your Fines Enforcement Registry cases have progressed to an Enforcement Warrant.

When can I apply for a Stay of Execution arrangement?

At any time whilst your Enforcement Warrant is active.

How do I apply for a Stay of Execution arrangement?

Contact the Fines Enforcement Registry on 1300 650 235 (from landlines) or 9235 0235 (for mobile/interstate callers).

They can provide you with information about the Enforcement Warrant and details of who to contact.

What happens if I miss a scheduled payment under a Stay of Execution arrangement?

If you miss a scheduled payment your Stay of Execution arrangement will be cancelled and the Enforcement Warrant will be re-activated. It is your responsibility to maintain your payments under a Stay of Execution arrangement.

If you are having problems making payments contact the organisation which is dealing with your Enforcement Warrant(s), for example call the Sheriff's Office on 9425 2932 or Baycorp on 1300 131 015.

Why is my payment arrangement cancelled?

A cancellation happens automatically when you do not maintain your agreed repayment schedule under the Stay of Execution arrangement.

Useful phone numbers

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