

Electronic Compliance And Dismissal (ECAD) Fact Sheet (Pilot phase to begin in May)

- ECAD is a new web-based solution that is part of the larger initiative to modernize the North Carolina court system. The application delivers a fast, convenient means of requesting dismissal online for certain traffic offenses and potentially avoiding a trip to court.
- Because ECAD is integrated with North Carolina DMV data the system automatically validates that public users are in a state of compliance before allowing a request for dismissal.
- Offenses included in Release 1.0 of ECAD include:
 - ☐ 5441 – No operator’s license
 - ☐ 4527 – Failure to carry a valid driver’s license
 - ☐ 4574 – Expired operator’s license
 - ☐ 4440 – Expired / no tag
 - ☐ 5485 – DR / allow registration plate not display
 - ☐ 5491 – Drive / allow MV no registration
 - ☐ 4721 – Canceled / revoked / suspended certificate / tag
 - ☐ 5461 – Expired registration card / tag
- All offenses on a citation must be eligible for ECAD in order for the citation to be eligible.
- ECAD has three primary components: one for the public to request dismissal and check the status of pending requests, one for district attorneys to review requests and approve or deny them, and one for clerks to view the cases dismissed through ECAD.
- District attorneys will access ECAD through the functions menu in CCIS-DA; however, there is no other overlap between ECAD and CCIS-DA functionality. Consequently, users do not need to be familiar with CCIS-DA in order to use ECAD.
- Once district attorneys approve an ECAD request, the case is electronically dismissed, and the requestor is notified by email that they no longer need to appear in court.
- Any outstanding ECAD request that reaches five business days from the assigned court date without being addressed by the district attorney will be automatically denied, and the defendant will be notified to appear in court on the assigned date.

- In order to maximize time savings in the courtroom, the initial release of ECAD only includes offenses that can be electronically checked for compliance with the NC DMV. This way, district attorneys are not required to evaluate compliance manually and can approve requests individually or in batches of up to 25.
- Cases disposed through ECAD do not require any data entry on the part of the clerk.
- ECAD requires that public users provide an email address so the system can automatically send them email confirmation when their request is submitted and when it is addressed by the district attorney.
- Public users are not required to pay a cost for requesting dismissal through ECAD.
- ECAD will not allow public users to request dismissal if the date of submission is closer than seven business days to the assigned court date.
- All actions on cases processed through ECAD are tracked as events in CCIS-CC.
- New language will be added to citations statewide to make the public aware that they may be able to request dismissal online through ECAD by visiting onlineservices.nccourts.org. eCitation will be upgraded statewide between mid-May and mid-July 2016 to include the additional language.
- ECAD will be rolled out between May and July 2016. The first phase of the rollout will be a pilot in Wake County on May 16, 2016. The second phase will roll out ECAD to Alleghany, Ashe, Buncombe, Guilford, Wilkes, and Yadkin counties in June 2016, and the final phase will roll out ECAD statewide in July 2016.



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