

# Traffic Ticket Debt and License Suspension

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# FTA v. FTP

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## Failure to Appear→

- Didn't show up before due date or missed your court date

## Failure to Pay→

- You already appeared and were sentenced, but you didn't complete your payment or community service on time.

## Consequences of a FTA or FTP

- \$300 penalty assessment
- Warrant issued (Usually FTA only)
- Extra Misdemeanor charge (Usually FTA only)
- Possible suspension of driver's license (FTA only)

# Ability to Pay Determination

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# What is an Ability To Pay Determination?

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If you cannot pay the full amount for your traffic ticket you have the right to ask or “petition” the court to reduce the amount you owe, suspend your fine completely, or offer you an alternative to paying it off all at once. You can ask for this at any time during the traffic court process

You can ask the court to

- Suspend or reduce your fine
- Allow you to make monthly payments
- Complete community service
- Lift your suspended driver’s license (if it is suspended)

# How do I apply?

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- 1) Fill out paperwork and add documents to support your case
- 2) File by mail, the traffic court window, or with directly with the bailiff before your traffic hearing.
- 3) You can ask for a hearing aka see the judge, on the paperwork or just let the judge make a decision based on your paperwork.

# Alternatives to Traffic Court

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- 1) PURGING DRIVING RECORD
- 2) HOMELESS COURT
- 3) DISMISSAL BASED ON INCARCERATION

# Purging Driving Record

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If your Failure to Pay or Failure to Appear ticket is older than five years old you can go to the DMV and ask them to “purge” your driving record.

In order to “purge” your record

- A) Go to the DMV and ask employee
- B) Call DMV Mandatory Actions Unit at (916) 657-6525

Does not apply to DUIs

# Homeless Court

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Clinics where you can have your tickets dismissed if you do 4-8 hours of community service.

Takes a long time to process, but will result in your ticket being dismissed or fine being suspended.

(FIND OUT DATE FOR DTLA LIBRARY EVENT)



# Incarceration as Reason for Dismissal (VC 41500)

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If you were incarcerated in state prison or county jail under AB109, you can have all of your tickets that were **open at the time** you were sent to prison or jail dismissed.

If you qualify under this law:

- 1) Set a hearing for the case
- 2) Bring proof you were incarcerated after receiving the ticket
- 3) Bring a copy of the Vehicle Code Section 41500 printout we have with you to court
- 4) Ask the court to “dismiss your case pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 41500.

Only applies to tickets that were still open at the time of your incarceration and does not apply if you were sentenced to a fine already. Basically an FTA

# HOW TO FIND OUT WHAT TICKETS ARE HOLDING YOU BACK

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# H-6 Driving Record Report

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Complete driving record from the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

Costs \$5.

Must go to DMV to get it.

# Reading an H-6

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
\*\*\*CUSTOMER RECEIPT COPY\*\*\*  
DRIVER LICENSE/IDENTIFICATION CARD  
INFORMATION REQUEST  
06/26/15

DAD99933502H6D182928  
DATE:06-26-TIME:13:08\*

DL/NO:C1234567\* B/D:05-02-1 NAME: KYLO REN\*  
ADDR AS OF 04-10-15:9872 DEATH STAR, TATTOINE CA 91827\*  
OTH/ADDR AS OF 07-29-14: PO BOX 7777, MILN FALCON\*

PULL NOTICE:NONE\*

P&M CODE:NONE\*

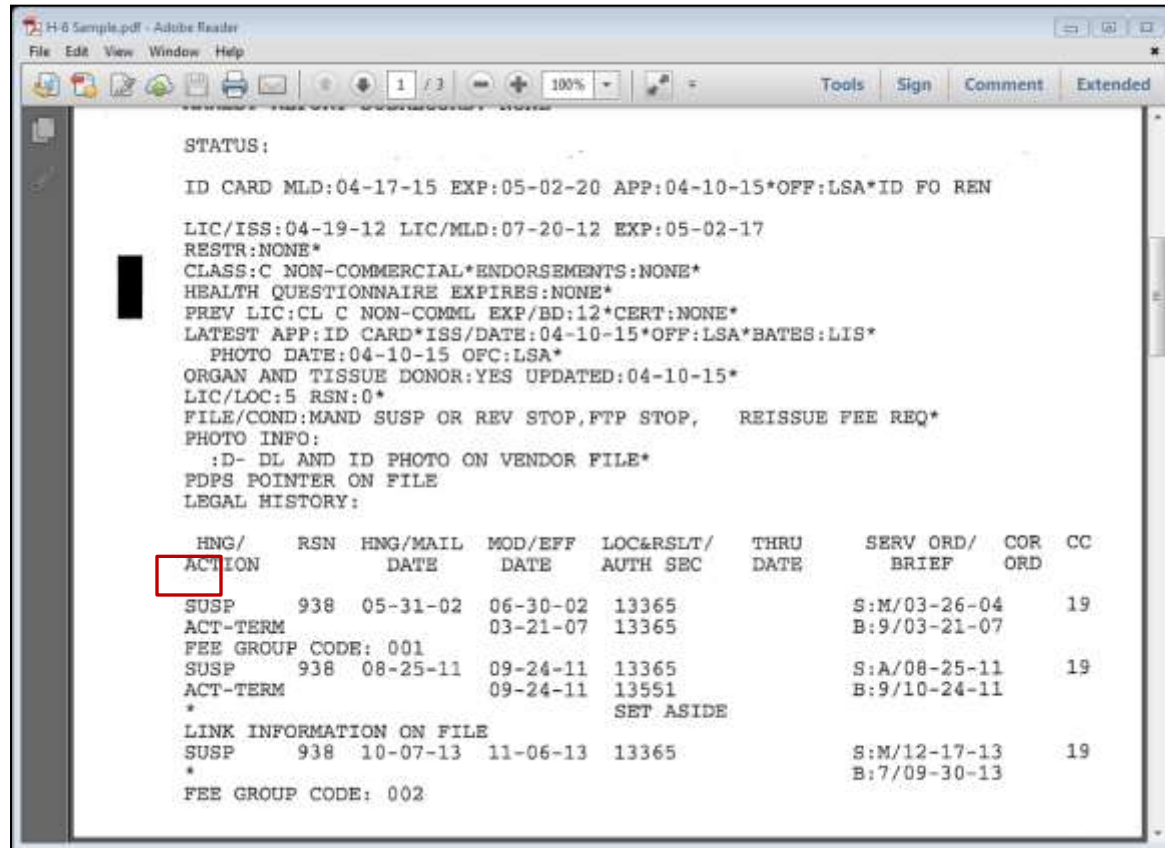
REVIEW DT:NONE\*

COMMENT:NONE\*

ARREST REPORT SUBRECORD:NONE\*



# Reading an H-6



STATUS:

ID CARD MLD:04-17-15 EXP:05-02-20 APP:04-10-15\*OFF:LSA\*ID FO REN

LIC/ISS:04-19-12 LIC/MLD:07-20-12 EXP:05-02-17

RESTR:NONE\*

CLASS:C NON-COMMERCIAL\*ENDORSEMENTS:NONE\*

HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE EXPIRES:NONE\*

PREV LIC:CL C NON-COMML EXP/BD:12\*CERT:NONE\*

LATEST APP:ID CARD\*ISS/DATE:04-10-15\*OFF:LSA\*BATES:LIS\*

PHOTO DATE:04-10-15 OFC:LSA\*

ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR:YES UPDATED:04-10-15\*

LIC/LOC:5 RSN:0\*

FILE/COND:MAND SUSP OR REV STOP,FTP STOP, REISSUE FEE REQ\*

PHOTO INFO:

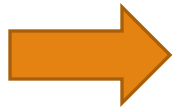
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PDPS POINTER ON FILE

LEGAL HISTORY:

HNG/ ACTION	RSN	HNG/MAIL DATE	MOD/EFF DATE	LOC&RSLT/ AUTH SEC	THRU DATE	SERV ORD/ BRIEF	COR ORD	CC
SUSP	938	05-31-02	06-30-02	13365		S:M/03-26-04		19
ACT-TERM			03-21-07	13365		B:9/03-21-07		
FEE GROUP CODE: 001								
SUSP	938	08-25-11	09-24-11	13365		S:A/08-25-11		19
ACT-TERM			09-24-11	13551		B:9/10-24-11		
* SET ASIDE								
LINK INFORMATION ON FILE								
SUSP	938	10-07-13	11-06-13	13365		S:M/12-17-13		19
* B:7/09-30-13								
FEE GROUP CODE: 002								

# Reading an H-6



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>>>> FEE REQUIRED INFORMATION: <<<<<<  
FEE CODE 743 (REISSUE FEE)  
FEE REQ SEQ #: 01 DUE: 06-30-02 AMOUNT: \$ 055 REASON CD: 938  
ORIG DUE DT: 06-30-02 PAID: 01-11-08 USED: 01-11-08 FEE GROUP CODE: 001  
1ST PAYMENT INFO: RECORD #: 01 AMOUNT: \$ 055 DATE: 01-11-08

>>>> FEE PAYMENT INFORMATION: <<<<<<  
FEE REQ SEQ #: 01 PAYMENT REC #: 01 FEE CODE: 743  
PAYMENT AMOUNT: \$ 0055 DATE: 01-11-08  
OFF #: 581 CA #: HU SEQ # : 5012 PROC DT: 01-11-08 METHOD: FO

>>>> FEE REQUIRED INFORMATION: <<<<<<  
FEE CODE 743 (REISSUE FEE)  
FEE REQ SEQ #: 02 DUE: 11-06-13 AMOUNT: \$ 055 REASON CD: 938  
ORIG DUE DT: 11-06-13 FEE GROUP CODE: 002

ABSTRACTS:

VIOL DT	CONV DT	SEC VIOL	DISP	COURT	DOCKET	VEH LIC	R/C FTP
05-23-97	09-24-97	22450 VC	C	19463	██████	3 ██████ 2	
DMV POINT COUNT: 1 UPDATED:09-24-97							
02-08-99	03-25-99	27315D VC	B	19463	██████	5 ██████ 0	
DMV POINT COUNT: 0 UPDATED:03-25-99							
06-16-99	10-22-99	2815 VC	C	19463	██████	2 ██████ 5	
DMV POINT COUNT: 1 UPDATED:10-22-99							

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DMV POINT COUNT: 0  
UPDATED: 03-28-12

12-17-13 06-16-14 12500A VC C 19413 [REDACTED] D [REDACTED] V  
\* 21950A VC

DMV POINT COUNT: 1  
UPDATED: 06-16-14  
FTP:

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[REDACTED]

VIOL DT	CONV DT	SEC VIOL	DISP	COURT	DOCKET	VEH LIC	R/C	FTP
10-16-11	10-10-12	27360A VC 405095 VC	C	[REDACTED]	123	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1

DMV POINT COUNT: 1  
UPDATED: 09-01-13  
FTA: NONE\*  
ACCIDENTS:

DATE/TIME	LOCATION	VEH LIC	ARC	REPORT NO	FR CASE NO
[REDACTED] 17	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

TYPE OF ACC CODE: [REDACTED]  
FATALITY CODE: [REDACTED]  
SOBRIETY CODE: [REDACTED]  
INJURY CODE: [REDACTED]

UPDATED: 05-27-14

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# Counselor Inquiry/Public Driving Record

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DMV printout of citations with outstanding FTAs and FTPs preventing you from reinstating your driver's license

## Benefits

- Free
- Easy to read
- Not limited to LA County

## Drawbacks

- Only displays citations with holds on your license
- Limited information, e.g., doesn't say amount owed
- You have to go to the DMV to get it.
- DMV may be unwilling to provide





TE: 12/29/15 TIME: 12:10 - COUNSELOR INQUIRY

D/L ID #: D522807  
NAME: ELLA VATOR BIRTHDATE: 01/01/2001

NOTICE OF OUTSTANDING FAILURES TO APPEAR (FTA) AND FAILURES TO PAY (FTP)

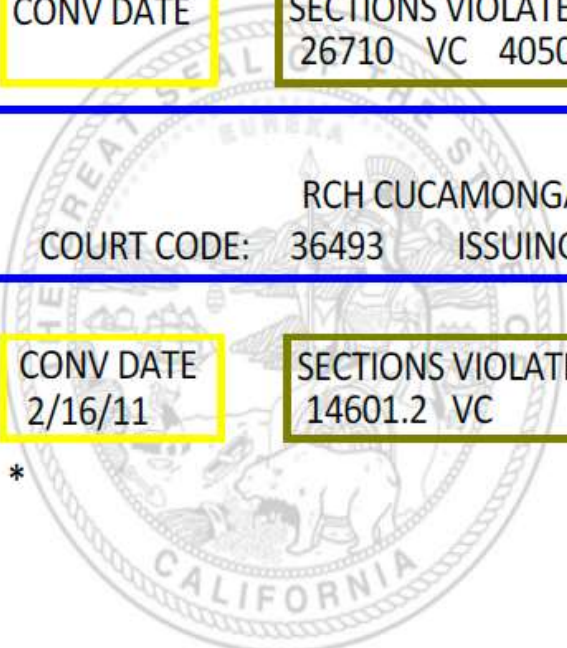
LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT  
1944 S. HILL ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90007  
PHONE: (213) 742-1884 COURT CODE: 19463 ISSUING COURT CODE: 19463

TYPE FTA	DOCKET # BA5228	VIOL DATE 04/28/15	CONV DATE	SECTIONS VIOLATED 26710 VC 40508A VC
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SUPERIOR COURTS  
8303 HAVEN AVE RCH CUCAMONGA, CA 91730  
PHONE: (909) 340-9761 COURT CODE: 36493 ISSUING COURT CODE: 36494

TYPE FTP	DOCKET # MV3907	VIOL DATE 01/12/11	CONV DATE 2/16/11	SECTIONS VIOLATED 14601.2 VC
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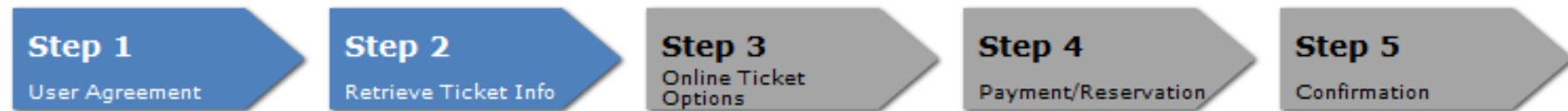
# Los Angeles Superior Court Website

Search for clients' citations at LASC website: [www.lacourt.org](http://www.lacourt.org) under "Traffic Tickets" for LA COUNTY citations

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying [www.lacourt.org](http://www.lacourt.org). The page header includes the text "THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES" and a search bar. A navigation menu contains links for Home, Online Services, Forms & Filings, Self-Help, Divisions, and Jury. Below the navigation menu, there are several service tiles: "Jury Service", "Traffic Tickets", and "Self Help Resources". A large red arrow points to the "Traffic Tickets" tile. To the right of the "Traffic Tickets" tile is a banner image with the text "LA COURT" and a photograph of a brick building. Further right, there are additional links and buttons, including "Access Information for Persons with Disabilities", "SCAMMERS AVOID OR PAYMENT", "LASC TO CHANGE", and "Attorneys & Law Firms".

# Ticket Selection

## Progress:



Driver's License Number: **E1882**

Date of Birth: **1/1/01**

For more information on a ticket, click on the Ticket Number.

Ticket Number	Court	Law Enforcement Agency	Violation Date	Status
<a href="#">D51182</a>	Metropolitan Courthouse	Los Angeles Police Department	9/5/2010	40509.5 Holds
████████	San Fernando Courthouse	Los Angeles Police Department	1/3/2011	40509.5 Holds
████████	Metropolitan Courthouse	Los Angeles Police Department	10/26/2010	40509.5 Holds
████████	Metropolitan Courthouse	Los Angeles Police Department	6/25/2009	40509A Holds
████████	San Fernando Courthouse	Los Angeles Police Department	6/9/2009	40509.5 Holds
████████	Metropolitan Courthouse	Los Angeles Police Department	6/20/2009	40509.5 Holds
████████	Metropolitan Courthouse	Los Angeles Police Department	12/7/2009	40509.5 Holds
████████	Metropolitan Courthouse	Los Angeles Police Department	4/30/2009	40509.5 Holds

Ticket Number:

**D51182**

Law Enforcement Agency:

Los Angeles Police Department

**Name:**

**Ella Vator**

**Court:**

Metropolitan Courthouse  
1945 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007  
(213)742-1884

**Violation Date:**

9/5/2010

**Initial Due Date:**

10/20/2010

**Case Status:**

40509.5 Holds

**Last Action:**

Failure to Appear Hold

**Last Action / New Appearance Date:**

11/9/2010

**Your citation has been referred to a collection agency. Please call the GC Services Collection Agency at (800) 352-3778 for English or (800)511-0734 for Spanish. Click here to go to [GC Services](#).**

# GC Services Website

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Search on GC Services' website (<https://courtpay.gcserv.com/>) for citations in collections

## Benefits

- Free
- Easy
- Displays the amount owed

## Drawbacks

- Only citations in collections with GC Services
- Limited information, e.g., no date of violation or section violated

Things just got a lot simpler.

Now you can pay your fine -- right from your computer!

It's quick. It's convenient. It's secure.

Just follow these simple steps...

### Step 3

	Control Number	Citation	Court Name	Last Payment Date	Total Outstanding Balance	Amnesty Balance	Previously Paid Amount *	Current Payment Amount
<input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]	CR180182	L.A. EL MONTE COURT	N/A	569.00	N/A	.00	[REDACTED]
<input type="checkbox"/>	** [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	L.A. METROPOLITAN COURT	N/A	801.00	801.00	.00	25.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	** [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	L.A. METROPOLITAN COURT	N/A	801.00	801.00	.00	25.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	** [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	L.A. METROPOLITAN COURT	N/A	821.00	821.00	.00	25.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	** [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	L.A. METROPOLITAN COURT	N/A	821.00	821.00	.00	25.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	** [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	L.A. METROPOLITAN COURT	N/A	841.00	841.00	.00	25.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	** [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	L.A. METROPOLITAN COURT	N/A	841.00	841.00	.00	25.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	** [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	L.A. SAN FERNANDO COURT	N/A	801.00	801.00	.00	25.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	** [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	L.A. SAN FERNANDO COURT	N/A	869.00	869.00	.00	25.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	** [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	L.A. ADULT AMNESTY	N/A	501.00	501.00	.00	25.00

Listed above are your outstanding case(s). Please select the case(s) you wish to pay. For each non-amnesty case selected, you must enter the amount you wish to pay in the space provided. Payments made to an amnesty case must be for the minimum amount displayed. To make a payment less than this amount on an amnesty case, please contact us at phone numbers at the bottom of the screen.

**NOTE:** A minimum payment is required per case. The minimum payment is the lesser of \$25.00 or the total.

**AMNESTY CASES THAT ARE GRAYED OUT HAVE A RECENT PAYMENT PENDING THAT MAY NOT BE REFLECTED. PLEASE ALLOW UP TO 2 DAYS TO POST BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO MAKE ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS**

# Getting the Information from the Courthouse

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# Calling the Courthouse

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You can call the courthouse and ask the court clerk for information

## Benefits

- Clerk can provide you with a large amount of information

## Drawbacks

- Limited to what the clerk is willing to provide you
- REALLY LONG WAIT TIMES



# Going Into the Courthouse

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You can go to any traffic courthouse and get your ticket info printed for you

- Copies of actual tickets
- Expanded Traffic Report (court may be unwilling to provide)

## Benefits

- Access to full and complete records

## Drawbacks

- You have to go into court to get them
- Limited to LA County

EXPANDED TRAFFIC RECORD SYSTEM - NUMBER RESPONSE

CIT/CASE D522839 LEA/COURT 1900 CHA ABSTRACT Y ID# ID12345 VLN [REDACTED]  
 NAME ELLA VATOR OLN [REDACTED]  
 ADDRESS 5228 WHITTIER BLVD. LOS ANGELES CA 90016 DOB 01/01/0 T/S [REDACTED]

VIO-DATE	APR-DATE	ENT-DATE	VIOL 1	VIOL 2	VIOL 3	VIOL 4	SPEED
040912	061112	051815	40508A 29	22450A 29	16028A 29		
RECPT NO.		\$	75.00	\$ 35.00	\$		CONV
PR CNT	0 PP	FINE	1528.00	W/O PROOF	0.00	T/S AMT	377.00 COMHAZ
ST CM	DSP	CMPL DATE	051815D	AMT	JUD C	DUE	1528.00 RF X
BAIL	1398.00R	BASE	210.00 PA	630.00 NC	233 WA	315 SB	P/C/WA 10.00H

ACT	ACT DATE	SEQ	DPT	CASE/TD#	RECEIPT#	AMT PAID	ENTRY DATE	P	CD/DATE
AR	101515		F40	ADVANCE			051815		
FP	091515		WIN				051815		
AR	051815		F41	PMWLKN			051815		
IH	041514		F40	00030000			041514		
AR	040414		F40	GCS			100513	P	
IH	010213		F40	00030000			010213		
AR	122112		F40	830AMMC			062212		

\*\* NO MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE \*\*

PF1-NAME PF2-OLND PF3-NMNR PF4-CITN PF5-DMVM PF6-RSRV  
 PF7-DSPO PF8-WRNT PF9-CONT PF10-CCAL PF11-TMEN PF12-ACME \* NMBR \*