



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 11.11 Credit for Ignition Interlock

Section: 2. Driver's License Laws

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Background: Effective August 1, 2019, an individual who had an ignition interlock device installed by an interlock manufacturer approved by Louisiana State Police, Applied Technology, as a requirement of bail, a part of a pre-trial diversion program, or a term of suspended or deferred sentence (Article 894), for an offense involving the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a combination of alcohol and drugs and is subsequently convicted for such an offense, shall receive credit towards suspension time or any reinstatement requirement that may be imposed.

Definitions:

- **Alcohol Violations** – An alcohol related offense, including Refusal, Submit, Driving While Intoxicated (DWI), Underage Driving Under the Influence (UDUI), Submit Underage, and Vehicular Negligent Injury.
- **Ignition Interlock** – An in-car alcohol breath screening device that is connected to the engine's ignition system used to prevent a vehicle from starting if it detects a blood alcohol level above a preset limit.

Requirements:

- To receive ignition interlock credit, an applicant must provide the following documents to the Office of Motor Vehicles:
 - Completed *Application for Ignition Interlock Credit* ([DPSMV21109](#)) form signed by the applicant and the Violation Information section completed and signed by the court official.
 - A form from the interlock manufacturer, on company letter, which verifies if any interlock violations have been reported.
 - Must indicate the applicant has not had two or more of the violations listed below in a thirty (30) day period.
 - Tampering with the ignition interlock device
 - Circumventing the ignition interlock device
 - Failure to bring the ignition interlock device in for required service
 - Failure to take or pass a re-test
 - Failure to pass a breath test
 - Use of the emergency override feature without justification
 - Unauthorized removal of the device

- Sample:

Applicant Information			
Last Name	First Name	Middle/Maiden or Suffix	
Date of Birth	Driver's License Number		
Address	City	State	Zip
Installation Date of Ignition Interlock Device	Removal Date of Ignition Interlock Device		
Vehicle Information of the Vehicle the Device Was Installed In			
Vehicle Identification Number	License Plate Number		
Violation Information			
I, _____, am an authorized representative of _____ <small>(Name of Ignition Interlock Manufacturer Representative)</small>			
_____ and have verified and do certify that the individual _____ <small>(Name of Ignition Interlock Manufacturer Company)</small>			
listed above has:			
<input type="checkbox"/> not had <input type="checkbox"/> had			
two or more of the following violations occur within a 30-day period. Note: A 30-day period is a consecutive 30-days. A violation is counted as one occurrence if it is the same violation and the same day. However, if it is different violations the same day or the same violation multiple days, then it is counted as multiple occurrences. If multiple violations did occur within a 30-day period, mark the occurrence and enter the date(s) in the space provided.			
		Occurrence(s)	Date(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tampering With the Ignition Interlock Device		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Circumventing the Ignition Interlock Device		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failure to Bring the Ignition Interlock Device in for Required Service		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failure to Take or Pass a Re-Test		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failure to Pass a Breath Test		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Use of the Emergency Override Feature Without Justification		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unauthorized Removal of the Device		
By my signature affixed below, I certify under penalty of law, that all information submitted above is true and correct.			
Date	Signature of Representative	Representative's Title	

Eligibility:

- An applicant may apply for a driver's license with the interlock restriction, provided he/she is eligible for issuance due to reinstatement or for a hardship license in accordance with Section 2, [Policy 11.09, Ignition Interlock as a Condition of Reinstatement](#).
- An applicant may apply for a driver's license with the interlock restriction "57" provided his/her record is a valid status. The following additional documentation will be required:
 - Interlock installment/lease agreement
 - Proof of registration
 - Proof of insurance
 - Pay a duplicate license fee to add the restriction

A license with the "57" restriction is not required to be issued, if the credit given will satisfy the interlock time required.

- Credit will not be allowed for any time the applicant had an ignition interlock device installed prior to August 1, 2019.
- Credit will not be given for any disqualification period on commercial driver's license (CDL) privileges.

Exceptions:

- If an individual is charged or arrested for any offense involving the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a combination of alcohol and drugs, during the period in which the individual is required to have an ignition interlock device as a requirement of bail, a part of a pre-trial diversion program, or a term of a suspended or deferred sentence (Article 894), then credit will **not** be given.

Related Policies:

Section 2, [Policy 11.00 Submit-Refusal](#)

Section 2, [Policy 11.09, Ignition Interlock as a Condition of Reinstatement](#)

Section 2, [Policy 11.10 Violation of Interlock Requirements – Condition of Reinstatement](#)

Section 2, [Policy 29.00 Eligibility of Hearing and Hardship by Statutes and Driver's License Class](#)

Section 2, [Policy 30.00 Hardship License Requirements](#)