



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 8.00 DWI / UDUI

Section: 2. Driver's License Laws

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[R.S. 14:98, 98.1](#)

[R.S. 32:896](#)

[R.S. 32:414](#)

[R.S. 32:414.2](#)

[R.S. 32:407](#)

[R.S. 32:667](#)

To view Louisiana Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

Definitions:

- **Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)** - A conviction received from any District, City, Municipal, Federal, or Magistrate court having traffic jurisdiction for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of beverages of alcoholic content with a blood-alcohol content (BAC) of 0.08 or above, of narcotic drugs, or of central nervous system stimulants.
- **Underage Driving Under the Influence (UDUI)** - A conviction received from any District, City, Municipal, Federal or Magistrate court having traffic jurisdiction for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of beverages of alcoholic content with a BAC of 0.02 - 0.079 and under the age of 21 and the conviction date is prior to August 15, 2007. Any UDUI conviction received with a conviction date of August 15, 2007 or after is processed as a DWI.

General:

- The Department shall suspend the driving privileges of any person upon receiving satisfactory evidence of conviction for a charge of Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) or Underage Driving Under the Influence (UDUI) as required under the laws of this state.
- The 2007 Regular Legislative Session amends the existing law pertaining to the duration of the suspension periods on convictions with a date of August 15, 2007. The duration of suspension periods is the same for all persons regardless of age.

| Suspension Periods | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Violation | Dated August 14, 2007 and Before | Dated of August 15, 2007 and After |
| DWI 1st | 90 days (3 months) | 365 days (1 year) |
| DWI 1st with BAC 0.15+ | 730 days (2 years) | 730 days (2 years) |
| DWI 2nd | 365 days (1 year) | 730 days (2 years) |
| DWI 2nd with BAC 0.15+ | 1,460 days (4 years) | 1,460 days (4 years) |
| DWI 3rd | 730 days (2 years) | 1,095 days (3 years) |
| UDUI | 180 days (6 months) | 365 days (1 year) |

- **Disqualification Periods for CDL Operation or License Holders** - If a conviction of a DWI or UDUI is received and a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) was being operated **or** the operator holds a class A, B, or C driver's license while operating a private vehicle, the driver must also serve a disqualification period.
 - **Driving CMV 1st Offense** - 365 day (1 year) disqualification period
 - **Driving CMV/HAZMAT 1st Offense** - 1,095 day (3 year) disqualification period
 - **Driving a Private Vehicle** (with a license class of A, B, or C) - 365 day (1 year) disqualification period
 - A subsequent major conviction/violations received while operating a CMV or by an operator with a Class A, B, or C driver's license while operating a private vehicle requires a permanent disqualification period. See Section 2, Policy [3.00, Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement](#).
- **Methods of Compliance**
 - Serve mandatory suspension and/or disqualification period of the driving privileges.
 - File proof of future financial responsibility for a period of three (3) years from the date of conviction.
 - Pay the applicable reinstatement fee required, in addition to any other fees owed for other statutory requirements.
 - DWI 1st - \$100.00
 - DWI 2nd - \$200.00
 - DWI 3rd or subsequent - \$300.00
 - UDUI - \$60.00
- **Notes** - Louisiana R.S. 32:407, amended in 2008, requires proof of completion of a 30-hour classroom driver education course or a 6-hour pre-licensing course at the time of reinstatement for this violation for any driver who has an intermediate license (16 years of age with a restriction **61**). The course completion date must be after the date of violation.
 - The 8-hour behind the wheel training is **not** required.
 - At the age of 17, however, the course is no longer required for reinstatement. Act 605 does **not** waive this requirement.

Related Policies:

Section 2, Policy 3.00, [Commercial Motor Vehicle \(CMV\) Enforcement](#)

Section 2, Policy 4.00, [Suspension And-Or Disqualification Dates](#)

Section 2, Policy 6.00, [Article 894 Code Of Criminal Procedure](#)

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

Section 2, Policy 36.00, [Driver Management Fees](#)

Section 2, Policy 38.03, [National Driver Register \(NDR\) - Problem Driver Pointer System \(PDPS\)](#)

