



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 11.00 Submit / Refusal

Section: 2. Driver's License Laws

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

[R.S. 32:668](#)

[R.S. 32:661 et al](#)

[R.S. 32:414.2 \(C\)\(2\)](#)

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

49 CFR Part 383.51

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

Definition:

- **Refusal** - When a law enforcement officer places a person under arrest for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and the person refuses to submit to an approved chemical test for intoxication.
- **Submit** - When a law enforcement officer places a person under arrest for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and the person submits to an approved chemical test for intoxication and such test results show a blood alcohol content over the legal limits.
- **Disqualification Period** – a set amount of time a person is not allowed to operate a class A, B, or C vehicle.

General:

- If a Refusal/Submit occurs out-of-state on an individual with a Louisiana driver's license (Class D or E) while operating a private vehicle, it will not be processed.
- If a Refusal/Submit is received and a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) was being operated **or** the violator holds a class A, B, or C driver's license while operating a private vehicle, the driver must also serve a disqualification period. Refer to Section 2, Policy 3.00, [Commercial Motor Vehicle \(CMV\) Enforcement](#).

Suspension Periods			
Refusal Date	Violation	BAC	Suspension Period
Prior to 09/01/2009	Refusal 1 st (any age); Refusal 1 st Out-of-State Driver's License	N/A	180 days
	Refusal 2 ^{nd+} (any age); Refusal 2 ^{nd+} Out-of-State Driver's License; Refusal 1 st Fatality/Serious Injury (any age)	N/A	545 days
09/01/2009 or After	Refusal 1 st (any age); Refusal 1 st Out-of-State Driver's License; Refusal 1 st Fatality/Serious Injury (any age)	N/A	365 days
	Refusal 2 ^{nd+} (any age); Refusal 2 ^{nd+} Out-of-State Driver's License; Refusal 2 nd Fatality/Serious Injury (any age)	N/A	730 days
Suspension Period			

Submit Date	Violation	BAC	Suspension Period
Prior to 07/01/2024	Submit 1 st (21 and older); Submit 1 st Out-of-State Driver's License	0.08 - 0.19	90 days
	Submit 1 st (any age); Submit 1 st Out-of-State Driver's License	0.20+	730 days
	Submit Underage (under 21)	0.02-.19	180 days
	Submit 2 nd (21 and older); Submit 2 nd Out-of-State Driver's License	0.08 - 0.19	365 days
	Submit 2 nd (any age); Submit 2 nd Out-of-State Driver's License	0.20+	1460 days
	Submit 3 rd (any age); Submit 3 rd Out-of-State Driver's License	0.08+	365 days
07/01/2024 or After	Submit 1 st (21 and older); Submit 1 st Out-of-State Driver's License	0.08 - 0.14	180 days
	Submit 1 st (any age); Submit 1 st Out-of-State Driver's License	0.15+	730 days
	Submit 2 nd (21 and older); Submit 2 nd Out-of-State Driver's License	0.08 - 0.14	365 days
	Submit 2 nd (any age); Submit 2 nd Out-of-State Driver's License	0.15+	1460 days
	Submit Underage (under 21)	0.02+	180 days

*BAC – Blood Alcohol Content

Requirements

- **Refusal**

1. Serve mandatory suspension and/or disqualification period of the driving privileges.
2. File proof of financial responsibility (SR-22) for three (3) years from date of arrest.
3. Pay \$50.00 reinstatement fee, in addition to any fee owed for other statutory requirements.
4. Ignition interlock device installed in the vehicle is required. Refer to Section 2, Policy 11.09, [Ignition Interlock as a Condition of Reinstatement](#) for more information.

- **Submit**

1. Serve mandatory suspension and/or disqualification period of the driving privileges.
2. Pay \$50.00 reinstatement fee, in addition to any fee owed for other statutory requirements.
3. Ignition interlock device installed in the vehicle may be required if certain criteria is met. Refer to Section 2, Policy 11.09, [Ignition Interlock as a Condition of Reinstatement](#), for more information.

- **Refusal/Submit for Out-of-State Driver's License**

1. Serve mandatory suspension of the driving privileges.
2. Pay \$50.00 reinstatement fee, in addition to any fee owed for other statutory requirements.

- **Additional compliance requirements for any driver who has an intermediate license, sixteen (16) years of age with a "61" restriction.**

- Proof of completion of a 30-hour classroom driver education course or a 6-hour pre-licensing course at the time of reinstatement for these violations.
 - The course completion date must be after the date of the violation.
 - The 8-hour behind the wheel training is not required.

- Once the driver turns seventeen (17) years of age, 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 6.01 [Act 605](#)

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

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

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

Section 3, Policy 14.00 [Proof of Future Financial Responsibility](#)