



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles

**Policy 11.09 Ignition Interlock as a Condition of Reinstatement**

**Section:** 2. Driver's License Laws

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**Authority:**

[R.S. 32:378.2](#)

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

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**Definitions:**

- **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.

**General:**

- A driver who is arrested for DWI and refuses or submits to the chemical test for intoxication, in certain instances, may be required to have an ignition interlock device installed in the vehicle that will be driven as a condition of reinstating the driving privileges or upon issuance of a restricted hardship license (effective August 15, 2003).
- A **temporary instructional permit (TIP)** may be issued without an interlock as a condition of reinstatement for the purpose of driver education. The interlock must be installed prior to upgrading the license (effective August 1, 2019).
- Ignition interlock as a condition of reinstatement is not required when the Refusal or Submit was issued to a driver who, on the date of arrest, has an out-of-state driver's license.
- If the driving privileges have been reinstated or a restricted hardship license has been issued with interlock as a condition of reinstatement, removing the interlock prior to the expiration date of this requirement does carry a penalty. Penalties for early removal are outlined in Section 2, [Policy 11.10 Violation of Interlock Requirements - Condition of Reinstatement](#).
- **There are no provisions in the statute to exempt or waive the interlock requirement for any reason. This includes medical conditions.**
- The following violations may require interlock as a condition of reinstatement:
  - Refusal
  - Submit
  - Driving Under the Influence (DUI)/Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)
  - Underage Driving Under the Influence (UDUI)
  - Underage Submit
  - Vehicular Negligent Injury

Refusal to Take the Chemical Test	
Date of Refusal	Requirements
<b>Prior to June 18, 2013</b>	Any Refusal arrest date prior to June 18, 2013, with a prior alcohol violation on the record, <b>will not</b> require an interlock as a condition of reinstatement if the Refusal <b>did not</b> result in a DWI conviction (Supreme Court ruling October 16, 2012).
<b>June 18, 2013 to June 30, 2024</b>	Any Refusal arrest dated June 18, 2013 and after, with a prior alcohol violation on the record, <b>will</b> require an ignition interlock as a condition of reinstatement regardless of the disposition of the DWI (amended R.S. 32:667, effective June 18, 2013)
<b>July 1, 2024 or After</b>	A first, second, or subsequent Refusal will require an interlock as a condition of reinstatement, regardless of the disposition of the DWI.
<b>Exception</b> - The Supreme Court ruling at no time affects the requirement of ignition interlock as a condition of reinstatement if there is a crash with moderate or serious bodily injury or there is a child in the vehicle age twelve (12) or younger.	If the Certification of Arrest paperwork received from an arresting agency states that a driver has refused to take the chemical test, the Office of Motor Vehicles shall verify if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the time of arrest there was a crash with moderate or serious bodily injury</li> <li>At the time of arrest there was a child in the vehicle twelve (12) years of age or younger</li> </ul>

- A **Refusal** violation will be added to the record, a suspension and/or disqualification of the driving privileges imposed, and the record will be updated to reflect that an ignition interlock device will be required upon one of the following:
  - Expiration of the suspension and reinstatement of the driving privileges
  - Issuance of a restricted hardship license

Submittal to the Chemical Test for Intoxication 0.08 or Above	
Date of Submit	Requirements
<b>Prior to June 18, 2013</b>	Any Submit Arrest date prior to June 18, 2013, with a prior alcohol violation on the record within five (5) years, <b>will not</b> require an interlock as a condition of reinstatement if the Submit <b>did not</b> result in a DWI conviction (Supreme Court ruling October 16, 2012).
<b>June 18, 2013 to July 31, 2014</b>	Any Submit with a prior alcohol violation on the record within five (5) years, <b>will</b> require an interlock as a condition of reinstatement regardless of the disposition of the DWI (amended R.S. 32:667).
<b>August 1, 2014 or After</b>	Any Submit with a prior alcohol violation on the record within ten (10) years, <b>will</b> require an interlock as a condition of reinstatement regardless of the disposition of the DWI (amended R.S. 32:667).
<b>Exception</b> - The Supreme Court ruling at no time affects the requirement of ignition interlock as a condition of reinstatement if there is a crash with moderate or serious bodily injury or there is a child in the vehicle age twelve (12) or younger.	If the Certification of Arrest paperwork received from an arresting agency states that a driver has submitted to the chemical test/blood with an alcohol content of 0.08 or above, the Office of Motor Vehicles shall verify if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the time of arrest there was a crash with moderate or serious bodily injury</li> <li>At the time of arrest there was a child in the vehicle twelve (12) years of age or younger</li> </ul>

- Then a **Submit** violation will be added to the record, a suspension and/or disqualification of the driving privileges imposed, and the record will be updated to reflect that an ignition interlock device will be required upon one of the following:
  - Expiration of the suspension and reinstatement of the driving privileges
  - Issuance of a restricted hardship license
- **Length of Time Required for an Interlock Device**

- The length of time an interlock is required is mandated by law and cannot be reduced by delaying the installation.
- The ignition interlock device must remain installed in the driver's vehicle(s) for the same length of time as the mandatory suspension period of the Refusal/Submit that is being reinstated, or at least 180 days, whichever is greater.
- **Interlock Installation**
  - Only [approved interlock manufacturers](#) may install, service, and/or uninstall the interlock device.
  - The ignition interlock device must be installed in all vehicles the driver will be operating, prior to the reinstatement of the driving privileges.

### **Required Documentation**

- The ignition interlock lease agreement and the installation invoice must be submitted as proof that the interlock device has been installed in the driver's vehicle(s) prior to the reinstatement of the driving privileges.

### **Related Policies:**

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

Section 2, [Policy 11.10 Violation Of Interlock Requirements - Condition Of Reinstatement](#)

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