



Ignition Interlock Program  
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**For offenses occurring July 1, 2016 and after:** A person required to install and use only a functioning ignition interlock device is prohibited from removing or causing to be removed the ignition interlock device from the vehicle for which it was ordered, and the person shall be required to maintain the device in working order for a three hundred sixty-five (365) consecutive day period or for the entire period of the driver license revocation period, whichever is longer.

In addition to the minimum three hundred sixty-five (365) consecutive day period during which the ignition interlock device shall be attached, functioning, and maintained on the motor vehicle for which it is ordered, the ignition interlock device cannot be lawfully removed from the vehicle, except for necessary maintenance, replacement, or repair as determined by the department, unless the person has operated the ignition interlock equipped vehicle without violation for the last one hundred twenty (120) days of the period for which it is required.

If at any time during the three hundred sixty-five (365) consecutive day period, the department determines that the person removes or causes to be removed the ignition interlock device, the device shall be reinstalled and the three hundred sixty-five (365) consecutive day period shall start again from the date of the reinstallation.

During the final one hundred twenty (120) day period for which the ignition interlock device is required, the person shall not violate any of the following conditions:

- Tampering with, circumventing, or attempting to start the vehicle with a breath alcohol concentration in excess of the two-hundredths of one percent (0.02%) blood alcohol concentration calibration setting required by § 55-10-417(c); provided, however, that a person shall not be in violation of this subdivision (d)(1)(A) for attempting to start the vehicle, if a subsequent retest within ten (10) minutes shows a breath alcohol concentration of two-hundredths of one percent (0.02%) or less and review of the digital images associated with each test confirms that the same person performed both tests;
- Failing to take or skipping a rolling retest when required by the ignition interlock device; provided, however, that a person shall not be in violation of this subdivision (d)(1)(B) for failing to take or skipping a rolling retest if a review of the digital images associated with the test confirms that the vehicle was not occupied by the driver at the time of the retest;
- Failing a rolling test required by the ignition interlock device with a breath alcohol concentration in excess of two hundredths of one percent (0.02%); provided, however, that a person shall not be in violation of this subdivision (d)(1)(C) for failing a rolling test, if a subsequent retest within ten (10) minutes shows a breath alcohol concentration of two-hundredths of one percent (0.02%) or less and review of the digital images associated with each test confirms that the same person performed both tests;
- Removing or causing to be removed the ignition interlock device at any time during the three hundred sixty-five (365) consecutive day period; and
- Failing to appear at the ignition interlock device provider when required for calibration, monitoring, or inspection of the device.

If at any time during the final one hundred twenty (120) days of the time period the person is required to use a functioning ignition interlock device, the department determines that the person has committed a violation the one hundred twenty (120) day period shall start again from the date of the violation.

Upon completion of the period for which the person is required to use an ignition interlock device, the person shall request that the ignition interlock provider certify that the person has complied with the conditions for the required periods. The provider shall determine whether the person has been compliant with the conditions for the required periods and either issue a certificate of compliance to the person or notify the person of noncompliance and the resulting extension of the ignition interlock requirement.

If the data file from the final download and other relevant information shows that the person has been ignition interlock compliant for the requisite periods of time, the department shall inform the person on a compliance form developed by the department that the person may apply for driver license reinstatement and that the ignition interlock device may be lawfully removed.

The program participant may take the Certificate of Compliance issued by the manufacturer and the Compliance Form issued by the department to the DMV and apply for an unrestricted driver's license. After receiving the unrestricted driver's license, the program participant shall return to the installation facility for an authorized removal of the ignition interlock device.

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