

## ***Who Pays for the Program?***

All costs are paid for by the participants in the program on a user-pay basis directly to the service provider. Participants are responsible for the cost of installation, a monthly program fee and a removal fee. *Fees subject to change.*

## ***Am I Required To Have An Ignition Interlock Device?***

This program is **MANDATORY** following **all** convictions of Impaired Driving involving alcohol or refusing a breathalyzer demand for reinstatement of your driver's license.

For more information on Ignition Interlock Terms, please check our website at <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/transportation-infrastructure-and-energy/ignition-interlock-program>

## ***What Are the Penalties for Not Complying With the Ignition Interlock Program?***

Persons enrolled in the program who are convicted of driving without an ignition interlock device, or for tampering with the device, will face fines under the *Highway Traffic Act* ranging from \$500 to \$2,000.

Further penalties include charges under the Criminal Code of Canada for driving while prohibited, further suspension of six months added to the existing suspension, and possible motor vehicle impoundment.

## ***How Is the Interlock Restriction Removed?***

Program participants must apply to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to have the restriction removed from their driver's license. If the restriction period has been completed without any program violations, then the Registrar will issue the order to have the restriction removed. The restriction will remain until an application for removal is approved. As long as the restriction remains on a driver's license, the driver will only be allowed to drive vehicles that are equipped with an approved ignition interlock device, or be subject to penalties under the *Highway Traffic Act*.

### ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPP) Statement***

Personal information on this form is collected under Section 71 of Prince Edward Island's Highway Traffic Act and will be used for the purpose of the issuance of a driver's license and enrollment in the Ignition Interlock Program. If you have any questions about this collection of personal information, you may contact the Department of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, PO Box 2000, Charlottetown PEI – Telephone: (902) 368-5225.

For all telephone inquiries, please telephone:  
Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy  
*Highway Safety*  
Records Section  
Tel: (902) 368-5210 – Charlottetown  
Tel: (902) 888-8264 – Summerside

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# ***Mandatory Ignition Interlock Program***



Transportation,  
Infrastructure and Energy  
Highway Safety

## What Is the Ignition Interlock Program?

The Prince Edward Island Ignition Interlock Program was initiated in September, 2006. The program is available to offenders and is designed to encourage these individuals to get help quickly and address any alcohol-related problems.

This is now a mandatory requirement for reinstatement of your driver's licence for all convictions of impaired driving involving alcohol or refusing a breathalyzer demand.

**IF CHILD UNDER 16 IS PRESENT AT TIME OF OFFENCE:**

An additional period of up to 12 months will be required.



## How Does an Ignition Interlock Device Work?

Before starting the vehicle, the driver must blow into the device. If the recorded blood alcohol concentration (BAC) is above the pre-set limit, the vehicle will not start. Once the vehicle is started, the interlock device requires random breath samples. If a breath sample is not provided or if the BAC exceeds the limit, the device will issue a warning, record the event, and activate specific alarm systems (i.e., alarm activated, horn honking, etc.) until the ignition is turned off.

## How Can I Apply for Installation of the Device?

You may complete and submit the application form included with this brochure.

## How Does the Program Work?

Eligible drivers will have interlock devices installed in their vehicles. The driver will be issued a restricted driver's license which only allows the individual to operate vehicles equipped with an ignition interlock device.

The device prevents the driver from starting the vehicle if the device detects alcohol above the pre-set level in the driver's breath samples. The driver must return to the installation facility to have the device calibrated and serviced at least every 60 days. Failure to service the system by the required date could result in the device locking itself. The vehicle will not start and will have to be towed or arrangements made with the interlock provider to allow additional days to bring the vehicle in for servicing of the device.

All program activity will be recorded and monitored by the Highway Safety Division by way of a built-in data logger. Warnings will be issued to participants who repeatedly fail the breath tests, and the Highway Safety Division may order the removal of the ignition interlock device and reinstate the cancellation period if violations continue.

## Who Is Eligible to Participate in the Program?

The following criteria determines eligibility:

- You have been convicted of impaired driving involving alcohol or refusing a breathalyzer demand.
- You have served the court-ordered minimum mandatory prohibition period.
- You have served all other cancellations and suspensions.
- You have completed all other reinstatement requirements and conditions.
- The vehicle in which the interlock device is to be installed has a valid registration, insurance and vehicle inspection.

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## Ignition Interlock Program Application

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Complete the following information (please print):

Applicant's Full Name	Driver's Licence Number OR Date of Birth	Applicant's Signature	Telephone Number
Email Address (if applicable)			

**Ignition Interlock Program Applications may be returned in person, by mail or by Fax:**  
**In Person**  
 Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy  
 Highway Safety Division  
 33 Riverside Drive, Charlottetown, PE  
**By Mail**  
 Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy  
 Highway Safety Division, Driver Records Section  
 PO Box 2000, Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8  
**By Fax**  
 (902) 368-5236  
**Additional applications available at:**  
<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/transportation-infrastructure-and-energy/ignition-interlock-program>