Driver's licence with condition I

You are required to drive a vehicle fitted with an ALCOHOL IGNITION INTERLOCK



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Who is covered?

Any driver whose drinking habits constitute a road safety risk, and who is undergoing an assessment at the FÉDÉRATION québecoise des centres de réadaptation pour personnes alcooliques et autres toxicomanes (FQCRPAT). This person must not have any driving incompatibility other than one related to alcohol.

What is an alcohol ignition interlock?

An ignition interlock is a device that prevents a vehicle's engine from starting when it detects alcohol in the operator's breath sample.

The device relies on technology similar to that found in breathalyzers which police officers use to measure blood-alcohol levels.





Where can one get an ignition interlock?

The only ignition interlock authorized by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ) is available by lease, through participating LEBEAU VITRES D'AUTOS outlets or at a GUARDIAN INTERLOCK SERVICE (GIS) centre.

To find out the location of an outlet or centre that leases the device, call: 1 888 ALCOMÈTRE (1 888 252-6638)

How to get one

- 1 Have on hand a copy of the letter authorizing you to obtain a licence and go to a participating LEBEAU VITRES D'AUTOS outlet or GIS centre to sign a lease.
- 2 To obtain a licence, take a signed copy of the ignition interlock lease to an SAAQ service centre.
- 3 Once you have been issued a licence, go back to the LEBEAU VITRES D'AUTOS outlet or GIS centre to have the device installed.

Are there costs?

There are charges for installation, leasing the device and for periodic checks. There is also a fee for removing the device.

What about periodic checks?

Once installed, the device measures the driver's blood-alcohol concentration and records the data about its use.

The device must be taken to the LEBEAU VITRES D'AUTOS outlet or GIS centre every two months to have the data downloaded and a report printed, which you will be given so that it can be submitted to the SAAQ upon request.

Are there terms?

Terms and conditions of use of an ignition interlock device are determined by the SAAQ and provided in an appendix of the lease.

If you fail to abide by these terms and conditions, or operate a vehicle without an ignition interlock, you could be subject to a 3-month licence suspension, and the vehicle you are driving may be seized and impounded for 30 days.

If you decide to withdraw from an assessment process with the Fédération québecoise des centres de réadaptation pour personnes alcooliques ou autres personnes toxicomanes (FQCRPAT), your driver's licence will be cancelled.

For further INFORMATION, contact the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec.

 Québec (city and vicinity):
 418 643-5506

 From elsewhere in Québec:
 1 800 561-2858

Or write to:

Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec Service de l'évaluation médicale P.O. Box 19500, Québec (Québec) G1K 8J5

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