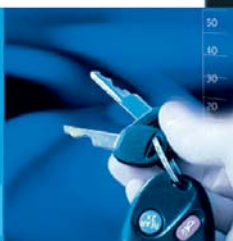


Driver's licence with **condition X**

Mandatory
requirement to
drive a vehicle
fitted with an
**ALCOHOL
IGNITION
INTERLOCK**



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Who is covered?

Any person convicted of an alcohol-impaired driving offence after April 22, 2002 who must undergo a comprehensive assessment by the Fédération québécoise des centres de réadaptation pour personnes alcooliques et autres toxicomanes (FQCRPAT).

To be allowed to take the wheel again, this person must get a driver's licence with condition X from the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec. This condition requires the mandatory use of an ignition interlock (prevents a vehicle's engine from starting when it detects alcohol in the operator's breath) for one to three years, depending on the number of convictions this person has received within a reference period of 10 years.

Do you qualify?

To be eligible for a driver's licence with condition X:

- Your penalty period for alcohol-impaired driving must have ended.
- The assessment report from the Fédération must be favourable.
- You must have taken the ALCOFREIN education program in the case of a first conviction.

Which licences can be issued with condition X?

- Only a probationary licence or a driver's licence.



Note:

- Condition X does not apply to a motorcycle operator's licence, as the ignition interlock cannot be installed on a motorcycle.
- Operating a motorcycle before the end of the mandatory ignition interlock period is prohibited.
- If you hold a class 5 learner's licence, condition X will apply upon issue of your probationary licence or driver's licence.

What is an alcohol ignition interlock?

An ignition interlock is a device that prevents a vehicle's engine from starting if it detects the presence of alcohol in the operator's breath sample. This device samples the prospective driver's breath to measure the blood-alcohol level and records all of the data involved in its use.

Where is it available?

A single model is approved by the SAAQ.

It is available, by lease only, at participating LEBEAU VITRES D'AUTOS branches or at a GUARDIAN INTERLOCK SERVICE (GIS) CENTRE. Call **1 888 252-6638** to find out the location of the branch or centre nearest you that installs such devices.

How do you get a licence with condition X?

The SAAQ will send you a letter authorizing the installation of an alcohol-ignition interlock.

Once you have decided to get a licence:

- 1 Make sure you still qualify for an alcohol-ignition interlock by calling the SAAQ at: 1 800 561-2858.
- 2 If you qualify, make an appointment with a participating LEBEAU VITRES D'AUTOS branch or with a GIS centre, where you will have to show the letter from the SAAQ to sign the lease for an alcohol-ignition interlock.
- 3 Then go to an SAAQ service centre where you must show:
 - the signed copy of the lease;
 - the letter from the SAAQ.
- 4 With your licence, you can now return to the LEBEAU VITRES D'AUTO branch or the GIS centre to have an ignition interlock installed.

Are there Costs?

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

* An additional charge may apply to some vehicles.

What about **terms**?

Every two months, the device must be taken to the LEBEAU VITRES D'AUTOS branch or GIS centre 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.

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

If you fail to abide by these terms and conditions, you could be subject to a **three-month licence suspension**.

If you operate a vehicle without an ignition interlock, or drive while under licence suspension, you could be subject to a **fine**, and the vehicle you are driving may be **seized and impounded for 30 days**.



For further **INFORMATION**,
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Or write to:

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