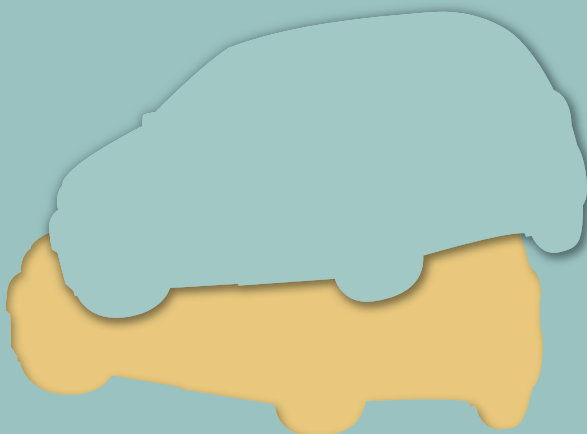


RECOVERY OF A SEIZED VEHICLE



HOW DO YOU RECOVER YOUR VEHICLE BEFORE THE END OF THE 30-DAY IMPOUNDMENT PERIOD?

IF THE OWNER WAS NOT THE DRIVER

The owner of a vehicle who was not at the wheel at the moment of seizure must receive authorization from the SAAQ or a Court of Québec judge.

How to apply

Application to the SAAQ:

- ▶ Fill out and sign the *Application for Vehicle Release from Seizure* form available at SAAQ service outlets or online at: www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/formulaires/index.php
- ▶ Enclose the *procès-verbal de saisie de véhicule routier* (statement of seizure).
- ▶ Submit the application for release from seizure:
 - in person at an SAAQ service outlet;
 - by mailing it to: Division de la saisie des véhicules et de la révision – no d'act. 1462 Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec P.O. Box 19500, succursale Terminus Québec (Québec) G1K 8J5
 - by fax at 418 643-2200 or toll free at 1 866 680-1939.

Motion of release from seizure before the Court of Québec

The owner of the vehicle must file a motion of release with the clerk of the Court of Québec at the courthouse of his or her judicial district and pay the attendant fee. A copy of the motion filed with the Court and a copy of the *procès-verbal de saisie de véhicule routier* (statement of seizure) must be sent at least two clear days (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) before the motion is presented to a judge.



IF THE OWNER WAS THE DRIVER

An owner who was driving the vehicle may apply to recover the vehicle before the end of the impoundment period under the following conditions:

- 1** The vehicle was seized for driving under penalty (sec. 209.2) AND there were no other grounds for seizure entered on the *procès-verbal de saisie de véhicule routier* (statement of seizure).

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- 2** The vehicle was seized for one of the following reasons:

- driving with a blood-alcohol level in excess of 160 mg per 100 ml of blood;
- refusal to provide a breath or blood sample;
- excessive speeding in a zone of 60 km/h or less (2nd offence for excessive speeding in a zone of 60 km/h or less within the 10 previous years).

How to apply

Application to the SAAQ:

- Fill out and sign the *Application for Review of Suspension of a Licence or the Right to Obtain One* form available at SAAQ service outlets or online at: www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/formulaires/index.php
- Enclose the following required documents:
 - the original copy of the *procès-verbal de saisie de véhicule routier* (statement of seizure);
 - the original copy of the *procès-verbal de suspension du permis ou du droit d'en obtenir un* (statement of licence suspension); If, in the "Suspension" section of the *procès-verbal de suspension du permis ou du droit d'en obtenir un* (statement of licence suspension), the peace officer checked off Article 202.4 par. 1, you must also provide:
- the original certificate from the qualified lab technician (analysis of a breath or blood sample). No application for review will be considered unless all of the required documents are submitted.
- Submit the application for release from seizure:
 - in person at an SAAQ service outlet;
 - by mailing it to: Division de la saisie des véhicules et de la révision – no d'act. 1462 Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec P.O. Box 19500, succursale Terminus Québec (Québec) G1K 8J5

The review application may not be submitted by fax, since original documents are required. Documents will be returned to you by mail along with the decision on your application.

- 3** Vehicle seized under the *Act respecting owners, operators and drivers of heavy vehicles*

The owner of a heavy vehicle seized for driving while the vehicle was prohibited from operation or road use under the *Act respecting owners, operators and drivers of heavy vehicles* must file a request with the Commission des transports du Québec.

HOW DO YOU RECOVER YOUR VEHICLE AT THE END OF THE 30-DAY SEIZURE PERIOD?

The owner of the vehicle must make an appointment with the pound custodian, go to the pound, and pay the towing and impounding charges. The custodian may only release the vehicle after receiving authorization from the SAAQ.

The owner must recover the vehicle within 10 days following the end of the impoundment period.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE VEHICLE IS NOT RECOVERED WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE IMPOUNDMENT PERIOD?

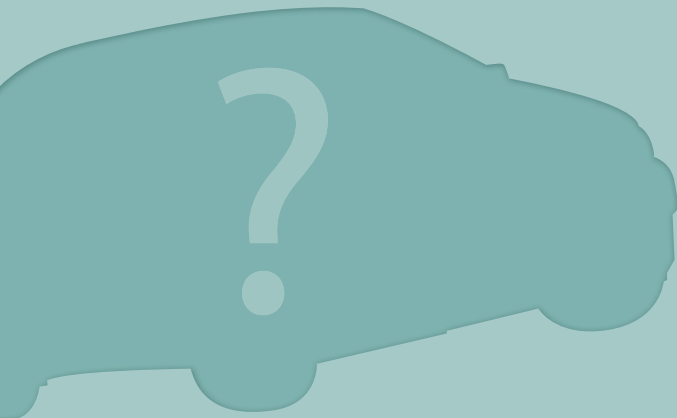
The SAAQ sends a notice to the owner and creditors. If the owner does not recover the vehicle following this notice, the SAAQ will dispose of the vehicle as follows:

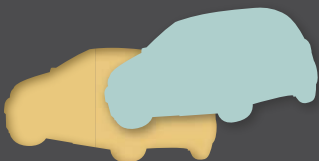
► Vehicles valued at \$2,500 or less:

The SAAQ will remove the vehicle from road use and give it to the pound custodian in payment of the towing and impounding charges. The owner must pay the SAAQ's administrative fees, or lose the right to obtain a driver's licence or to register a vehicle.

► Vehicles valued at more than \$2,500:

The SAAQ will dispose of the vehicle by auction sale. In addition to covering administrative costs, proceeds from the sale are used to reimburse the pound custodian for towing and impounding charges, settle any liens on the vehicle and any unpaid fines and fees owed by the owner of the vehicle at the time of seizure. The remaining balance, if any, is remitted to the vehicle owner.





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