

Certified Ignition Interlock Device (CIID)

State law requires installation and maintenance of an interlock after being convicted of a certain alcohol- and/or drug- related violations (see A.R.S. § [28-1381](#), [28-1382](#), [28-1383](#), [28-1461](#) and [28-3319](#)).

What is an Ignition Interlock Device?

An Ignition interlock device is a device that is installed in a motor vehicle to prevent alcohol-impaired individuals from driving. Before starting the vehicle, the driver will be required to blow into the ignition interlock's mouthpiece to provide a breath sample for analysis. If the driver's blood alcohol concentration is above the preset limit (0.02), the vehicle will not start. Once the vehicle is started, the driver may be required to submit additional breath samples at random times while the engine is running. For safety reasons, the device cannot turn off the car ignition once it has been started. The ignition interlock retains and transmits data to the department including test results and violations.

How do I get the Ignition Interlock installed?

A list of ignition interlock service providers authorized for use in the State of Arizona is available at azdot.gov/mvd/services/driver-services/ignition-interlock/interlock-installation-and-monitoring.

What do I do after I get the Ignition Interlock Installed?

In order to establish a starting point for your required ignition interlock time frame, ensure that all other statutory requirements are met or the cause for the action is removed. To reinstate, please visit an [MVD or Authorized Third Party office](#). If you have already reinstated your driving privileges, the interlock requirement is effective immediately upon the department receiving notice of the conviction. Failure to have the device installed and to provide verification to MVD within 30 days of your conviction may result in immediate suspension of your Arizona driving privilege and possible extension of the original interlock requirement. Once installed in your vehicle, the interlock device must be calibrated and inspected by a certified installer every 90 days. The manufacturer must electronically submit compliance checks every 90 days.

Am I eligible for the Six Month Deferment?

Some violations may be eligible to remove the Interlock device after 6 months. Contact an MVD or Authorized Third Party office if you feel you may be eligible.

You may be eligible if:

- The violation was on or after January 1, 2012.
- The violation was not an extreme DUI.
- There was no accident involved.
- You completed at least 16 hours of substance abuse education.
- There were no violations during the first 6 months.
- It has been at least 6 months since your reinstatement date.
- 2nd 6 months is a "probationary period".

If you are approved for the deferment, a letter of "Ignition Interlock Deferment" will be uploaded to your AZ MVD Now account and will be mailed to your current address on file.

What violations are causes for extension or suspension of the CIID?

- **Failed Breath Tests (2 if over age 21/1 if under age 21- samples over the legal limit at any time during the entire interlock requirement)** - The interlock may enter a lockout period and 6 month extension of the CIID.
- **Failed/Missed 3 Consecutive Rolling Retest** – A 6 month extension of CIID. This includes but is not limited to, turning the vehicle off after a request to avoid providing a sample.
- **Missed Scheduled 90 day Calibration Appointment**- A suspension of the driver's license and the original interlock time frame to start over.
- **Tampering or Circumventing the device** – A 6 month extension of the CIID and/or prosecution. Tampering or Circumventing is a Class 1 Misdemeanor.
- **Disconnecting or removing a device early** - A suspension of the driver's license and the original interlock time frame to start over.
 - If you switch vehicles or manufacturers, you have 72 hours from removal to reinstall. During the 72 hours, driving without an Interlock device installed is not permitted.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Visit azdot.gov/mvd/services/driver-services/ignition-interlock/faq-ignition-interlock or scan QR code below.

