

# Alcohol interlock licence conditions

If you breach any of the following conditions, a maximum penalty up to \$2,500 and a further licence disqualification can apply.

- You must not drive a motor vehicle other than the vehicle you have nominated for the purpose of the mandatory alcohol interlock scheme.
- You must not drive the nominated vehicle unless it is fitted with a properly functioning alcohol interlock that has been installed by an approved alcohol interlock provider.
- You must only operate the nominated vehicle in accordance with the provided instructions.
- You must not interfere with the alcohol interlock or cause or permit the alcohol interlock to be interfered with.
- When driving you must carry in the vehicle a certificate issued by the interlock provider certifying that the alcohol interlock fitted to the vehicle was properly functioning when the vehicle was last examined by the provider.
- You must produce the certificate to a police officer if required to do so.
- You must produce the nominated vehicle for examination by the approved alcohol interlock provider as required by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.
- P plates must be displayed on nominated vehicle (whilst you are driving) during the period of the Alcohol Interlock Scheme.



A serious drink driving offence includes:

- driving under the influence
- refusing a breath test
- refusing a blood test
- Blood Alcohol Content Category 3 (a reading of .15 or more)
- Blood Alcohol Content Category 2 (a reading of 0.08 and up to 0.14) where a previous alcohol offence (other than a Category 1 offence with a BAC less than .08) exists within the last five years.

**Drink driving remains a significant factor in deaths and serious injuries on our roads. If you're thinking of drinking – don't take the car.**

## For more information

Department for Infrastructure and Transport  
Ph: 1300 933 240 (9am to 5pm)  
[service.sa.gov.au](http://service.sa.gov.au)



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The Alcohol Interlock Scheme is mandatory for drivers disqualified from driving following a serious drink driving offence.

The driver must re-apply for a licence and fit an alcohol interlock breath-testing device to their vehicle before they can resume driving.

An alcohol interlock is a small breath-testing device, about the size of an electric shaver, which is fitted to the ignition of a vehicle. It measures the level of alcohol in your breath after you blow into it allowing you to drive legally but preventing you from driving if alcohol is detected.

The driver is responsible for all costs associated with the installation, rental, servicing and removal of the alcohol interlock device.

## How to re-apply for your licence and fit an alcohol interlock device

### 1. Contact the licence review office

When your disqualification period is nearing completion, telephone the licence review office on 1300 933 240 (9am to 5pm).

You will be advised if there are any outstanding requirements before you can apply for a probationary/provisional licence and have an alcohol interlock device installed.

### 2. Re-apply for your driver's licence

Attend a Service SA customer service centre to re-apply for your driver's licence.

The licence will be subject to the Mandatory Alcohol Interlock Scheme conditions. The conditions will apply for a period which is equal to the disqualification period ordered by the court plus any immediate licence suspension issued to you by South Australia Police, to a maximum of 3 years.

Incidents recorded in the final three months of your prescribed period on the scheme may result in your period on the scheme being extended.

### 3. Fit an alcohol interlock device

Make an appointment with one of the approved providers to fit an alcohol interlock to your nominated vehicle. You will need written approval from the registered owner if the vehicle is not registered in your name.

Providers have their own pricing system so please contact them to determine the cost that will apply to you.

The provider will train you to use the device and provide you with information on servicing and maintenance.

#### Approved alcohol interlock providers

Smart Start Interlocks  
Tel: 1300 256 900  
Fax: (03) 9303 7386  
Email: [info@smartstartinterlocks.com.au](mailto:info@smartstartinterlocks.com.au)

Draeger Safety Pacific Pty Ltd  
Tel: (08) 8186 2461  
Fax: (03) 9265 5166  
Website: [www.draeger.com.au/interlock](http://www.draeger.com.au/interlock)

Guardian Interlock Systems Australasia Pty Ltd  
Tel: (08) 8276 6777  
Toll Free: 1300 881 005  
Fax: (08) 8374 2658  
Email: [enquiries@guardianinterlock.com.au](mailto:enquiries@guardianinterlock.com.au)

**You must comply with the conditions of your probationary or provisional licence as well as the alcohol interlock conditions.**



## Costs of the alcohol interlock scheme

You are responsible for all costs associated with the alcohol interlock device. The following costs are approximate only and may vary depending on your personal circumstances.

**Entry:** Approximately \$400 for installation of the interlock device, an annual administration fee, and driver's licence fees.

**Monthly:** Approximately \$160 for rental and service of the interlock device.

**Exit:** Approximately \$150 to remove the interlock device.