



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT IIDs

Q&A: DRIVER LICENSE AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Q: What happens when I can get my regular license back and still have to have an IID?

A: When an offender has completed the revocation/suspension period, the DMV will issue a regular, Class D license. The IID requirement and end date will appear as a license restriction.

Q: Can I transfer my IID to a different vehicle?

A: Yes, an IID can be transferred to another vehicle at any time during the sanction period. There will be additional fees for the removal and reinstallation of the device.

Q: What if our vehicles are registered in both mine and my spouse's name?

A: The law requires a breath alcohol ignition interlock device be installed in each Class D vehicle for which the person's name appears on the certificate of title or registration. If the couple has three vehicles registered, then each of them must be equipped with an IID, unless exempted by the court that ordered the IID. You may also be able to retitle the vehicle but fees will be incurred. Everyone who operates a vehicle with an IID installed in it is required to provide samples during operation.

Q: Can I sell an IID-equipped vehicle?

A: Yes, you can sell a vehicle that is subject to an IID order. The IID should be removed before selling the vehicle. If the IID time has not been completed, you must still comply with the IID requirement. If you are not complying the DMV will notify you that you have 15 days in which to comply with the IID requirement or your driver license will be cancelled.

Q: What happens if I register another vehicle while subject to an IID order?

A: When DMV receives the vehicle registration, they verify whether the owner is subject to an IID order. If there is no proof of IID installation on the newly- registered vehicle, the DMV will notify the offender that they have 15 days in which to install an IID. If no device is installed, their license will be cancelled.

Q: Who do I contact to verify that I can have the IID removed?

A: Check the back of your license or visit the DMV website to confirm the order has been fulfilled <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/online-srvcs/other-servs/status-check.aspx>.

Q: What happens if I remove the IID before the time is up?

A: The DMV is notified of every IID installation and removal. If the IID is removed by a vendor before your time has been completed, you will receive a letter from DMV indicating your driver license will be cancelled unless they receive proof of IID compliance (reinstallation) within 15 days.

If you remove the IID before the sanction period is completed, you may be subject to fines, jail time and a mandatory 6-month extension of the IID order.



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Q: When am I required to have an IID?

A: An offender must have an IID installed in every vehicle registered or titled in their name (unless specifically exempted by the courts), prior to issuance of any license.

The waiting period begins on the effective date of the revocation or suspension and may vary depending on previous driving history and the reason for the current revocation/suspension. When an occupational or driver license is issued, it will indicate that an IID is required and the end date of the requirement.

All OWI convictions include mandatory license revocation/suspension periods. The following table summarizes license eligibility, required length of interlock installation and prohibited alcohol concentration (PAC) for OWI-related convictions:

Conviction	Occupational License Eligibility	IID Term	PAC Limit with Occupational
OWI- 1 st with BAC/BrAC above .15	Immediate	1 year	0.02%
OWI- 2 nd (no prior OWI within 10 years)	45 days	1 year	0.00%
OWI- 2 nd [+ prior OWI within 10 years]	45 days	12 - 18 months	0.00%
OWI- 3 rd and up	45 days	1 - 3 years + length of confinement*	0.00%
Causing injury while OWI (no prior OWI or refusal)	60 days		0.02%
Causing injury while OWI (+ prior OWI or refusal)	60 days – 1 year	1 - 2 years + length of confinement*	0.00%
Causing great bodily harm by OWI	120 days – 1 year		0.00%
Homicide while OWI	120 days – 1 year	1 - 5 years + length of confinement*	0.00%
Refusal- 1 st	30 days	1 year	0.02%
Refusal- 2 nd	60 days	1 year	0.00%
Refusal- 3 rd	90 days	2 years	0.00%

*Length of confinement is determined by the court at the time of sentencing

Q: I obtained my occupational license the same day as my OWI- 1st conviction and a week later I received a notice that my license will be cancelled. Why?

A: When you obtained your occupational license, there was no record of the conviction and there was no IID requirement on file. As soon as DMV received these records, your license was flagged for cancellation as there was no proof of IID installation at the time of issuance. You must comply with the requirements in the letter DMV sent you.

Q: I travel out of state for business and frequently must rent a car- is this permissible?

A: An offender's driver license restricts operation to only motor vehicles equipped with an ignition interlock device. Unless the rental companies offer IID-equipped vehicles, you cannot legally operate the vehicle.



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Q: I've fulfilled my IID time, what do I do now?

A: Double-check that your order has been fulfilled either on the [DMV website](#) or using the date on the back of your license. If the device is removed before the duration has been fulfilled, the offender must pay to have the device re-installed to complete the order and to remove the device a second time.

After confirming the IID order is fulfilled, contact the vendor to schedule the device removal. There is no requirement for the offender to receive permission from the WI DMV or DOT before removing the device and there are no forms to fill out for the WI DMV or DOT before removal. Once the IID is removed from the vehicle, the service center will forward the removal documentation to the DMV and no additional action is required.