



Frequently Asked Interlock Questions

Q: When I resided in New Jersey, I was issued a DUI but have since moved to another state. I was told by the ignition interlock companies in the state where I now live that I am not required to have the device installed on any vehicle. Is this true? What should I do?

A: No, this is not true. Installation of the interlock device is a condition for having your license restored in New Jersey. Your privilege is suspended in New Jersey and will remain suspended until you have satisfied all requirements for restoration. An interlock device needs to be placed on the vehicle you principally operate in order for you to be restored. Failure to do so will keep you suspended in New Jersey. This suspension may prevent your new state from issuing you a license. In order to comply with the interlock limitation requirements while living in your current location, you may check the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) website for a list of manufacturers. Call each of the manufacturers to find out which one does business at a location near you. Go to that location with your letter from the New Jersey MVC and have the device installed on the vehicle you will principally operate. Once the device is installed, mail copies of any receipt and other documentation that you receive from the installer to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, Driver Management Bureau, PO Box 134, Trenton, NJ, 08650, Attention: Interlock Compliance.

Q: I am a student and currently do not own or operate a vehicle. What should I do?

A: If you do not plan to operate any vehicles following your suspension term, you may obtain a non-driver ID by presenting 6 Points of Identification at any Motor Vehicle Agency. In order to restore your driving privileges, you will need to provide the MVC with a service invoice and a certification of interlock installation to prove installation of an ignition interlock device on any vehicle you will be operating. The vehicle does not need to belong to you. If you do not install an interlock device ordered by the court in a motor vehicle owned, leased or regularly operated by you, your driver license may be suspended for one year in addition to any other suspension or revocation imposed.

Q: What happens if I don't have the interlock device installed on a vehicle?

A: Failure to install a court ordered ignition interlock device in a vehicle you operate may result in an additional one year driving privilege suspension.

Q: I called the MVC and was told there is an entry saying, "Interlock Limitation during Suspension," which means I have to have an interlock device on my vehicle during my suspension time. Is this true?

A: Yes. As required by New Jersey law, a judge may order an interlock limitation during and after the suspension term.



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Q: I have two interlock suspensions on my record from two different DWI suspensions. One is for one hundred eighty days (180) and the second is for seven hundred thirty (730) days. How much time am I required to keep the interlock device on my vehicle?

A: If both interlock terms are sent in as consecutive terms you will serve the combined term, ex; one hundred eighty (180) days plus seven hundred thirty (730) days equals nine hundred ten days (910). If one or both are concurrent, the maximum term is how long the interlock device will remain on your vehicle.

Q: Can I have the suspension order changed if I don't have a vehicle to put the interlock device on?

A: The MVC does not have the authority to modify a court order. You were sentenced to the interlock installation in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey. The interlock device must be installed on every vehicle you intend to operate. If you do not have access to or plan to operate any vehicle, it is not necessary to restore your New Jersey driving privilege.

Q: What happens if I have the interlock device removed before my interlock requirement time is over? For example, my vehicle was totaled in an accident or if was impounded or sold?

A: You must have the interlock device removed from your vehicle and return the device to your interlock provider. The interlock provider will then notify the MVC that the device was removed. The MVC will send you a letter explaining that your driving privilege will be suspended until you provide another interlock certificate as proof that an interlock device has been installed on another vehicle. The vehicle that you have an interlock device installed on must be the vehicle that you will principally operate during the term of the court order. You may not legally operate any vehicle without an interlock device installed for the entire term of the court order.



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Q: What happens if I cannot operate the interlock device due to a medical condition?

A: You must contact your physician and get a detailed note explaining your condition and why you are unable to operate the interlock device. Then present the note to your interlock manufacturer who will contact the MVC for consideration.

Q: I have met all my other restoration requirements except certifying that the ignition interlock requirement has been installed. What is my next step?

A: After the approved ignition interlock device has been installed, you will receive a Certificate of Installation of an approved ignition interlock device. You must present the Certificate along with the installation work order, in person, at a Motor Vehicle Commission Full Service Agency. Full service agencies are in Eatontown, Newark, Paterson, Trenton, and West Deptford.

Q: Which of my motor vehicle(s) must have an ignition interlock device?

A: Any motor vehicle you operate, including motorcycles and autocycles, must have an ignition interlock device.