

What is an Ignition Interlock Device Restricted Driver's License?

An Ignition Interlock Device Restricted License, referred to as an “**RDL**”, allows you to drive non-commercial vehicles equipped with an ignition interlock device, while your regular license is suspended or revoked for an alcohol-related driving under the influence offense. You are granted a conditional reinstatement ahead of your normal eligibility date if you participate in the Ignition Interlock Program. If granted an RDL, you must adhere to all of the terms and requirements associated with an RDL; failing to do so will result in an extension of your IID requirements.

What is an Ignition Interlock Device?

An Ignition Interlock Device, referred to as an “**IID**”, is an after-market device which is installed in a vehicle. The IID is connected to the starter or ignition, or other on-board computer system of a vehicle. The device prevents a driver from operating the vehicle if the driver has been drinking. Before starting the vehicle, a driver must blow into the device; if the driver's BAC is at or over a pre-set limit, 0.02 in Vermont, the IID will not allow the vehicle to start. Once the vehicle is started, at random times during the operation of the vehicle, the device will prompt the driver to provide another breath sample, referred to as “random retests”. If the breath sample is not provided, or if the breath sample is at or exceeds a BAC of 0.02, the IID will log the event as a “failure”, and will then signal the vehicle to begin flashing the lights and sounding the horn. This will continue until the vehicle is turned off, or a clean breath sample has been provided.

Renewing an RDL

How often do I need to renew my RDL?

Your RDL must be renewed on a yearly basis. A renewal notice, along with an Application for Ignition Interlock Device Restricted Driver's License will be mailed to you 30 days before your RDL expires. You will need to complete the application and return it to DMV with the appropriate renewal fee. If you do not renew your RDL on or by the expiration, you will be issued a suspension for failing to renew your RDL, and will remain under suspension until you renew your RDL and pay the Reinstatement Fee.

- ✦ **Note:** The expiration date of your **initial** RDL will expire on your second birthday after the issuance of your initial RDL. You will then need to renew your RDL on a yearly basis thereafter.

How many times can I renew my RDL?

Provided you are willing to pay all of the associated costs of having an interlock device (i.e. IID installation, purchasing or leasing, calibrating and data retrieval, etc.; as well as the yearly RDL renewal fee) your RDL can be renewed on a yearly basis for an indefinite number of years.

See “Ignition Interlock FAQ” (Form VL-086) for completed details.