

What is the Ignition Interlock Limited License Law?

Act 33 of 2016 established an Ignition Interlock Limited License. An Ignition Interlock Limited License is a driver's license issued to an individual whose operating privilege is suspended or revoked for one or more violations of driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance or refusal to submit to chemical testing. Under the law, an Ignition Interlock Limited License permits an individual, if certain requirements are met, to operate a motor vehicle(s) equipped with an Ignition Interlock system during the term, or part of the term, of their suspension or revocation.

What types of violations are eligible for an Ignition Interlock Limited License?

A violation of 75 Pa.C.S. Section 3802 (relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance) and 75 Pa.C.S. Section 1547 (relating to chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled substance). In addition, a violation substantially similar to a violation under 75 Pa.C.S. Section 3802 or former 75 Pa.C.S. Section 3731 in another jurisdiction, requiring the individual to operate only motor vehicles equipped with a functioning Ignition Interlock system, are also eligible.

Is an individual eligible for an Ignition Interlock Limited License if they have never been licensed?

No; PennDOT is prohibited from issuing an Ignition Interlock Limited License to an individual who is not licensed to drive by Pennsylvania or any other state.

How does an individual determine if they are eligible for an Ignition Interlock Limited License?

Eligibility can be determined by reviewing the following:

- 75 Pa.C.S Section 1556
- Ignition Interlock Limited License Fact Sheet
- Ignition Interlock Limited License Eligibility Charts
- Ignition Interlock Limited License Petition (Form DL-9108)
- A copy of your driver history

NOTE: If you have been cited for, or convicted of, a violation that has yet to be received by PennDOT, this may affect your eligibility.

Is an individual eligible for an Ignition Interlock Limited License if they received an operating privilege suspension or revocation for an eligible violation prior to August 25, 2017?

Yes, if all the following apply:

1. The suspension or revocation is the last sanction listed on their driver record.
2. More than 7 days remain until their restoration eligibility date.

Is an individual eligible for an Ignition Interlock Limited License if their violation occurred prior to August 25, 2017, and they do not have an Ignition Interlock restoration requirement?

Yes, if all criteria listed in the prior response is met.

Is an individual who receives an operating privilege suspension as a result of Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition acceptance for a violation of driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance eligible for an Ignition Interlock Limited License?

Yes; a suspension imposed as a result of Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition acceptance is eligible for an Ignition Interlock Limited License.

Must court ordered DUI treatment be completed in order for an individual to be eligible for an Ignition Interlock Limited License?

No. Court ordered DUI treatment does not need to be completed to be eligible for an Ignition Interlock Limited License; however, it will be required to be completed in order to restore from the suspension or revocation.

Must PennDOT receive prison release information from the court in order for an individual to be eligible for an Ignition Interlock Limited License?

Yes. In order for PennDOT to issue an Ignition Interlock Limited License, prison release information must be received from the court.

Will the time period an individual holds an Ignition Interlock Limited License count toward the mandatory one-year Ignition Interlock period required as a condition of restoration?

Yes; however, credit will only be given in cases where the Ignition Interlock requirement is a result of the violation which imposed the suspension or revocation.

Can a commercial driver license holder who is suspended or revoked be issued an Ignition Interlock Limited License?

Yes; however, an Ignition Interlock Limited License will only permit a CDL holder to operate a non-commercial motor vehicle. PennDOT is prohibited from issuing an Ignition Interlock Limited License for purposes of operating a commercial motor vehicle.

About the Ignition Interlock System

What is Ignition Interlock?

An Ignition Interlock system is a device that is installed in a motor vehicle to prohibit an individual under the influence of alcohol from operating the vehicle. An individual is required to blow into the device before starting the vehicle. If the device detects alcohol, it will prevent the vehicle from starting. In addition, at periodic times during the operation of the vehicle, the individual will be prompted to blow into the device to ensure they are not under the influence.

How much does the Ignition Interlock System cost?

Cost may vary depending on the provider chosen. An Ignition Interlock system is leased from the Ignition Interlock vendor. Currently, the average costs associated with leasing an Ignition Interlock system is between \$900 to \$1,300 per year. The individual required to have the Ignition Interlock system is responsible for all costs.

Who approves the Ignition Interlock systems?

PennDOT is responsible for publishing a list of approved Ignition Interlock systems. The list of approved systems will be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Applying for an Ignition Interlock System/Limited License

How do I apply for an Ignition Interlock Limited License?

To apply, an individual must complete an Ignition Interlock Limited License Petition, PennDOT form DL-9108, which includes a DL-9108SC form, and send it with the required fees and documentation to PennDOT by certified mail to the address listed on the petition.

What are the initial steps for applying for an Ignition Interlock Limited License?

An individual must surrender their driver's license, if not already surrendered. In all circumstances, the suspension or revocation is required to be acknowledged. If the driver's license has been lost or stolen, the applicant must apply for a duplicate license or license renewal (if driver's license has expired or will be expiring within six months). The restoration fee must be paid in full at the time of the petition. An Ignition Interlock system is required to be installed in each vehicle(s) the individual intends to operate prior to the petition being submitted.

What is the fee for an Ignition Interlock Limited License, and are there any other fees required to be paid?

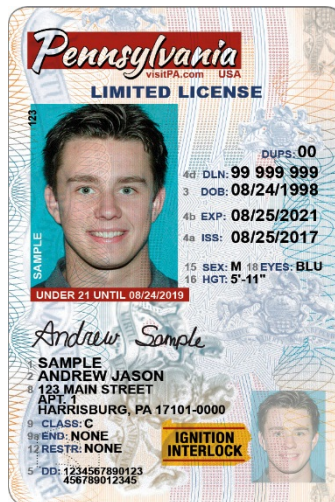
The application fee for an Ignition Interlock Limited License is \$65.00 and is non-refundable. In addition to the application fee, a restoration fee must be paid, if not already paid, and either a duplicate license or renewal license fee (if driver’s license has expired or will be expiring within six months) is required.

What does an Ignition Interlock Limited License look like?

An Ignition Interlock Limited License displays a red banner behind the word “Pennsylvania”, the words “LIMITED LICENSE” towards the top of the license, and the words “IGNITION INTERLOCK” in the yellow map of Pennsylvania. This license permits a person to only drive a vehicle equipped with an Ignition Interlock system. From the date the Ignition Interlock Limited License is issued to the time an unrestricted driver’s license is issued, an individual may not drive, operate, or be in actual physical control of the movement of any motor vehicle which is not equipped with an Ignition Interlock system.

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When sending in my Ignition Interlock Limited License Petition, how do I determine whether I should apply for a duplicate license or license renewal?

If your driver’s license has expired, or will expire within the next 6 months, it is recommended that you complete and submit a renewal application at the time of petition in order to avoid paying another fee once the duplicate driver’s license you are issued expires.

Is an individual’s driving privilege still under suspension or revocation if issued an Ignition Interlock Limited License?

Yes. The operating privileges of an individual who has been issued an Ignition Interlock Limited License remain under suspension or revocation, except when operating a vehicle in accordance with the conditions of issuance and restrictions of the Ignition Interlock Limited License.

Is an Ignition Interlock Limited License Petition allowed to be mailed using regular mail or walked/taken to a PennDOT Driver License Center or Photo Center?

No. By law, an applicant for an Ignition Interlock Limited License is required to file the petition with PennDOT by certified mail (see 75 Pa.C.S. Section 1556(b)(1)).

Where can an individual obtain more information on an Ignition Interlock Limited License and/or the petition?

Information on an Ignition Interlock Limited License (IILL), as well as the IILL Petition, can be found on PennDOT’s website at www.dmv.pa.gov/Information-Centers/Suspensions. If you do not have access to the internet, you can obtain this information by writing to the address listed below or calling the department’s Customer Care Center at 717-412-5300. If sending written correspondence, please include your driver’s license number and daytime telephone number on your correspondence.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
Bureau of Driver Licensing
Restorations Unit, Ignition Interlock Limited License
P.O. Box 68273
Harrisburg, PA 17106-8273

Installing Ignition Interlock System

For a list of approved Ignition Interlock vendors, go to the Pennsylvania DUI Association webpage at www.padui.org and select the Ignition Interlock Vendors link in the middle of the homepage. An Ignition Interlock system is leased from the Ignition Interlock vendor. Currently, the average costs associated with leasing an Ignition Interlock system is between \$900 to \$1,300 per year.

How will an Ignition Interlock vendor know if an individual is eligible for an Ignition Interlock Limited License?

Ignition Interlock vendors are not responsible for determining an individual's eligibility for an Ignition Interlock Limited License.

What documentation must an individual present to an Ignition Interlock vendor in order to have an Ignition Interlock system installed in the vehicle(s) they will be operating?

An individual who visits an Ignition Interlock vendor for purposes of obtaining an Ignition Interlock Limited License will be required to present the vendor with their official notice of suspension or revocation.

Will an Ignition Interlock vendor charge an individual to certify that an Ignition Interlock system was installed?

An Ignition Interlock vendor can charge for this service. The fee charged is established by the vendor.

Who is responsible for verifying that all vehicles to be operated by an individual have had an approved Ignition Interlock system installed?

An individual petitioning for an Ignition Interlock Limited License is required to complete a "Self-Certification of Vehicle(s) To Be Operated" form (DL-9108SC) and list all vehicles to be operated. The form must then be provided to an Ignition Interlock vendor. Once all the vehicles to be operated by the individual have had an Ignition Interlock system installed, the vendor will complete their section of the form and send it to PennDOT.

Can the Ignition Interlock system be installed on a friend's, family member's, or company vehicle?

There is nothing in the law that prohibits a friend, family member or employer from installing an Ignition Interlock system in their vehicle for the Ignition Interlock Limited License holder's use. Any individual who uses the vehicle will be required to go through the breath test whenever prompted by the Ignition Interlock system.

How long must an Ignition Interlock system be installed in the vehicle?

For purposes of completing the one-year Ignition Interlock requirement imposed under 75 Pa.C.S. Section 3805 (relating to ignition interlock), the Ignition Interlock system must remain in the vehicle for one year from the date the Ignition Interlock Limited License is issued. If an individual does not have an Ignition Interlock requirement, the Ignition Interlock system will be required to remain in the vehicle if they wish to drive up until their operating privilege can be restored.

Enforcement/Penalties

How is an Ignition Interlock requirement enforced?

All PennDOT "Ignition Interlock" limited license products are easily recognized by law enforcement. If an individual is stopped by law enforcement and presents an Ignition Interlock Limited License, the vehicle they are operating must be equipped with an Ignition Interlock system.

What happens if an individual with an Ignition Interlock Limited license drives a vehicle without an Ignition Interlock system?

An individual convicted of operating a motor vehicle not equipped with Ignition Interlock system is subject to the following penalties:

- Subject to fines and imprisonment.
- First offense: Ignition Interlock period extended 12 months from date of conviction.
- Second and subsequent offense: 12-month suspension and must comply with Ignition Interlock before operating privilege can be restored.

Getting Your Unrestricted License Back

How does an individual obtain an unrestricted driver's license after having completed the one-year Ignition Interlock requirement while holding an Ignition Interlock Limited License?

If an Ignition Interlock requirement is imposed as a condition of restoration, thirty days prior to being eligible to receive an unrestricted driver's license, PennDOT will mail a notice to the individual that contains the date of their eligibility and an application to apply for an unrestricted driver's license. The notice will provide instructions on how to go about obtaining an unrestricted driver's license.

How does an individual that does not have an Ignition Interlock requirement obtain an unrestricted driver's license after having served their suspension or revocation term while holding an Ignition Interlock Limited License?

Thirty days prior to being eligible to receive an unrestricted driver's license, PennDOT will mail a notice to the individual that contains the date of their eligibility and an application to apply for an unrestricted driver's license. The notice will provide instructions on how to go about obtaining an unrestricted driver's license.

What is a Declaration of Compliance?

A Declaration of Compliance is a PennDOT-controlled form that Ignition Interlock vendors will utilize to certify that an individual has not had any incidents, as defined by law (see 75 Pa.C.S. Sections 3805(c)(2) (relating to issuance of unrestricted license) and 3805(h.2)(relating to declaration of compliance)), occur in the two consecutive months prior to the date entered on the certificate. For individuals who received an ILL as a result of a suspension for ARD, the compliance form must indicate that no incidents have occurred in the prior 30 days to the date entered on the certificate. Before PennDOT can issue an unrestricted driver's license, a Declaration of Compliance must be received from the Ignition Interlock vendor.

**Information regarding driver and vehicle services is available
on the Driver and Vehicle Services website at
www.dmv.pa.gov**

OR

**through our CUSTOMER CALL CENTER
24 hours if using a touchtone (pulse-tone) telephone.**

Service Representatives are available between the hours of
8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Monday through Friday
(*Eastern Standard Time*)

For direct assistance except on major holidays:

Please call 717-412-5300

TTY callers – please dial 711

This FAQ is solely for informational purposes and should only be used as a guide. Anyone viewing this FAQ to determine eligibility is advised to refer to 75 Pa.C.S. Section 1556 (relating to Ignition Interlock Limited License) and 75 Pa.C.S. Section 3805 (relating to ignition interlock).