Frequently Asked Questions

How long am I required to have an ignition interlock restriction?

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If you have two (2) DUI convictions within the past five (5) years you may be required to keep the ignition interlock restriction for an additional six (6) months after reinstatement of your license.

What if I own/drive multiple vehicles?

If your driver license has the Ignition Interlock Restriction (Code 16) the law requires that any vehicle you drive (including a company owned work vehicle) must be equipped with a functioning ignition interlock device. Drivers may elect to install an ignition interlock device on multiple vehicles.

What happens if I drive a vehicle that is not equipped with a functioning BAIID?

If your driver license status is "Revoked-Restricted" you are subject to being arrested for "Driving On A Revoked License - TCA 55-50-504" and your vehicle is subject to seizure.

If your driver license status has been reinstated and you still have the Ignition Interlock Restriction, you are subject to being charged for a violation of TCA 55-10-417 which is a Class A misdemeanor and you are subject to arrest and incarceration.

What if I have someone else blow into the BAIID to start the vehicle for me to drive?

Both you and the person blowing in the BAIID for you are in violation of TCA 55-10-417 which is a Class A misdemeanor and both parties are subject to arrest and incarceration.

What if my vehicle has become inoperable due to a crash or a mechanical issue?

You may request a toll of the consecutive three hundred sixty-five day period by submitting proof to the Ignition Interlock Program through your BAIID manufacturer. If the toll period is approved it does not relieve you from only driving a vehicle equipped with a BAIID while you possess a restricted license. Please visit our website to read TCA 55-10-425 in its entirety.

Contact A Representative Today

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Website: www.tn.gov/safety/ignitioninterlock

Driver License Information

Financial Responsibility Section
1150 Foster Avenue
Nashville, TN 37243

Restricted License Information Line
Phone: (615) 251-5250

Reinstatement Help Desk
Phone: (615) 251-8583

Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device (BAIID)
Program Requirements
TCA 55-10-417 & TCA 55-10-425
What is a Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device?

- The Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device (BAIID) is a device that is connected to the vehicle's ignition system and prevents the vehicle from starting if it detects a breath alcohol concentration (BrAC) in a breath test sample submitted by the driver that is at or above a preset limit.
- In Tennessee if the BrAC test sample submitted by the driver is at or above a .020% level, the interlock device will not allow the vehicle to start.
- In Tennessee all BAIIDs must be equipped with a camera which captures a digital photo of the driver each time a BrAC test is requested or submitted. It is the responsibility of the driver to ensure they are within view of the camera when a test is submitted. Failure to do so is circumvention of the device and is a violation of TCA 55-10-417 which is a Class A misdemeanor.
- After the vehicle has been started, the BAIID will periodically require the driver to submit to a series of random retests. If the driver skips or fails a random retest with a BrAC sample at or above the .020% preset limit, the BAIID will record a violation and cause the vehicle's lights to flash and the horn to blow until the driver stops the vehicle and turns off the ignition.

How Do I Obtain a BAIID and a Restricted License?

**STEP 1: Documents Required for Installation Eligibility**

If you have recently been convicted or plead guilty to a DUI offense, then you must obtain an Order for Restricted Driver License (ORDL) form signed by the judge indicating the reason for the ignition Interlock Restricted License requirement. This form must be provided to the BAIID manufacturer before the BAIID can be installed on your vehicle. If the revocation period for the DUI offense has already expired, then you will need to contact the Driver License Reinstatement Help Desk to request a "Reinstatement Requirements Letter" which you will provide to your BAIID manufacturer prior to the installation of the BAIID.

**STEP 2: Manufacturer Selection and Installation of the BAIID**

To select an approved BAIID manufacturer and find a service center location that is convenient for you, we encourage you to visit the Ignition Interlock Program's website:

www.tn.gov/safety/ignitioninterlock

**STEP 3: Obtaining Your Ignition Interlock Restricted Driver License**

Once you have the BAIID installed on your vehicle, please allow forty-eight (48) hours for proof of your installation to be uploaded into the driver license database. You must then return to a Driver Service Center and apply for a restricted driver license with the ignition interlock restriction.

Compliance Based Removal Requirements For DUI Offenses Occurring On or After July 1, 2016 (TCA 55-10-425)

- The BAIID must be installed and maintained in working order for a three hundred sixty-five (365) consecutive day period or for the entire period of the driver license revocation whichever is longer.
- If at any time the device is removed the three hundred sixty-five (365) day period will restart on the date of the re-installation of the device.
- During the final one hundred twenty (120) day period the device is required, the person shall not have any of the following violations:
  - Tampering, circumventing, or attempting to start the vehicle with a BrAC test in excess of .020% unless a passing retest is provided by the same driver within ten (10) minutes and it must be verified by a digital photo image of the driver;
  - Failing to take or skipping a rolling retest unless a digital photo verifies the vehicle was not occupied;
  - Failing a rolling retest with a BrAC in excess of .020% unless a passing retest is provided by the same driver within ten (10) minutes and verified by a digital photo image of the driver;
  - Removal of the device at any time during the required three hundred sixty-five (365) day period;
  - Failing to return to a service center to have the device calibrated, inspected, and a download of the data and photos every thirty (30) days.
- If at any time during the final one hundred twenty (120) days the person is found to have any of the above violations, the one hundred twenty (120) day period will restart at the date of the violation.
- For more information regarding all of the requirements of the Compliance Based Removal Law please visit our website.

44,966
* DUI starts were STOPPED by Ignition Interlock Devices in Tennessee from 2006-2016.

7,282
** Attempts to drive drunk in Tennessee were STOPPED by ignition interlocks in 2017.