

Alberta Administrative Licence Suspension

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An Administrative Licence Suspension may be issued to a driver charged under the *Criminal Code* for:

- Blood alcohol content greater than .08
- Ability to operate a motor vehicle is impaired by alcohol, drugs or a combination
- Refusal to comply with a lawful demand of a peace officer (e.g., for a breath sample)

| | Previously | Effective July 1, 2012 |
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| 1 st <i>Criminal Code</i> conviction within 10 years | <p>Licence suspension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate 24 hour suspension followed by • 21 day grace period followed by • 90 day licence suspension <p>Vehicle seizure: no seizure</p> <p>Appeal: Yes</p> <p>Remedial course: See note below</p> <p>Board¹ hearing: Optional</p> <p>Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for Board¹ hearing | <p>Licence suspension: Immediate licence suspension, which remains in place until the criminal charge is resolved</p> <p>Vehicle seizure: 3 days</p> <p>Appeal: Yes</p> <p>Remedial course: Planning Ahead</p> <p>Board¹ hearing: Optional</p> <p>Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for Board¹ hearing • Towing and impound charges |
| 2 nd <i>Criminal Code</i> conviction within 10 years | <p>Licence suspension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate 24 hour suspension followed by • 21 day grace period followed by • 90 day licence suspension <p>Vehicle seizure: no seizure</p> <p>Appeal: Yes</p> <p>Remedial course: See note below</p> <p>Board¹ hearing: Optional</p> <p>Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for Board¹ hearing | <p>Licence suspension: Immediate licence suspension, which remains in place until the criminal charge is resolved</p> <p>Vehicle seizure: 7 days</p> <p>Appeal: Yes</p> <p>Remedial course: IMPACT, may include assessment and monitoring</p> <p>Board¹ hearing: Optional</p> <p>Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for Board¹ hearing • Towing and impound charges |
| 3 rd / subsequent <i>Criminal Code</i> conviction within 10 years | <p>Licence suspension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate 24 hour suspension followed by • 21 day grace period followed by • 90 day licence suspension <p>Vehicle seizure: no seizure</p> <p>Appeal: Yes</p> <p>Remedial course: See note below</p> <p>Board¹ hearing: Optional</p> <p>Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for Board¹ hearing | <p>Licence suspension: Immediate licence suspension, which remains in place until the criminal charge is resolved</p> <p>Vehicle seizure: 7 days</p> <p>Appeal: Yes</p> <p>Remedial course: IMPACT or Assessment and Monitoring</p> <p>Board¹ hearing: Optional</p> <p>Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for Board¹ hearing • Towing and impound charges |

¹Board = Alberta Transportation Safety Board

Note: The sanctions noted above are for the Alberta Administrative Licence Suspension program and do not consider consequences for drivers *convicted* of an impaired driving offence under the *Criminal Code* (Canada). Also, some additional conditions and costs may apply prior to post-suspension licence reinstatement, including remedial courses such as Planning Ahead and IMPACT.

Visit <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/IIP.htm> and [Alberta Transportation's webpage](#) for more information on the Mandatory Ignition Interlock Program.

Alberta Immediate Roadside Sanctions

Note: Refusal to provide a breath sample continues to result in a charge under the *Criminal Code* (Canada) and an immediate suspension, which will remain in effect until all impaired related criminal charges are resolved.

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| Blood alcohol concentration of .05 or greater and no criminal charge laid | | |
| 1 st offence within 10 years | <p>Licence suspension: Immediate 24 hour Suspension</p> <p>Vehicle seizure: Not Mandatory</p> <p>Appeal: Immediate Roadside Appeal</p> <p>Remedial course: Not required</p> <p>Board¹ hearing: Not required</p> <p>Costs: None</p> | <p>Licence suspension: Immediate 3 day suspension</p> <p>Vehicle seizure: 3 days</p> <p>Appeal: Immediate Roadside Appeal</p> <p>Remedial course: Not required</p> <p>Board¹ hearing: Not required</p> <p>Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towing and impound charges |
| 2 nd offence within 10 years | <p>Licence suspension: Immediate 24 hour Suspension</p> <p>Vehicle seizure: Not Mandatory</p> <p>Appeal: Immediate Roadside Appeal</p> <p>Remedial course: Not required</p> <p>Board¹ hearing: Not required</p> <p>Costs: None</p> | <p>Licence suspension: Immediate 15 day suspension</p> <p>Vehicle seizure: 7 days</p> <p>Appeal: Immediate Roadside & Board¹ Appeal</p> <p>Remedial course: Planning Ahead² or equivalent</p> <p>Board¹ hearing: Upon referral by Registrar</p> <p>Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towing and impound charges • Course • Application for Board¹ hearing |
| 3 rd / subsequent offence within 10 years | <p>Licence suspension: Immediate 24 hour Suspension</p> <p>Vehicle seizure: Not Mandatory</p> <p>Appeal: Immediate Roadside Appeal</p> <p>Remedial course: Not required</p> <p>Board¹ hearing: Not required</p> <p>Costs: None</p> | <p>Licence suspension: Immediate 30 day suspension</p> <p>Vehicle seizure: 7 days</p> <p>Appeal: Immediate Roadside & Board¹ Appeal</p> <p>Remedial course: IMPACT³ or equivalent, may include assessment and monitoring</p> <p>Board¹ hearing: Mandatory</p> <p>Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towing and impound charges • Course • Application for Board¹ hearing |

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² Planning Ahead is a one-day course for impaired drivers with the goal of preventing impaired driving.

³ IMPACT is a weekend live-in alcohol and/or drug use assessment and pre-treatment course for impaired drivers.

Note: Drivers in the Graduated Driver Licensing program who have consumed alcohol, but are not criminally impaired, are subject to the [Alberta Zero Alcohol Tolerance](#) program.

Visit <http://atsb.alberta.ca/507.htm> for more information about the Vehicle Seizure Program in Alberta.

Alberta Zero Alcohol Tolerance Program (Graduated Driver's Licence)

Note: Refusal to provide a breath sample continues to result in a charge under the *Criminal Code* (Canada) and an immediate suspension, which will remain in effect until all impaired related criminal charges are resolved.

| | Previously | Effective July 1, 2012 |
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| Blood alcohol concentration greater than .00 and no criminal charge laid | | |
| Each offence | <p>Licence suspension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate 24 hour licence suspension followed by • 7 day grace period followed by • 30 day licence suspension <p>Vehicle seizure: No seizure</p> <p>Appeal: Yes</p> <p>Costs: None</p> | <p>Licence suspension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate 30 day suspension <p>Vehicle seizure: 7 days</p> <p>Appeal: Yes</p> <p>Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towing and impound charges |
| 2 nd / subsequent offences | Successive 30-day suspensions will result in the driver remaining in the Graduated Driver Licensing program until one year of suspension free driving is reached. | |
| Blood alcohol concentration of .08 or greater; ability to operate a motor vehicle is impaired by drugs, alcohol or a combination; or refusal to provide a breath sample | Please refer to the charts titled Alberta Administrative Licence Suspension and Mandatory Ignition Interlock Program | |

Alberta 24 Hour Suspension

Note: Refusal to provide a breath sample continues to result in a charge under the *Criminal Code* (Canada) and an immediate suspension, which will remain in effect until all impaired related criminal charges are resolved.

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| Ability to safely operate a motor vehicle is affected by drugs or alcohol ¹ | <p>Licence suspension: Immediate 24 Hour Suspension</p> <p>Vehicle seizure: Not Mandatory</p> <p>Appeal: Immediate Roadside Appeal</p> <p>Remedial course: Not required</p> <p>Board² hearing: Not required</p> <p>Cost: None</p> | <p>No Change</p> <p>Licence suspension: Immediate 24 Hour Suspension</p> <p>Vehicle seizure: Not Mandatory</p> <p>Appeal: Immediate Roadside Appeal</p> <p>Remedial course: Not required</p> <p>Board² hearing: Not required</p> <p>Cost: None</p> |
| Ability to safely operate a motor vehicle is affected by a physical or medical condition | <p>Licence suspension: None</p> <p>Note: Police have a common law and statutory right to prevent the continuation of dangerous or careless driving regardless of cause.</p> | <p>Licence suspension: Immediate 24 Hour Suspension</p> <p>Vehicle seizure: Not Mandatory</p> <p>Appeal: Immediate Roadside Appeal</p> <p>Remedial course: Not required</p> <p>Board² hearing: Not required</p> <p>Cost: None</p> |

¹ Drivers with a BAC greater than .05 where no criminal charge laid may be issued an [Immediate Roadside Sanction](#) instead of a 24-hour suspension. Graduated Licence Program drivers with a BAC greater than .00 where no criminal charge laid may be issued an [Alberta Zero Alcohol Tolerance](#) sanction instead of a 24-hour suspension. All drivers with a BAC greater than .08 may be subject to an [Alberta Administrative Licence Suspension](#) and a *Criminal Code* (Canada) charge.

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Mandatory Ignition Interlock Device Program

Note: Refusal to provide a breath sample continues to result in a charge under the *Criminal Code* (Canada) and an immediate suspension, which will remain in effect until all impaired related criminal charges are resolved.

Participation in the program begins after the driving disqualification period has expired when a person has been found guilty under section 253, 254 or 255 of the *Criminal Code* (Canada).

The terms of the Ignition Interlock Program are listed below:

| | Previously | Effective July 1, 2012 |
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| 1 st <i>Criminal Code</i> conviction within 10 years | <p>Term: 6 months – Registrar may extend until the offender no longer poses a significant risk to public safety</p> <p>Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Application • Device Installation • Device Rental • Application for restricted licence • Additional Entry Requirements • Device removal | <p>Term: 1 year – Registrar may extend until the offender no longer poses a significant risk to public safety</p> <p>Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Application • Device Installation • Device Rental • Application for restricted licence • Additional Entry Requirements • Device removal |
| 2 nd <i>Criminal Code</i> conviction within 10 years | <p>Term: 6 months – Registrar may extend until the offender no longer poses a significant risk to public safety</p> <p>Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Application • Device Installation • Device Rental • Application for restricted licence • Additional Entry Requirements • Device removal | <p>Term: 3 years – Registrar may extend until the offender no longer poses a significant risk to public safety</p> <p>Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Application • Device Installation • Device Rental • Application for restricted licence • Additional Entry Requirements • Device removal • Registrar may require Addictions Assessment and Monitoring |
| 3 rd / subsequent <i>Criminal Code</i> conviction within 10 years | <p>Term: 6 months – Registrar may extend until the offender no longer poses a significant risk to public safety</p> <p>Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Application • Device Installation • Device Rental • Application for restricted licence • Additional Entry Requirements • Device removal | <p>Term: 5 years – Registrar may extend until the offender no longer poses a significant risk to public safety</p> <p>Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Application • Device Installation • Device Rental • Application for restricted licence • Additional Entry Requirements • Device removal • Registrar may require Addictions Assessment and Monitoring |

Visit <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/iip.htm> for more information on the Mandatory Ignition Interlock Program.