

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

As of April 9, 2018, Alberta's Zero Tolerance Program for Graduated Driver Licence (GDL) drivers – which already includes zero tolerance for alcohol in the bloodstream – will be extended to include cannabis, cannabis/alcohol combination and illegal drugs. A GDL driver with alcohol, cannabis, or drugs over zero in the bloodstream will face an immediate 30-day licence suspension and 7-day vehicle seizure. Each 30 day suspension will require an additional one-year term in the GDL Program.

Each subsequent 30 day suspension during the driver's final year of the GDL Program will require the driver to remain in the GDL program for an additional year.

GDL Learners and Probationary drivers found:

- to have a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or greater;
- ability to operate a motor vehicle is impaired by drugs, alcohol or a combination; or
- failure / refusal to provide a breath sample

will continue to result in a charge under the *Criminal Code* (Canada) and a two-stage, fixed term driving suspension under the Alberta Administrative Licence Suspension Program:

- a 90-day driving suspension where the suspended driver is unable to drive under any circumstances, **AND**
- a further one year driving suspension where the suspended driver may be eligible to drive on the condition that they participate in Alberta's Ignition Interlock Program. If they choose not to participate, they will remain suspended during this one year term with **no ability to drive to legally**.

Please refer to the following web link: www.transportation.alberta.ca/iip.htm for more information regarding the Alberta Administrative Licence Suspension, or the Mandatory Ignition Interlock Program, if you are found guilty under the *Criminal Code* (Canada).