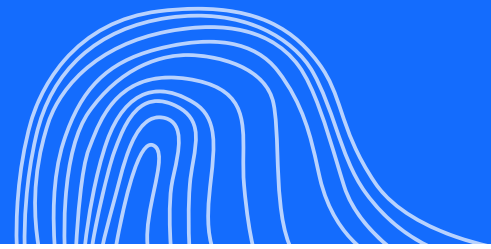


FAQs for Alcohol Interlock Program Participants

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NSW Alcohol Interlock Program



Q. Can I apply for a learner licence to drive a car, or ride a motorcycle, trike or scooter while in the Mandatory Alcohol Interlock Program (MAIP)?

A. While you can apply for a car learner licence, you will need to wait until you have successfully exited the MAIP before applying for a rider licence for a motorcycle, trike or scooter.

Q. I have just been ordered to participate in the MAIP. My friend/partner/family member is already in the program and has their own interlock device installed. Can I use their interlock device? Or do I have to have my own installed?

A. While it is fine to share a vehicle, it is important to have your own registered interlock device installed into a nominated vehicle.

Q. Do I have to own the vehicle to install an interlock device?

A. No. You can use a work vehicle (with permission from your employer) or share a vehicle with your partner or family member.

Q. I already have my interlock licence and a device installed. Can I get a second device installed so I can drive multiple vehicles?

A. Yes. You can have as many interlock devices installed as you like. Talk to your interlock provider to arrange for your interlock data to be sent to TfNSW for all the devices you have installed.

Q. I hold an Unrestricted licence with interlock conditions. Can I supervise a Learner Driver?

A. Yes, but we do not recommend it.

You can only drive vehicles that have an interlock device installed, which is crucial in case you need to be able to take over the driving while supervising a learner.

It is also important to know that, regardless of who is driving, the interlock device will request randomly timed breath samples during each journey. This can create added stress for inexperienced learner drivers.

Q. I have been ordered by a NSW court to participate in the MAIP, but I live interstate. Can I comply with the NSW MAIP order while holding a licence in another Australian state or territory?

A. Each jurisdiction has their own legislation, penalties, and interlock programs (more details available here). You will need to let the licensing authority in your home jurisdiction know that you have committed an alcohol-related offence in NSW which has resulted in a Mandatory Alcohol Interlock Program order.

Q. I have an interstate licence with interlock conditions but have moved to NSW. Can I transfer my interstate interlock licence to NSW?

A. You may be able to transfer the interstate interlock licence to NSW. To have your eligibility for a NSW licence assessed, please attend your nearest Service NSW centre. If you are eligible to transfer the interlock licence to NSW, we will provide you with information about the NSW Mandatory Alcohol Interlock Program and how you can apply for a NSW interlock licence. You will be required to have an interlock device installed that meets NSW standards before you can transfer the licence.

Q. I have not yet finished my court ordered participation in the MAIP, but my performance has been good. Can I apply to Transport for NSW to finish early?

A. No. Your participation in the Mandatory Alcohol Interlock Program is mandated by a court order.

Transport for NSW does not hold the authority to shorten your time in the program.

Q. I hold an interlock licence but want to operate a forklift or other machinery for work. Is it ok for me to drive these vehicles without an interlock device?

A. Any time you are driving on a road or road-related areas, your vehicle must be fitted with an interlock device.

A road-related area is any of the following:

- An area that divides a road
- A footpath or nature strip adjacent to a road
- An area that is not a road that is open to the public and designated for use by cyclists or animals, OR
- An area that is not a road and that is open to or used by the public for driving, riding or parking vehicles.

If you are unsure whether the area you will operate the machinery is considered a road or road-related area you must check with your employer or your local Police.

Remember to visit the [NSW Alcohol Interlock Program website](#) for full information on the program.