Are discounts or financial assistance available?
You may be eligible for a discount on some costs relating to the installation, rental, servicing and removal of an interlock if you hold a valid Health Care Card issued by the Australian Government.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads may also provide other financial assistance for eligible interlock drivers.

Are any exemptions available?
There are some very limited exemptions available from some components of the interlock program. An interlock exemption application fee applies.

Are there any penalties for not following the rules of the interlock program?
Harsh penalties apply for not following the rules of the interlock program.

If you choose not to obtain a driver licence after your disqualification period ends and you drive unlicensed, you may face a fine of $4000 and a further disqualification period of six months. In these circumstances you will need to start the interlock program again.

If you do not follow any of the following rules you may face a maximum fine of $2800. Drivers who breach the first two rules below may also be disqualified from holding a licence and will have to start the interlock program again:

- If you have an interlock exemption, you must obey all restrictions stated on the exemption certificate at all times.
- You can only drive the vehicle that you have selected on the Apply/Remove Vehicle Nomination Form.
- If you have an interlock exemption, you must produce the exemption certificate for inspection when requested by a police officer.
- If you have an interlock exemption, you must notify the Department of Transport and Main Roads in writing of any changes to your personal situation that may affect your exemption within 14 days of the change occurring. You must not drive a vehicle unless it has an interlock fitted and maintained by one of the suppliers below.

Who are the interlock suppliers?
Approved interlocks can only be obtained from the two suppliers below:

Supplier one:
Draeger Safety Pacific Pty Ltd
Unit 99, 45 Gilby Road, Mt. Waverley VIC 3149
Ph: 1300 780 689*  Fax: 03 9265 5166
Email: interlock.australia@draeger.com
Website: www.draeger.com.au/interlock

Supplier two:
Guardian Interlock Systems
8/11 Packard Avenue, Castle Hill NSW 2154
Ph: 1300 881 005*  Fax: 02 8853 6201
Email: enquiries@guardianinterlock.com.au
Website: www.guardianinterlock.com.au

*Standard call charges apply. Higher rates apply to mobile phones.

Under the Queensland program you cannot buy and install your own interlock.

For more information relating to interlocks and services, contact the above approved interlock suppliers.

The information contained in this brochure is current as at December 2010. For the latest information, please visit www.tmr.qld.gov.au/interlocks.

Please note: The notes and information contained in this guide are an interpretation of current alcohol ignition interlock laws and should not be used for a legal interpretation.
Queensland’s Alcohol Ignition Interlock Program

Queensland’s Alcohol Ignition Interlock Program applies to people who are convicted of high-risk drink driving offences. An interlock is a breath-testing device that is connected to a vehicle’s ignition and stops a driver starting a vehicle if they have been drinking alcohol. The driver must record a zero blood alcohol reading on their breath test to start the vehicle, and also perform random breath tests during the journey. People who are part of the interlock program are only able to legally drive if they hold a valid licence, and drive a vehicle fitted with an approved interlock. Alcohol ignition interlocks aim to protect road users by separating drinking and driving.

Who does the interlock program apply to?

You will be part of the interlock program if you have committed and are convicted of any of the following offences on or after 6 August 2010:

- a drink driving offence recording a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 0.15 or more, driving under the influence of liquor, or failing to provide a breath/blood specimen for analysis
- dangerous driving while affected by alcohol
- two or more drink driving offences in a five year period.

Can other people drive the vehicle that is fitted with an interlock?

Yes. Other people such as family members can drive the vehicle fitted with an interlock. These drivers must also record a zero blood alcohol reading to start the vehicle. There are measures in place to ensure the interlock cannot be bypassed by having another person start the vehicle for the interlock driver.

What if both myself and another interlock driver want to select the same vehicle to drive as part of the interlock program?

More than one person can select the same vehicle to have an interlock installed and then drive as part of the interlock program. To do this, each of you will separately need to:

- tell the interlock supplier the details of your chosen vehicle
- give the supplier a completed ‘Apply/Remove Vehicle Nomination Form’ (Form F4841) when you start your agreement
- make sure the interlock that is installed can differentiate between yourself and other interlock drivers (for example, via a pin code).

Please be aware if the interlock installed isn’t able to differentiate between you or the other interlock drivers, then all interlock drivers must fill out an ‘Interlock driver record’ when driving the vehicle. This form is available at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/interlocks.

How long will I have to be a part of the interlock program?

You will need to be part of the program for 12 months. This time period starts the day after your drink driving disqualification ends. You could leave the program after the minimum period if you do the following for 12 months:

- hold a valid Queensland driver licence with an ‘I’ (for ‘interlock’) on it
- have your chosen vehicle fitted with an approved interlock.

Tampering or interfering with the interlock may extend the minimum time you will be in the program.

If you choose not to have an interlock fitted you must not drive a motor vehicle for two years from the time that your disqualification period ended. You will need to visit the Department of Transport and Main Roads to have the ‘I’ on your licence removed when you have finished the program.

What are the costs of the interlock program?

You will have to pay for all costs relating to the interlock program. This may include:

- obtaining a new licence with an ‘I’ (for ‘interlock’) on it plus normal licensing fees
- installation, rental, servicing and removal costs of your interlock.

Yes the interlock program applies to me. What do I need to do now?

After your disqualification period ends, you will need to take the following steps before you can drive:

1. Go to a Department of Transport and Main Roads Customer Service Centre and apply for a new licence. Your new licence will show an ‘I’ (for ‘interlock’) on it.
2. Arrange to have an interlock installed in your chosen vehicle (see interlock suppliers listed on the back page).
3. Fill in the ‘Apply/Remove Vehicle Nomination Form’ (Form F4841) and give to your chosen interlock supplier when you start your interlock agreement. The interlock supplier will then inform the Department of Transport and Main Roads about which vehicle/s you will be driving while you are part of the interlock program.

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