Ignition Interlock License

Arrested for DWI in New Mexico?

After being arrested for driving while intoxicated (DWI) your driver's license may be revoked by two different jurisdictions: administratively by the Motor Vehicle Division and then upon conviction in a criminal court.

The administrative revocation will become effective 20 days from the date a Notice of Revocation is served to you and will last for 6 months or longer depending on whether this is your first DWI arrest.

The only way to drive legally while your license is revoked is to obtain an ignition interlock license and have an ignition interlock device installed in EVERY vehicle you drive.

How to Get Your Interlock License

You can obtain an ignition interlock license from any State MVD field office at a cost of $63 annually. Bring proof of identification, the ignition interlock installation contract, proof of insurance coverage, a notarized MVD Ignition Interlock Affidavit, and make sure your driver's license record is clear of any outstanding citations and fees.

In order to reinstate your license, you must be able to demonstrate a minimum six-month period of driving with an ignition interlock license without any attempts to circumvent or tamper with the ignition interlock device. You will also be required to pay a $100 reinstatement fee, take and pass all required testing, and pay the licensing fee.

Service Providers

You must have a New Mexico-certified ignition interlock device installed by a licensed provider. A list of authorized service providers by area is available at http://ipl.unm.edu/traf/certification/Interlock.htm or by calling 800-541-7952.

Cost of Ignition Interlock

You are responsible for all fees associated with the ignition interlock device. If you are determined indigent by the sentencing court or probation and parole office, an indigent fund will cover the cost of installation, removal and half the cost of the lease.

Questions?

Call 505.476.3229 or 505.476.3688

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