

In Vermont, it is illegal to drive a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. If you are convicted of driving under the influence, you must complete the Impaired Driver Rehabilitation Program (IDRP) to reinstate your privilege to drive.

## What is the process?

- 1. Evaluation:** An IDRP Clinical Evaluator will evaluate your program requirements.
- 2. Education:** 10 hours of education including lectures, reading materials, videos and small group discussions. This education is the same anywhere in Vermont and can be completed in 2 days or over 4 weeks.
- 3. Treatment:** If the Evaluator decides that treatment is required, you must complete the mandatory number of hours with a licensed clinician.
- 4. Exit Interview:** The Evaluator may require an exit interview after you complete your requirements.

Contact the [Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles \(DMV\)](#) at 802-828-2000 for other requirements or suspensions.

## How much does the program cost?

The costs vary based on requirements. The mandatory evaluation is \$180. The non-intensive (10 hours over 4 weeks) education program is \$220. The cost for the intensive program may vary slightly by location.

## How do I register?

Contact your preferred location from the list of programs at [healthvermont.gov/IDRP](http://healthvermont.gov/IDRP).

## How long does the program take?

If you have a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, you may take either the intensive (10 hours in 2 days) or non-intensive (10 hours over 4 weeks) program. Visit the [healthvermont.gov/IDRP](http://healthvermont.gov/IDRP) for a list of programs.

## What if I live out of state?

If you live out-of-state and receive an impaired driving offense in Vermont, you must complete your state's approved program and provide proof of completion to IDRP. (Vermont is a member of the 47 State Driver License Interstate Compact, which allows the exchange of information concerning license suspensions and traffic violations of non-residents.) This process can be complicated—feel free to call IDRP for assistance.

## How long does it take to get my license reinstated?

After you complete all requirements, the IDRP Central Office will process your paperwork within 10 days and provide it to the DMV. The DMV usually processes the paperwork within 5 business days.

## What if I have a lifetime suspension?

If you live in Vermont and have a lifetime suspension, you will need to complete treatment (minimum of 20 hours over 24 weeks **and** apply for reinstatement of your license through the DMV Total Abstinence Application process. For more information about Total Abstinence, please visit [dmv.vermont.gov/licenses/suspensions/total-abstinence](http://dmv.vermont.gov/licenses/suspensions/total-abstinence) or call DMV at (802) 828-2067.

## What form do I need to fill out?

You will need to fill out the [Release of Confidential Information Form](#), which can be found at [healthvermont.gov/IDRP](http://healthvermont.gov/IDRP).

## What form does my treatment clinician need to fill out?

Your treatment clinician must complete the [Treatment Information Form](#), which can be found at [healthvermont.gov/IDRP](http://healthvermont.gov/IDRP).

## How do I schedule my exit interview?

Contact your IDRP Clinical Evaluator to schedule an exit interview after you have completed all requirements.

## What out of state programs are accepted?

Contact the IDRP Central Office for information about acceptable out of state programs.

## What are the treatment requirements?

	<i>Minimum hours of required treatment</i>
1st Offense	Minimum of 4 hours over 4 weeks, if it is required by the IDRP Clinical Evaluator
2nd Offense	Minimum of 20 hours over 24 weeks
3rd Offense or more (Lifetime Suspension)	Minimum of 20 hours over 24 weeks, plus <a href="#">DMV Total Abstinence Program</a>

*Your clinician may require more than the minimum number of treatment hours based on your progress. Any additional treatment hours are required to complete the program.*

## Can I start treatment before I complete the education component?

Yes! You can start treatment at any time.

## Can I start the program before I appear in court?

Yes! You can start the program at any time.

## Do I need to complete the program if my charges are dropped?

No. Unless the court requires that you complete the program as part of the agreement of your charges being dropped.

## Can I take an online program?

There are no Vermont-approved online programs for Vermont residents. If you do not live in Vermont, please contact the IDRP Central Office for help finding a program in your state.

## Can my alcohol or other drug counseling replace the education component?

No. You may be required to complete counseling in addition to the education component, but it cannot replace it.

## Can my victim's impact panel replace the program?

No. The court may require you to attend a victim's impact panel, but it is not part of the program.

## Can my Safe Driving Program replace the program?

No. The court may require you to take the Safe Driving Program but is it not part of the program.

## Do I need to complete the program before I can get an ignition interlock device installed?

No, but completion of the IDRP is required in order to remove the ignition interlock device to avoid suspension.

## Are urine drug screenings and abstinence required for the program?

You may be asked to submit urine drug screens or engage in a period of abstinence by the IDRP Evaluator or the treatment clinician.

## I have been able to get my license reinstated before without the program, why now?

The federal government requires that all states participate in the [National Driver Register](#) to prevent people who have a suspended license in one state from getting license in another state. Some states only recently began checking the register.

## Contact Us

**Impaired Driver Rehabilitation Program (IDRP) Central Office**  
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Burlington, VT 05401

Phone: 802-651-1574

Please leave your phone number and a good time to reach you.

Messages will be returned within two business days.

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