

INFORMATION SHEET

Immediate Roadside Sanctions Program

What is an Immediate Roadside Sanction?

An Immediate Roadside Sanction applies to drivers with a blood alcohol concentration of 50 to 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood.

What if a driver is caught with a blood alcohol concentration of 50 to 80 milligrams?

An Immediate Roadside Sanction is served pursuant to Section 88(2) of the *Traffic Safety Act*, if a peace officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a driver has a blood alcohol concentration of 50 to 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood.

Drivers are subject to the following immediate sanctions:

	Term of Immediate Licence Suspension	Term of Vehicle Seizure	Remedial Course Requirement
1st Offence	3 days	3 days	None
2nd Offence	15 days	7 days	Planning Ahead or Crossroads Course
3rd Offence	30 days	7 days	IMPACT Program

For additional information on Alberta's Impaired Driving Programs which include the Crossroads Course, Planning Ahead Course, or IMPACT Course, please contact the Alberta Motor Association (AMA) in Edmonton at 780-430-8811 (toll free in Alberta at 1-800-272-5698), or visit AMA's website at: www.ama.ab.ca/knowledge-base/articles/how-do-i-register-for-the-alberta-impaired-drivers-program-aidp/.

Who can be served an Immediate Roadside Sanction?

Drivers who hold a Learner's or Probationary Driver's Licence under the GDL Program would not be subject to an Immediate Roadside Sanction, instead they would be subject to the Alberta Zero Alcohol/Drug Tolerance Program. If the breath sample indicates a blood alcohol concentration in excess of 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood, and the peace officer has reasonable grounds to believe the driver is impaired by alcohol, drugs, or their combination, or if the driver refuses/fails to provide a breath or fluid sample, the peace officer may instead serve an Alberta Administrative Licence Suspension and lay an impaired driving criminal charge.

Can an Immediate Roadside Sanction be appealed?

In accordance with Section 39 of the *Traffic Safety Act*, if this is your second or subsequent suspension / disqualification under Section 88 of the *Traffic Safety Act*, in a 10 year period, you may appeal this suspension / disqualification to the Alberta Transportation Safety Board (ATSB). As per Section 45(2) of the *Traffic Safety Act*, a driver has 30 days from the date served to appeal the suspension. The information on the back of the Notice of Suspension / Disqualification Form guides a driver through the appeal process. Applications for Hearing are available at any Alberta Registry Agent and must be submitted directly to the ATSB. Associated costs for the Application for Hearing are \$125 for a written hearing or \$250 for an in-person hearing. Alberta Registry Agents may also charge a service fee. For further information on the appeal process, please contact the ATSB (contact information below) or to purchase an Application for Hearing, please visit any authorized Alberta Registry Agent. The purchase of an application does not guarantee the suspension / disqualification will be overturned.

To appeal the seizure of a vehicle seized in relation to an Immediate Roadside Sanction, please see the Information Sheet: Vehicle Seizure or Immobilization Appeal Hearing (TRANS2).

For all inquiries in regards to Immediate Roadside Sanction appeals, please contact the ATSB – North or South Region:

North Region

Toll Free (in Alberta) by dialing 310-0000
Telephone: 780-427-7178 Fax: 780-422-9739
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Edmonton AB T6B 2X3

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Toll Free (in Alberta) by dialing 310-0000
Telephone: 403-297-3466 Fax: 403-297-4139
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