

Ignition Interlock Funds: Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I become an Interlock Vendor?

Vendors must be approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

2. Where Can I find the rules and regulations concerning Interlock devices?

The rules and regulations can be found with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

3. What if an offender cannot pay for interlock?

The statute provides for an Ignition Interlock fund whenever the Court or Board of Parole determines an offender cannot pay for Interlock.

4. How do the funds work?

A portion of the fee associated with receiving an Ignition Interlock driving permit goes toward the fund.

5. How is an offender made eligible for the funds?

The Court or Board of Parole must have entered an order indicating Interlock **and** the offender's inability to pay.

6. How does the process work to have the cost associated with Ignition Interlock paid?

- a. An offender takes the order to a registered vendor for the interlock to be installed.
- b. The offender then goes to DMV for their Ignition Interlock driving permit.
- c. A vendor will obtain billing instructions from the Office of Probation Administration: Operations Division.
- d. The vendor will submit an invoice to the Office of Probation Administration for services rendered.

7. What services are covered by the funds?

- a. The cost of installation.
- b. The cost of monthly maintenance.
- c. The cost of removal.

8. What is the Office of Probation Administration's role?

By statute the Office of Probation Administration's role is only to manage the fund.

9. What if the vendor charges additional fees for the device? Can an offender who has an order for interlock funding be required to pay?

The offender cannot be held responsible for additional fees if the Court or Board of Parole has required the fund to pay.

10. Will the funds pay for additional fees?

Only those fees designated by statute.

11. Will the funds pay for the fees in advance?

Invoices can be submitted only after services are rendered.

12. Do all vendors charge the same fees?

Fees vary by vendor.

13. Does the offender have to choose a certain vendor?

The vendor must be registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles. A list of registered vendors is available through their office or website.

14. What happens if there is no money in the funds?

There are no provisions for payment if funding is unavailable.

15. What if the offender damages or loses the equipment?

The vendor would be required to file additional charges against the offender to recuperate the cost.

For additional information on Ignition Interlock:

The Law: Nebraska Revised State Statute 60-6,211.05

Registering as a Vendor: Contact the Department of Motor Vehicles – <http://www.dmv.state.ne.us/>

Invoicing: Office of Probation Administration, Operations Division – Sue Rutledge, sue.rutledge@nebraska.gov

Billing: Office of Probation Administration, Fiscal Office - Jacki Allensworth, jacki.allensworth@nebraska.gov