

# SMART START INTERLOCKS



ACT  
ALCOHOL INTERLOCK  
PROGRAM

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## **SMARTSTART**<sup>®</sup> INTERLOCKS

### ABOUT US

Smart Start Interlocks Australia is a proud distributor of Smart Start Inc. North America's leader in premier alcohol ignition interlock devices.

Smart Start Interlocks have installed over 30,000 Alcohol Interlocks since 2009. We take pride in providing innovative and industry leading products and services which have reached industry recognition from our customers, monitoring authorities and partners.

Smart Start Interlocks offers:

- Innovative and reliable technology used in programs overseas.
- Worldwide experience in alcohol interlock devices.
- Fuel cell Interlock devices.
- Reliable installations, servicing and reporting requirements.



**Setting The Standard In  
Alcohol Monitoring Technology™**

# PRIVACY POLICY

Ajen Monitoring Systems trading as Smart Start Interlocks Australia take privacy seriously. Ajen is committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information that is collected from customers, prospective employees, and all parties connected with Ajen.

The privacy policy document has been created so you can fully understand how your personal information is used in our business. Ajen is open and transparent about the data we collect and how the data is used.

The document covers all activities of Ajen, and thus all activities of the subdivision Smart Start Interlocks Australia and associated entities. Ajen is pleased to comply with the Australian Privacy Principles.

[Privacy Policy Click Here](#)

## RELEASE OF PARTICIPANT DATA

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***Under the current re-licensing scheme, participants are required to allow Smart Start Interlocks to release their alcohol interlock data to relevant state authorities.***

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By signing the lease agreement form, the participant authorises Smart Start Interlocks to release, upon request, reports on the use of the device, or any other information or reports pertaining to the participation in, or compliance or non-compliance with the requirements of their state program, including such reports or information which may contain data of a personal nature which would otherwise be protected by law from disclosure.

This applies both to participants and to any third parties who use the vehicle.

Upon request participants can obtain a copy of their logged data by completing the online [Participant Data Request Form](#) found on the Smart Start web site.

Navigate to [www.smartstartinterlocks.com.au](http://www.smartstartinterlocks.com.au), Support page, ACT [Participant Data Release Form](#).

# SSI 20-20 SSI 20-30 INTERLOCK DEVICES



## SSI 20-20 Key Functions

- |                      |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 LCD                | 5 Curly Cord              |
| 2 Status LEDs        | 6 Air Vent                |
| 3 Keypad             | 7 Head nipple             |
| 4 Cord Strain Relief | 8 Serial Number & Barcode |

The Alcohol Interlock Device can be installed in most vehicles with engines. It prevents a vehicle from being started until an alcohol-free breath sample is provided. The Interlock device does not affect the engine's operation and cannot turn your engine off once it is running. Alcohol Interlock installations may include a camera (depending on your state) mounted to the vehicle to verify

the identity of the person in the driver seat providing a sample. When providing a sample, you must sit upright in the driver's seat for positive identification. If the device records a violation, it will be assumed you are the driver unless the image taken clearly shows a different person.



# CARING FOR YOUR DEVICE



## Device Care:

Do not place the interlock on the floor, where you can't see or hear it, or where it may be damaged. Do not expose the unit to moisture or liquids.

You are responsible for damage due to negligence or abuse of the device.



## Hygiene:

The recommended procedure for cleaning your mouth pieces is with boiling water. Ensure the mouth piece is completely dry before re-inserting into the device. The use of cleaning wipes may affect your breath sample when taking a test due to alcohol products within the wipes.



## Tampering and Misuse:

Do not attempt to circumvent, tamper with or otherwise misuse this device. The device is designed to detect and record these incidents as a violation and may result in your program being restarted.

# HOW DO I START THE VEHICLE



Turn ignition ON, the device will light up and Smart Start Interlocks logo will appear



“INITIALISING” will then be displayed On the screen. The unit is now preparing for a test.



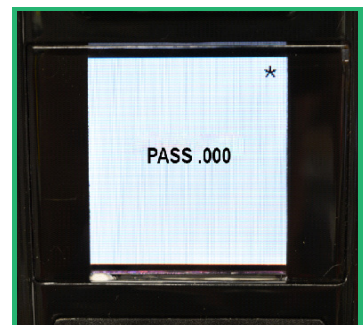
Take this time to drink some WATER to eliminate possible breath contaminants.



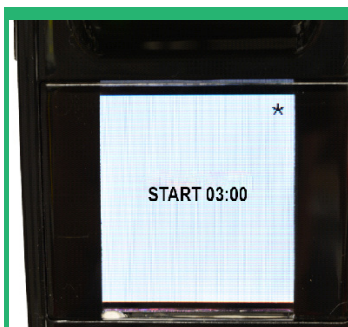
The LCD will then display “BLOW” and the right LED will be green and flashing.



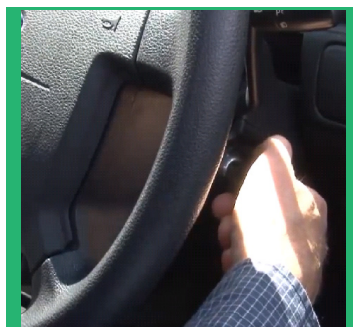
Take a deep breath, then blow into the device, a long tone will sound (approx. 5 seconds), this tone will stop once the required sample has been made.



If a correct test is provided and there is no alcohol present in the breath sample, “PASS” will appear.



“START” and a count down will appear on the screen. You will have 3 minutes to start the engine before the device will ask you to re-take the test.



You can now start your vehicle.

Please note the unit will ask for further random tests once the vehicle has started.

To watch the video? Go to <https://youtu.be/WXYcJd5w2uU>



# HOW DO I START THE VEHICLE: *Blow Technique*



Can't see the video? Go to  
<https://youtu.be/A3n95DHdTeU>



You are encouraged to return to your service centre or call Smart Start Head Office on 1300 256 900 if you require further training or assistance with using the alcohol Interlock Device.

# TROUBLESHOOTING



## **LOCK OUT:**

If your device is locked out you need to contact Smart Start Interlocks for an unlock code.



## **No Unit Power:**

If your interlock device does not turn on when the ignition is turned on, then you must contact Smart Start Interlocks for support.



## **Jump Starting & Flat Battery:**

If the battery in your vehicle has gone flat and the vehicle needs to be jump started, you must contact Smart Start Interlocks for support so notes can be added to your account. If doing this after hours please leave a message on 1300 256 900 option '2', a note can then be added to your account the following morning.



## **Defective Interlocks:**

If you believe your device is defective, please contact Smart Start Interlocks Head Office so appropriate action can be taken. Failure to report is a breach of your Interlock Program and may reflect on your interlock term.



## **Replacement Parts:**

Mouth pieces, curly cords, strain reliefs, mounting clips and adhesives are available from any service centre upon request. Curly cords can only be replaced by an Authorised Service Centre.

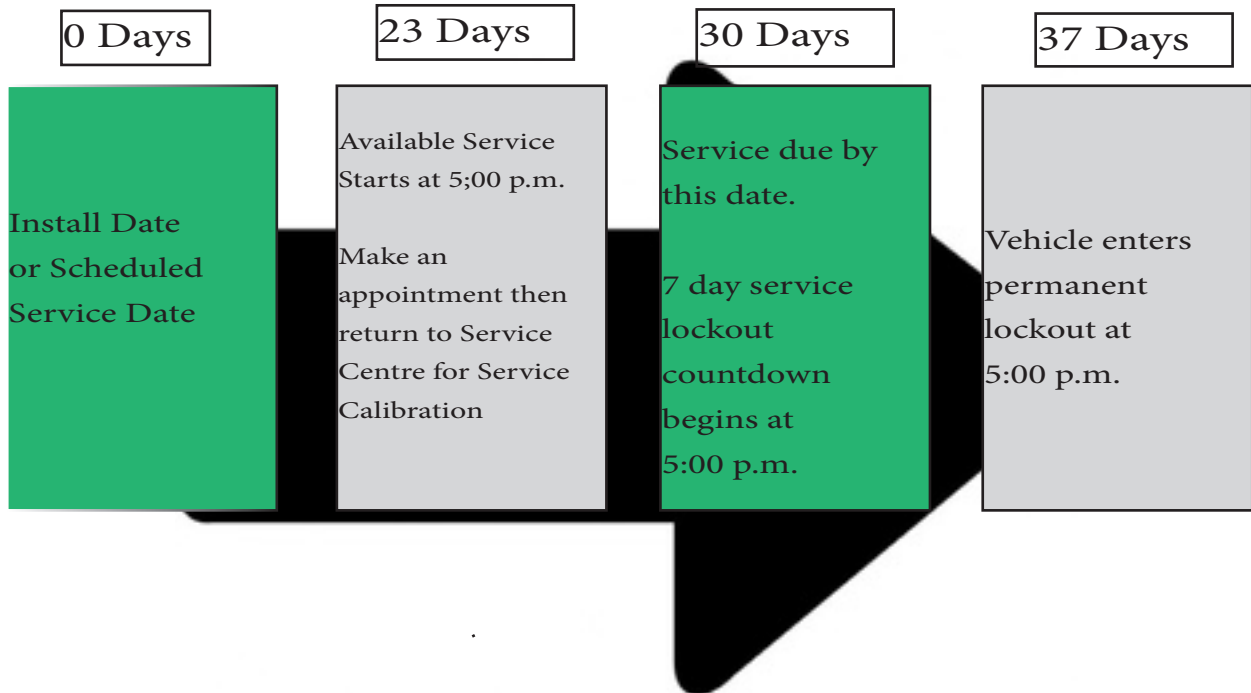
# DISPLAY MESSAGES

LCD SCREEN	LED	TEST RESULT	OUTCOME
PASS	Both green	No alcohol detected	You can start your vehicle
WARN	Both green	Alcohol detected < 0.019 BrAC	You can start your vehicle
BLOW HARDER	Right: Flash red once	Not blowing hard enough/ long enough	You cannot start your vehicle/ retest required
BLOW SOFTER	Right: Flash red once	Blowing too hard	You cannot start your vehicle/ retest required
HUM STRONGER	Right: Flash red once	Hum not being detected	You cannot start your vehicle/ retest required
DONT INHALE	Right: Flash red once	Negative pressure applied	You cannot start your vehicle/ retest required
MOUTH CLOSER	Right: Flash red once	Mouth not close enough to sensor	You cannot start your vehicle/ retest required
FAIL	Right: Flash red once	Alcohol detected > 0.020 BrAC	You cannot start your vehicle for 5 minutes
VIOL	Right: Flash red once	High alcohol level detected	YOu cannot start your vehicle for 5 minutes*

When the display reads, “BLOW HARDER”, “BLOW SOFTER”, “HUM LOUDER”, “DON”T INHALE”, “VIOL” or “FAIL” you must take and pass another breath test before your vehicle will start. After blowing a FAIL, the unit will go into a temporary lockout of 5 minutes each time a subsequent fail is recorded.

\*If you reach the program violation limits, the unit will go into a VIOLATION LOCKOUT and a 7- day countdown timer will be displayed on the LCD. Please refer to “Key Terms” Page 25 for more information.

# SERVICE SCHEDULE DIAGRAM

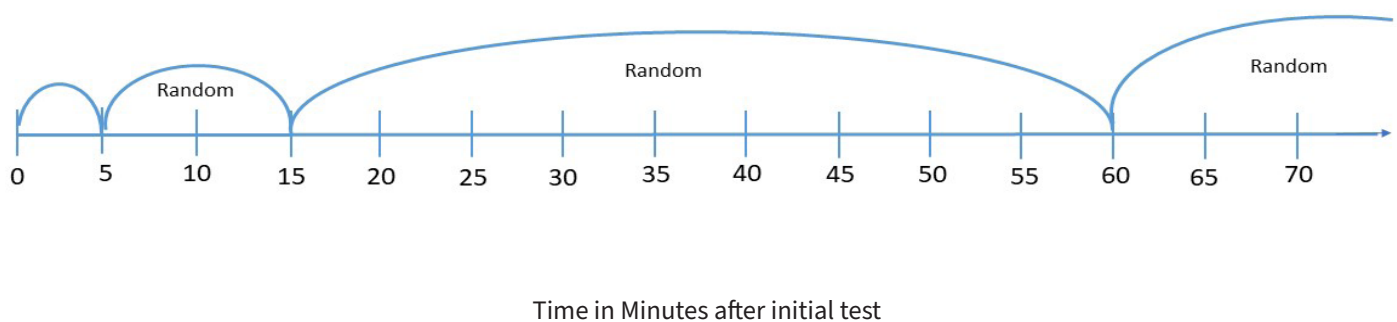


After 14 days overdue for your service, a report will be sent to the relevant authorities

- Your Lockout Date is the day when your Interlock was Installed.
  - You have 6 days before and 7 days after your Lockout Date to go for your Monthly Service before your Interlock enters a Permanent Lockout.
  - .....
  - i.e. Installation date: 10/05, Lockout date is the 10th of every month.  
This participant can go for service since the 4th of every month until the 17th before the Interlock enters a Permanent Countdown.
  - .....
  - The Interlock will start a Countdown the 10th of every month for this example.
  - .....
- If you are not sure about your Lockout Date, please call our Customer Service Line 1300 256 900.

# RANDOM ROLLING RETEST DIAGRAM

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- The Device parameters have been set by RTA and require random rolling retests. The first test will occur within the first 5 to 15 minutes and then randomly over every consecutive hour after initial test.
- The Device will indicate that it is time to submit a Rolling Retest when the screen displays 'BLOW' with the LED lights flashing and the Device beeper sounding.
- You have 5 minutes to safely provide a breath sample test. The road rules state that you must find a safe place and pull over.
- Drink Water.
- Provide a breath sample.
- Once a Pass breath sample has been provided you can continue driving.

**⚠ Please note, when you have arrived at your destination, check the Device screen. If it is requesting a test you must provide the test before turning the vehicle OFF. Failure to provide a test is a violation and will put the Device into a Violation Countdown.**

# COMMON CAUSES OF UNEXPECTED BREATH SAMPLE VIOLATION

**At times violations can occur unintentionally. These violations are often easily preventable if the following points are kept in mind:**

- Your alcohol interlock device detects trace amounts of alcohol in your mouth which can result in a failed test. To be safe it is recommended that you do not eat or drink anything apart from water ten minutes before taking a breath test, and for the duration of your driving. If you do fail an initial test because of a non-alcohol substance, take time to drink water before your re-test, as this can aid in getting rid of trace amounts of alcohol in your mouth.
- Never use your alcohol interlock device as a personal breathalyser to check if you can drive. A failed initial test will prompt a retest. If the retest is failed or missed this will be recorded as a violation.
- Remember that you are required to provide random breath tests while the car is running. Do not leave your car running and unattended as you may miss a breath test and record a violation.
- Even if you have arrived at your destination and are about to turn off your vehicle, if the device requests a rolling retest you must provide a breath sample. Turning off the vehicle at this point will be considered a refused breath test and recorded as a violation.
- Keep the unit in its mount so the display is visible. With the radio playing loud, or a window down, you may not hear the audible tone the Interlock device will make when it is ready for a retest. If you can see the display, you will notice the RETEST indication.



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**An optional LED light is available for participants who are hearing impaired.**

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# COMMON CAUSES OF UNEXPECTED BREATH SAMPLE VIOLATION

Your SSI 20/20 20/30 is an alcohol measuring device and will detect even small traces of alcohol. The below items are examples of common products that can cause unexpected positive breath tests.



Fermenting food products may also cause unexpected readings.

REMEMBER TO DRINK WATER BEFORE EVERY TEST

# GENERAL ADVICE

- Anyone can drive your vehicle provided that they also use the Interlock device. The participant is responsible for all readings recorded by the device.
  - If you need to replace your car battery or starter, keep a receipt for your battery purchase and keep the time between disconnecting the battery and reconnecting it to less than 20 minutes to avoid a power disconnection being reported.
  - **Once the device begins asking for a retest, be sure to take the test before the retest time elapses or you will cause a violation.**
  - The Interlock device does not affect the engine's operation and cannot turn your engine off once it is running.
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- Do not use breath freshening agents just before taking a test. Most of these contain alcohol.
  - Keep the unit in its mount so the display is visible. With the radio playing loud, or a window down, you may not hear the audible tone the Interlock device will make when it is ready for a retest. If you can see the display, you will notice the RETEST indication. An optional LED light is available for participants who are hearing impaired.
  - If your unit locks out or is not operating properly, we may ask you to tow your vehicle to the nearest Smart Start location. If the problem is found to be with the interlock device, we will credit our account for the amount of the tow bill.
  - Drink water before every test



# GENERAL ADVICE

## Vehicle Malfunctions and Repairs that may affect the Interlock Device

If you need to replace your car battery or starter, keep a receipt for your battery purchase and keep the time between disconnecting the battery and reconnecting it to less than 20 minutes to avoid a power disconnection being reported.

## Travelling Interstate

When travelling to other states and territories, your interlock device can be serviced at any of our service centres across Australia. [Click here](#) for a complete list of service centres and trading hours across Australia.

If you are not travelling in your vehicle and upon return find that your vehicle has locked out, you will need to contact Smart Start head office for an unlock code.

Keep in mind that lease fees continue even if you are not using the vehicle and multiple lease payments may be required on your return for service.

Please be sure to make servicing arrangements prior to commencing with your travel plans.

## Multiple drivers of the vehicle

Anyone can drive your vehicle; however they must use the alcohol interlock device. If you are confident that the other driver is of good character and has been trained in the use of the interlock device, they may drive your vehicle. Keep in mind that you are still legally responsible for all readings recorded by the device.

If you have a camera installed you may be able to dispute a violation if the image taken clearly shows another person giving the breath sample.

Two drivers with the Interlock '1' condition on their license should not use the same vehicle as the interlock device only records data for a single participant. In this situation the drivers must use separate vehicles with their own interlock devices if they both wish to participate in an Interlock Program at the same time.

## What if the Interlock shuts down the vehicle on my way to an important event?

**The SSI-20/20 -20/30 is designed to prevent the starting of a vehicle if a breath test is not passed. It cannot interfere with the engine while it is running. In addition, if the engine is turned off there will be a three-minute period in which the engine can be restarted again without undergoing a breath test. If the participant fails a rolling test while driving, this will record as a violation but will not shut down the vehicle (although the violation may trigger a lockout once the driver has reached their destination and manually turned off the engine).**



# ABOUT THE ACT ALCOHOL INTERLOCK PROGRAM

The Alcohol Ignition Interlock Program is aimed at reducing fatalities and serious injuries caused by drink driving on roads.

A mandatory interlock condition will be required of repeat offenders and any person convicted of a high range drink driving offence. It is administered by the Road Transport Authority (RTA).

## **Participating in the Program**

There are a few simple steps to completing the program successfully:

1. Participate in the program for the required amount of time.

2. Make sure to follow all your program rules and guidelines.

3. Attend regular servicing where your user data will be downloaded.

4. If your final 3 months of the interlock period are free of breaches the interlock condition on your licence can be removed.

## **Program Length**

**The length of the program is 6 months from the date the condition is imposed OR at the end of the disqualification period, whichever is later.**

**If the final 3 months of the program are free of breaches the interlock condition can be removed from the probationary licence.**

**If breaches of the interlock conditions occur in the final 3 months of the interlock period, the interlock period will be extended.**

# END OF THE PROGRAM PROCESS

The Road Transport Authority will remind you when the final 3 months of your interlock period is approaching, and of the compliance requirements you need to meet. The RTA's decision to remove the "I" condition will be based on reports of your compliance with the interlock program, and any other relevant information available.

## Program Rules and Guidelines



For drivers who committed their offenses on or after October 2014 the main rules apply:

- **You must have a BAC of zero at all times while driving**
- Only drive your nominated vehicle which is fitted with an approved alcohol interlock device
- Take all breath tests the alcohol interlock requests
- Ensure that your interlock is serviced every 30 days or as required under the program

- Only drive the vehicle if you have personally provided the breath sample required by the interlock
- Do not drive any motor vehicle if you know that the interlock is not working properly, or has been circumvented or interfered with
- Do not tamper with the device.



# PROGRAM VIOLATION SUMMARY REPORT

If within a servicing period you reach a violation limit, the interlock device will display a countdown for 7 days during which you must return to a service centre for an unscheduled service.

If the device is not serviced within this period and the countdown has expired your device will permanently lock out and an unlock code will be required.

## PROGRAM VIOLATION SUMMARY ACT (Unscheduled Service fees may apply)

Failed Initial samples of .02 BAC and above	<b>Infinite</b>
Failed Rolling Retest samples of .02 BAC and above	<b>1</b>
Missed random Retests	<b>1</b>
Circumvention or tampering	<b>1</b>
Battery disconnection for 20 minutes or more	<b>1</b>

### Violation Limits

When you have reached a certain number of violations you will be required to attend an unscheduled service. The interlock device will display a 7 day countdown. Before this countdown expires you must attend your unscheduled service. If this countdown expires then the device will enter a permanent lockout mode. An unlock code will be required to re-activate the device.

If you record too many of the following types of violations within one servicing period, a violation limit will be met and a countdown to an unscheduled service will begin:

- Too many failed initial tests - BAC greater than or equal to 0.020
- Too many failed initial tests - BAC greater than or equal to 0.050
- Any failed running re-test - BAC greater than or equal to 0.020
- Any instance of circumvention or tampering

- Any battery disconnection for 20 minutes or more.




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Take note that the device will continue to request tests randomly as long as the vehicle is running. Even if you have arrived at your destination, if the device requests a rolling retest you must provide a breath sample; turning off the vehicle will be considered a refused breath test and recorded as a violation. Do not leave your car running and unattended as you may miss a breath test and record a violation.

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# ACT INTERLOCK FEES

SERVICE	FULL FEE	CONCESSION
Standard Installation	\$198.00	\$129.00
Non-Standard Installation – In addition to standard installation fee	\$99.00	\$99.00
Installation – Heavy vehicles (over 4.5t GVM) and Motorcycles	\$298.00	\$194.00
Hybrid and Stop/Start vehicles	\$85.00	\$55.00
Monthly Service Fee (per calendar month)	\$155.00	\$101.00
Monthly Lease Motorbike Bag	\$25.00	\$25.00
Removal of IID	\$99.00	\$99.00
Temporary Unlock Code	\$55.00	\$55.00
Unscheduled Service Fee- Concession N/A	\$65.00	\$65.00
Early Termination Fee	\$200.00	\$200.00
Transfer of Interlock to another Vehicle	\$220.00	\$220.00
Monthly Camera Rental	\$22.00	\$22.00
Warranty Fee	\$5.00	\$5.00
Warranty Fee Excess- Head Unit	\$150.00	\$150.00
Warranty Fee Excess- Relay Unit	\$150.00	\$150.00
Warranty Fee Excess- Camera Unit	\$150.00	\$150.00
Warranty Fee Excess- Full Replacement of all components	\$450.00	\$450.00
Head Unit Replacement- (if warranty fee not paid)	\$1036.00	\$1036.00
Relay Unit Replacement- (if warranty fee not paid)	\$780.00	\$780.00
Camera Unit Replacement- ( if warranty fee not paid)	\$760.00	\$760.00
Full Replacement of all components- ( if warranty fee not paid)	\$2803.00	\$2803.00

## Non-compliance charges

Additional fees may also apply if extra components are required to complete the installation.

# ACT FULL FEE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

Head Unit	\$1,036.00
Relay Unit	\$780.00
Camera	\$760.00
Relay Harness	\$77.00
Curly Cord	\$66.00
Misc- when complete unit requires replacement	\$84.00
<b>Total Device Replacement</b>	<b>\$2,803.00</b>

## LOSS PROTECTION PLAN

Loss Protection Fee must be accepted at the time of install and paid continuously for the life of the program to qualify. Replacement cost is reduced to \$150.00 per individual component. Loss Protection Fee applies to lost, stolen or accidental damage of goods. **Stolen goods must be supported by a Police Report.**

**If a police report has not been supplied to head office within 7 days the participant will be billed the full cost of unrecovered items.**

*All pricing is inclusive of GST*

# CONCESSION CARDS

If a participant presents a Valid Commonwealth concession card or DVA Health Card in their name and can prove they receive the full benefit by providing a current income statement, they are entitled to receive a 35% discount on the monthly servicing. To be eligible participants must sign a Centrelink confirmation consent form and comply with Smart Start Interlocks - Concession Card Policy.



Examples of Concession Cards



# KEY TERMS

## TEMPORARY LOCKOUTS

A five minute lockout will occur when an initial breath sample is recorded as .02 BrAC

## PERMANENT LOCKOUTS

Once the count down has expired your device will permanently lock out and an unlock code will be required to re-active the device.

## INITIAL TEST

An initial test is required before the vehicle is able to start.

## WARNING RE-TEST

A warning re-test will occur if alcohol or mouth contaminants are detected but are under the violation thresh hold.

## INITIAL VIOLATION RE-TEST

A violation re-test will be required if a positive sample has been recorded.

## ROLLING RETEST

A rolling re-test that is randomly requested by the interlock device while the engine is running.

## UNLOCK CODES

There is a limit of 2 unlock codes per service period and each code is priced at \$55.00. You have 6 hours once the code has been entered before the device will lock out. Once the 2 codes have been used the vehicle will then need to be towed to your service centre at your cost.

## VIOLATION COUNTDOWN

Once violation limits have been reached, the interlock device will display a count down for 7 days.

## CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

Smart Start Interlocks is committed to the provision of quality service to its participants and the community and has adopted Standard AS ISO 10002:2006 (Customer Satisfaction- Guidelines for complaints handling) as a best practice policy.

Smart Start Interlocks welcomes feedback, including complaints, from our participants. They allow us to correct any challenges with our service, give us a chance

to re-establish our relationship with our participants and enable us to continually improve our customer service quality.

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[info@smartstartinterlocks.com.au](mailto:info@smartstartinterlocks.com.au)

### **By Post:**

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**After Hours Support Option '2'**

Complaint Form can be found at [www.smartstartinterlocks.com.au/Contact](http://www.smartstartinterlocks.com.au/Contact) or at your Service Centre

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Our Participant & Breath Technique videos  
are available on our website and YouTube  
Channel



**[youtube.com/smartstartinterlocks](https://youtube.com/smartstartinterlocks)**

# FURTHER RESOURCES

**Smart Start Interlocks ACT:**

**<https://www.smartstartinterlocks.com.au/act-interlock-program>**

**Road Transport Authority Website:**

**[https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/1323/~alcohol-and-drug-awareness-courses-and-alcohol-ignition-interlock-program](https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1323/~alcohol-and-drug-awareness-courses-and-alcohol-ignition-interlock-program)**

**Road Transport Authority Ph:**

**13 22 81**

## EMERGENCY

## CONTACTS

**FOR AFTER HOURS/ EMERGENCY  
INTERLOCK SUPPORT :**

**1300 256 900 OPTION '2'**

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