

Application for Vehicle Release from Seizure

Number of the Procès-verbal – Saisie de véhicule:*

IMPORTANT: This form is for owners of seized vehicles who wish to recover their vehicle **before the end of a 30- or 90-day impoundment period**. A favourable decision by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ) could allow you to recover your vehicle before the end of the impoundment period, subject to payment of the impoundment and towing fees.

If one of the reasons for seizure indicated on the *Procès-verbal – Saisie de véhicule** concerns street racing or car surfing (Reason 60, 61 or 62) or illegal remunerated passenger transportation by automobile (Reason 51), do not complete this form. You must file a motion with the Court of Québec using the **Application for Release From Seizure** online form, available at lexius-gnjq.justice.gouv.qc.ca.

For more information, please read the back of the *Procès-verbal – Saisie de véhicule** or visit the SAAQ website at saaq.gouv.qc.ca.

CHECK OFF YOUR REASON(S) FOR APPLYING TO HAVE YOUR VEHICLE RELEASED FROM SEIZURE

YOU OWN THE VEHICLE AND WERE DRIVING IT AT THE TIME OF SEIZURE

Vehicle seized for driving without a licence (Reason 10 (expired licence) on the *Procès-Verbal - Saisie de véhicule**)

You drove a vehicle with an expired licence.

In the JUSTIFICATION section below, indicate the date on which your licence became valid again.

Vehicle seized for driving with a licence under penalty (Reason 20 or 21 on the *Procès-verbal – Saisie de véhicule**)

You did not know that your licence was under penalty.

In the JUSTIFICATION section below, explain why it had not been possible for you to know that your licence was under penalty.

EXCEPTIONS: If the vehicle was seized for any of the reasons listed below AND you were driving it at the time, this form does not apply to you.

- Operating or having the care or control of a vehicle while impaired, refusing to obey an order given by a peace officer or excessive speeding (Reason 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 or 40 on the *Procès-verbal – Saisie de véhicule**). Instead, you must fill out the **Application for Review – Suspension of a Licence or the Right to Obtain One**.
- Driving without a licence (Reason 10 (except for an expired licence); Reason 11, 12, 13 or 14 (failing to comply with licence conditions or restrictions) on the *Procès-verbal – Saisie de véhicule**). You cannot apply to have your vehicle released from seizure. You will only be able to recover your vehicle at the end of the impoundment period.

YOU OWN THE VEHICLE BUT WERE NOT DRIVING IT AT THE TIME OF SEIZURE

Vehicle seized for driving with a licence under penalty or driving without a licence (Reason 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 20 or 21 on the *Procès-verbal – Saisie de véhicule**)

You were unaware that the licence of the driver was under penalty despite having made reasonable inquiries to determine the status of the licence.

You were unaware that the driver did not hold a class of licence authorizing the operation of the vehicle despite having made reasonable inquiries to determine the status of the licence.

In the JUSTIFICATION section below, describe the inquiries you made in order to determine whether the driver held a valid licence.

Vehicle seized for operating or having the care or control of the vehicle while impaired by alcohol or drugs, or for refusing to obey an order given by a peace officer (Reason 33, 34, 35, 36 or 37 on the *Procès-verbal – Saisie de véhicule**)

You could not reasonably foresee that the driver would operate or have the care or control of the vehicle with a blood-alcohol concentration in excess of 80 mg per 100 ml of blood.

You could not reasonably foresee that the driver would operate or have the care or control of the vehicle while impaired and fail the evaluating officer's impairment evaluation.

You could not reasonably foresee that the driver would fail to obey, without a reasonable excuse, an order given by a peace officer.

In the JUSTIFICATION section below, explain why you could not reasonably foresee the driver's behaviour.

Vehicle seized for excessive speeding (Reason 40 on the *Procès-verbal – Saisie de véhicule**)

You could not reasonably foresee that the driver would commit an excessive speeding offence.

In the JUSTIFICATION section below, explain why you could not reasonably foresee the driver's behaviour.

Vehicle used without your consent

You did not consent to the driver operating your vehicle.

In the JUSTIFICATION section below, describe the circumstances under which the vehicle was used that allow you to state that it was used without your consent.

JUSTIFICATION

Please provide the explanations as requested above. **Note that failure to provide a justification could lead to the rejection of your application.** Use an additional sheet of paper if space is insufficient.

DOCUMENTS TO ENCLOSE WITH YOUR APPLICATION

- The *Procès-verbal – Saisie de véhicule**.
- If your vehicle was stolen, provide the number of the vehicle theft report, or any other proof of the theft.
- Also enclose any relevant documents in support of the facts stated in the JUSTIFICATION section (proof that you moved, proof that you were not at home for a certain period, signed statement by a third party, etc.).

OWNER OF THE SEIZED VEHICLE

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that the facts alleged in this application are true. I understand that any false statements could lead to the rejection of this application and render me liable to legal proceedings. In addition, I authorize the person identified below, if applicable, to represent me in regard to this application for release from seizure.

Last name and first name

Address (street number, street name, apartment)

Municipality

Province

Postal code

Telephone (home)

Telephone (other)

Extension

I authorize the SAAQ to change my address in its files if that address is different from the one given above.

X

Signature of vehicle owner

Date (Year-Month-Day)

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (if applicable)

Last name and first name

Address (street number, street name, apartment)

Municipality

Province

Postal code

Telephone (home)

X

Signature of authorized representative

Date (Year-Month-Day)

Telephone (other)

Extension

*Statement of vehicle seizure

Protection of Personal Information

The SAAQ only collects personal information that is necessary for it to exercise its powers and apply the laws it administers. All personal information gathered by authorized personnel is handled confidentially. This information may be shared with its licensing agents and certain government departments or agencies, including those located outside Québec, in accordance with the *Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information*. It may also be used for statistical, survey, study, audit or investigative purposes. Failure to provide this information can result in a refusal of service. You may consult, correct or obtain a copy of any personal information concerning you.

For more information, consult the Policy on Privacy on the SAAQ website at saaq.gouv.qc.ca/privacy or contact the SAAQ call centre.

To file your application:

Take your documents to an SAAQ service centre or fax them to 418-643-2200 or 1-866-680-1939 (toll-free).

Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec

You can also mail your application to:

Service de la saisie et de la disposition des véhicules

Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec

Édifice Jean-Lesage

333, boulevard Jean-Lesage

Case postale 19500, succursale Terminus

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