

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

IMPORTANT : Use this form if you are the owner of a vehicle that has been seized and impounded for a period of 30 or 90 days and you wish to apply for the release of your vehicle **before the end of the 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 (reasons 60, 61 or 62) or the illegal operation of a taxi service (reason 51) do not complete this form. You must file a motion with the Court of Québec using the **Application for Release from Seizure** form, available from the Ministère de la Justice.

For more information, please read the brochure entitled *Recovering a Seized Vehicle*, the back of the Procès-verbal – Saisie de véhicule*, or go to the SAAQ Web site at saaq.gouv.qc.ca.

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

YOU ARE THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE AND YOU WERE DRIVING THE VEHICLE WHEN IT WAS SEIZED

Vehicle seized for driving with a licence under penalty (reasons 20 and 21 of 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 care or control of a vehicle while impaired, refusing to obey an order given by a peace officer or excessive speeding (reasons 33, 34, 35, 36 and 40 of the Procès-verbal – Saisie de véhicule*). You must file the following form instead *Application for Review of Suspension of a Licence or the Right to Obtain One*.
- Driving without holding a licence (no licence or expired licence: reasons 10, 11, 12 and 13 of 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 ARE THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE BUT YOU WERE NOT THE PERSON DRIVING THE VEHICLE WHEN IT WAS SEIZED

Vehicle seized for driving with a licence under penalty or driving without a licence (reasons 10, 11, 12, 13, 20 and 21 of 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 care or control of the vehicle while impaired, or for refusing to obey an order given by a peace officer (reasons 33, 34, 35 and 36 of the Procès-verbal – Saisie de véhicule*)

You could not reasonably foresee that the driver would operate or have 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 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 of 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 required based on the reason checked off above. **Note that failure to provide a justification could lead to the rejection of your application.** Enclose an additional sheet of paper if space is insufficient.

DOCUMENTS TO ENCLOSE WITH YOUR APPLICATION

- The Procès-verbal – Saisie de véhicule* **must be enclosed with each application.**
- 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 at the SAAQ.

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)

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 seizure

Protection of Personal Information

All personal information gathered by authorized Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ) personnel is handled confidentially. The SAAQ requires this information to apply the *Automobile Insurance Act*, the *Act respecting the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec* and the *Highway Safety Code*. Under the *Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information*, this information may be conveyed to the SAAQ's licensing agents and other Government departments or agencies, or 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's website at saaq.gouv.qc.ca or contact the SAAQ's 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).

You can also mail your application to the following address:

Service du suivi du privilège de circuler

Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec

333, boulevard Jean-Lesage

Case postale 19500, succursale Terminus

Québec (Québec) G1K 8J5