

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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ZERO ALCOHOL FOR DRIVERS AGE 21 OR YOUNGER



GENERAL INFORMATION

As provided under the *Act to amend the Highway Safety Code and other legislative provisions* (Bill 71), the zero alcohol rule will apply to all driver's licence holders age 21 or younger, regardless of the class of licence they hold or the type of vehicle they drive, as of April 15, 2012.

Thus, the licences of drivers age 21 or younger who drive or have the care or control of a road vehicle with alcohol in their system will have their licence **immediately suspended** for a period of 90 days (even where their bloodalcohol level does not exceed the legal limit of 80 mg of alcohol per 100 ml of blood).

If they are subsequently convicted:

- four demerit points will be entered on their driving record;
- they will be required to pay a fine of \$300 to \$600 (plus costs).

In December 2011, the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ) informed representatives from the transportation industry that the *Conduct Review Policy for Heavy Vehicle Owners and Operators* as well as the *Conduct Review Policy and Excellence Program for Heavy Vehicle Drivers* would be adjusted to take this new measure into account.

MEASURES PROVIDED UNDER THE *CONDUCT REVIEW POLICY AND EXCELLENCE PROGRAM FOR HEAVY VEHICLE DRIVERS*



CONDUCT REVIEW POLICY

Heavy vehicle drivers age 21 or younger are subject to the penalties listed above as well as to the rules detailed in the *Conduct Review Policy for Heavy Vehicle Drivers*.

As of April 15, 2012, drivers age 21 or younger who drove or had the care or control of a heavy vehicle with alcohol in their system will receive a **notice of referral to the Commission des transports** after the SAAQ has been noticed that such an offence has been committed.

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The following table lists all of the possible combinations provided under the Policy:

COMBINATIONS OF EVENTS IN THE OPERATOR'S RECORD

A critical event not related to impaired driving or a failure on a facility audit (operators category) occurred within the previous year, or a critical event related to impaired driving occurred within the last two years;

AND

The record is the subject of a second-level warning letter in one of the "operator" conduct areas.

Two failures on facility audits (operators category) have occurred within a two-year period.

Two critical events not related to impaired driving have occurred within a one-year period.

Two critical events related to impaired driving have occurred within a two-year period.

A critical event not related to impaired driving occurs when a critical event related to impaired driving occurred within the last two years.

A critical event related to impaired driving occurred when a critical event not related to impaired driving occurred within the last year.

A driver was involved in two critical events related to impaired driving within the last ten years and was employed by the operator on an ongoing basis during that ten-year period.

A failure on a facility audit (operators category) occurs when a critical event not related to impaired driving has occurred within the last year.

A failure on a facility audit (operators category) occurs when a critical event related to impaired driving has occurred within the last two years.

A critical event, whether related or not to impaired driving, occurs when a failure on a facility audit has occurred within the last year.

