

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

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## **Class**

Q. Do you offer the 12-hour IDRC classes online?

A. No, all classes are in person.

Q. How do I schedule my IDRC class?

A. Once you are convicted of a DUI, the court will send your information to the State Intoxicated Driving Program (IDP), and you will be sent a scheduling notice in your county of residence. The class date is **not accurate**. You must complete all actions on the appropriate form along with payment and submit it to [IDRC@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:IDRC@co.monmouth.nj.us) by the original class date. You will then be scheduled into class.

Q. What happens after I send in my payment and the completed Class Form? When will I be schedule into class?

A. Upon receipt of payment and completed class form, you will be emailed the class date, time, and location. If you do not receive an email within a week, please contact us after checking your Junk or Spam folder.

Q. I did not receive my initial scheduling letter/class dates for the IDRC class.

A. If you were recently convicted of a DUI and have not received a scheduling letter, contact the county IDRC in which you reside. Please ensure that the IDRC has your current address on file. You must update your address with BOTH the sentencing court AND the IDRC

Q. I did not receive IDRC's email.

A. Check your Junk or Spam folder. If it is not there, contact us.

Q. What happens at the IDRC class?

A. When you attend the class, you will be educated on various topics, such as laws, substance use, what's in a drink, BAC, etc. During the 12-hour program you will participate in a substance use screening. The screening consists of meeting with a counselor to determine if further alcohol/drug assessment is required.

Q. What if I cannot attend my IDRC Class? How do I reschedule?

A. To reschedule your newly assigned class date, please contact the IDRC via email at [IDRC@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:IDRC@co.monmouth.nj.us).

You may reschedule your assigned class for the following reasons:

- Health Emergency
- Death in the Family

- Documented Work Emergency
- Family Emergency

Documentation is required, such as a doctor's note, obituary notice, or a note from your employer when rescheduling a class. Please be advised that all absences are considered unexcused unless the IDRC receives verification of a documented emergency. Please email verification to [IDRC@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:IDRC@co.monmouth.nj.us) as soon as possible. Failure to do so will result in the issuance of a non-compliance. Note that both days of class must be attended consecutively.

Q. What does the IDRC Education Program consist of?

A. The education program, which is part of the 12- and 48- hour IDRC, contains information on:

- Alcohol, drugs, and their effects on driving ability
- The New Jersey Intoxicated Driving Law
- Social and problem drinking
- Substance abuse
- Family and social relationships

## **Treatment**

Q. What should I do if I don't agree with the first alcohol/drug assessment and want a second opinion?

A. On the main page, under 'Treatment' choose the location based upon your home address and follow the instructions. You are allowed to change to another agency once. If the second agency determines you need a program, it must be completed as part of your IDRC requirements.

Q. What if I want to switch treatment providers, what is the procedure?

A. On the main page, under 'Treatment' choose the location based upon your home address and follow the instructions.

Q. Why do I need a re-assessment if I completed treatment prior to coming to class?

A. If treatment ended over a year ago, New Jersey regulations state you must go for an updated assessment prior to license restoration.

Q. How do I know if the IDRC received my paperwork from the agency?

A. Check with your treatment provider to find out if they received your file from the IDRC. If you have completed treatment, ask your counselor if they have sent all required documents to the IDRC. Make sure they know it is Monmouth County.

## **Self Help**

Q. What is Self Help?

A. Self Help is the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) or Narcotics Anonymous (NA). These groups require no membership dues or fees and is dedicated to helping people in addiction peer to peer in sobriety through its Twelve Step program.

Q. Why did my treatment counselor sign me up for Self Help?

A. It might be required as part of your treatment plan.

Q. Why did the IDRC send me a form to sign for Self Help?

A. You have three (3) or more DUI/Refusals in your lifetime and must complete one year of treatment/Self Help. The balance, after treatment, may be completed through Self Help. For example, you complete 5 months of treatment which leaves a balance of 7 months (which total 1 year). The balance can be taken care of through continued treatment or attending Self Help.

Q. Where are the meetings?

A. You will be sent a list of meetings in Monmouth County which hand out the IDRC attendance cards.

Q. What am I to do with these cards?

A. At the end of each month, you should have four (4) cards. Mail the cards to the IDRC, 3000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

Q. What if my self-help meeting group has no cards?

A. If they usually give out cards, have the secretary of the group contact us. If they do not normally give out cards, please contact us.

## **Miscellaneous**

Q. Why did I get a non-compliance letter?

A. On the main page under 'Miscellaneous' click 'Received Warning Letter or Non-Compliance'

Q. What happens if I do not participate?

A. The IDRC is a court-mandated program. If you fail to complete your 12-hour IDRC program or do not satisfactorily complete a prescribed assessment, treatment, or self-help program, your case will be referred back to the sentencing court and your driver's license may be suspended until all IDRC/IDP requirements have been satisfied. The court may also impose a jail sentence for program non-compliance.

Q. What happens after I have been detained and screened?

A. You may be referred to a treatment provider for a substance use assessment as part of your IDRC requirements. If you are referred for further assessment and treatment is clinically recommended by the treatment provider, the IDRC is responsible to monitor your treatment during this period. This is a requirement of the IDRC and is indicated on the court order. If you are not referred for further assessment or monitoring based on

the screening, the IDRC will update the sentencing court and motor vehicle upon completion of the 12-hour class.

Q. Will my driving privileges be affected?

A. The IDP/IDRC Program is responsible for providing client education and compliance monitoring. Your driving privilege is maintained by motor vehicles. If you fail to attend class and/or fail to follow through with assessment/treatment, the municipal court and motor vehicles will be notified. This could result in jail time and license suspension until all IDRC requirements are completed.

Q. Am I in compliance with the IDRC?

A. Non-Compliance information is communicated to clients via mail. Please ensure to check and update the IDRC of any address change. If you update your address with motor vehicles or the court, you MUST contact IDRC to update your address as well. A case may be placed into non-compliance for reasons such as, but not limited to:

Failure to pay for/attend your court-ordered IDRC class

Failure to attend required assessment

Failure to engage/complete treatment if recommended following assessment

Treatment non-compliance (e.g. tardiness, unexcused absences, positive UDS, etc.).

If you are not sure of your case status, please contact us at [IDRC@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:IDRC@co.monmouth.nj.us)

Q. I was put into non-compliance, what is the wait time for license restoration after I complete treatment?

A. Upon completion of class or receipt of completed paperwork from your treatment agency, it should take 3-5 business days for it to post on your Driving Abstract.

Questions regarding license status should be directed to MVC. On the main page under 'Miscellaneous' click on DUI-Related Contact Numbers and call Motor Vehicles Commission at the number listed

Q. What happens if I appeal my DUI??

A. If your attorney has filed an appeal, please provide us with a copy of the Notice of Motion for the Appeal. Our contact information is on the main page. We will put your file on hold until the appeal is decided.

Q. Can you speak with my attorney about my case?

A. Your DUI is public knowledge and we can speak to your attorney about scheduling into class. If you are referred for a treatment assessment, you will sign a Records Release which has 'Your Attorney' checked off. Once you sign that document, we will be able to speak to your attorney on your behalf

Q. Can someone else call on my behalf and discuss my case?

A. Regarding Class: Yes, we can speak to someone on your behalf regarding class due to your DUI being public knowledge.

A. Referred for a Treatment Assessment: We **cannot** speak to family, friends, co-workers, or your Aunt Sally unless we have a Records Release signed by you. Your records are treated as medical records, and we cannot disclose without your written consent.

Q. How do I get proof of attendance for my employer?

A. Provide them with a copy of your original scheduling notice and a copy of the scheduling email you receive.

Q. How many times can I reschedule my IDRC class?

A. If it is an approved reason, i.e. medical, we will need a note from your physician monthly. If it is not an approved reason, i.e. no money, the non-compliance process will begin, which means court and MVC will be notified. This could mean possible jail time and further license suspension.

Q. Is being in jail an excuse for not attending the IDRC class?

A. Jail is not an approved excuse. The non-compliance process will begin, which means court and MVC will be notified. This could mean possible jail time and further license suspension. The hold on your license prevents you from driving until you attend and complete the IDRC requirements.

Q. The client is deceased what do you need to close the file?

A. A copy of the Death Certificate or a copy of the obituary.