

Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

L22 - Drink Driver Education (DDE) Courses

General

It is mandatory for persons convicted of certain drink driving offence offences to undergo an approved course prior to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles granting a licence to drive a motor vehicle. Such education is an important aspect of drink driver rehabilitation and forms part of a broader road safety strategy.

What is an approved course and who conducts it?

An approved course is a DDE course that is approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and is the basis for an applicant whose licence has been suspended or cancelled due to a drink driving offence to be eligible to re-apply for a driver licence. The Drink Driver Education Courses have been developed by Amity Community Services and are delivered in the community by a range of providers. For a full list of providers please visit the Amity website www.amity.org.au

Who has to complete a DDE course?

When a Northern Territory driver licence has been suspended or cancelled due to a particular drink driving offence, section 102AA of the Motor Vehicles Act requires the applicant to complete a course or treatment program approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. Drivers who wish to reapply for their licence or apply for an Alcohol Ignition Lock Licence (AIL) who have a DDE course requirement must complete an approved course or their application for a licence will be refused, no exceptions.

Currently there are two DDE courses being conducted, the course details are provided in table below:

Module Number	Duration of Course	Subject Matter
UGS 002	5 x (2 hour) sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Drinks and Blood alcohol concentrations; • Acute effects of alcohol, and • Drinking patterns & risk levels.
UGS 003	7 x (2 hour) sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UGS 002 Subjects, plus; • Long term effects of alcohol, and • Controlled drinking strategies.

What DDE courses have to be completed?

Drink driving offences and corresponding DDE Course requirements for first, second and subsequent offenders have been listed below:

Offence	Blood Alcohol Content (BAC)	First Offence	Second or Subsequent Offence
Driving Under Influence (DUI) <i>(Alcohol related)</i>	Any range	Module <u>UGS 002</u>	Module <u>UGS 003</u>
Low Range BAC	0.05 to 0.08%	No DDE Course, unless imposed by the Registrar or Courts	No DDE Course, unless imposed by the Registrar or Courts
Medium Range BAC	0.08% to 0.15%	Module <u>UGS 002</u>	Module <u>UGS 003</u>
High Range BAC	0.15% and above	Module <u>UGS 003</u>	Module <u>UGS 003</u>
Refusing to supply a breath sample	Any range	Module <u>UGS 003</u>	Module <u>UGS 003</u>

Am I required to complete a DDE Course If I have been charged with a Low BAC

DUI and a Low Range BAC are two completely different offences. A person can be charged with DUI if found to be incapable of having proper control of a motor vehicle due to the influence of any concentration of alcohol in the blood. In some cases people with very low BAC readings may be charged with DUI and this will require a DDE Course to be completed.

What to do and how can I find further information?

The DDE courses can be booked by phoning Amity Community Services on 8944 6565, people living outside the Darwin area are advised to visit the Amity website www.amity.org.au for details of other training providers in their area. If you require further information please contact the Motor Vehicle Registry Customer Service Call Centre on 1300 654 628, for information relating to a drink driving charge please contact the Police.

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