

Responsible Driver Program

Fact Sheet

The Responsible Driver Program (RDP) is a remedial program for drivers with alcohol or drug related driving prohibitions. Every Canadian province and many jurisdictions throughout the world have similar programs and they have been shown to reduce the risk of repeat alcohol or drug related collisions and convictions. British Columbia is partnering with Stroh Health Care to deliver the program province-wide.

Participation

Under Section 25.2 of the *Motor Vehicle Act* (MVA), drivers whose driving records meet the criteria prescribed in the MVA Regulations (Regulations) are required to complete the RDP. Referrals made under Section 25.2 of the MVA are prescribed in regulation and are not subject to a reconsideration process.

If a driving record does not meet the criteria prescribed in the Regulations, but the driving record is found to be unsatisfactory, the Superintendent may require a driver to participate in the RDP under Section 25.1 of the MVA. A driver may apply for a reconsideration of a referral to the RDP made under Section 25.1 of the MVA.

How the Program Works

The Superintendent will send a letter to anyone who is referred to the program. Clients must complete the program as a condition of keeping their driver's licence or before they can regain their driving privileges. After paying the \$930.00 program fee, participants will undergo a telephone assessment. This assessment will subsequently be used to determine which of the two programs the driver will participate in:

- A 8-hour education session in a classroom

setting.

- A 16-hour group counselling program, scheduled over an eight week period.

Drivers may be assessed at the end of the program, with the results sent to the Superintendent. Based on the results of an RDP assessment and their driving record, drivers will either be allowed to apply for a full privilege driver's licence, be required to keep or have an ignition interlock device installed in their vehicle, or be found unfit to drive and not permitted to obtain a driver's licence. If someone is denied a driver's licence an administrative appeal is available.

For more information . . .

- visit the RoadSafetyBC website at www.gov.bc.ca/roadsafetybc
- visit the ICBC website at www.icbc.com for information on driver licensing.