



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
**Policy 3.01 Issuance of Driver's License to Intoxicated
or Impaired Person**

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General: An analyst shall not issue a driver's license to an applicant who appears to be intoxicated or overly medicated, even if it is for a renewal or a duplicate license. There is too much danger that the applicant may assume that he is immediately free to operate a motor vehicle.

Procedure:

- The applicant should diplomatically be advised to return at a later date. Warning must be given that if he drives away from the office in the present condition, action will be taken to inform the appropriate law enforcement agency that he is suspected of driving while impaired.
- DO NOT insinuate that the individual is inebriated or under the influence as there may be a medical problem involved. A medical form can be given to the applicant if you feel it may be required.
- If the applicant becomes insistent, refer the individual to a supervisor or manager.