

ASSEMBLY BILL 60

Title: Driver's Licenses; eligibility; required documentation (Safe and Responsible Driver's Act)

Approved: October 3, 2013 by Governor Brown

Effective: January 1, 2015

Status: DMV has not begun issuing driver licenses.
DMV has until January 1, 2015.

This document will aid officers in addressing questions the public may have in regards to Assembly Bill 60. Feel free to copy and disseminate this FAQ to the public.

LAPD Implementation Plan

Q: What does AB 60 require?

A: The DMV is required to issue an original driver license to an applicant who is unable to submit satisfactory proof of legal presence in the United States. Driver license applicants under AB 60 must meet all other qualifications for licensure and must provide satisfactory proof of identity and California residency.

Q: What steps is LAPD taking to educate the public regarding AB 60?

A: The Department's Community Outreach Liaison has been working with the DMV, Mayor's Office and various community groups to educate the public. The LAPD's role is to re-assure the community that the license will not be used for immigration purposes. Furthermore, the LAPD will provide training and education materials to the Senior Lead Officers to disseminate at community meetings.

Q: What steps has the LAPD taken to educate officers regarding the new licenses?

A: Once the new license and procedures are approved, the Department will issue a Notice to all personnel advising of the new driver licenses being issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The Notice will be similar to the Department Traffic Coordinator Notice "New California Driver License and Identification Cards," issued on October 29, 2010. This Notice included a pamphlet provided by the DMV advising of the new cards.

The Department will continue to remind officers of the Department policy established by Special Order No. 40 "Undocumented Aliens" dated November 27, 1979, and Chief of Police Memorandum No. 5 "Enforcement Policy Regarding Undocumented Aliens," dated June 17, 1982.

Q: Did AB 60 make it a right that everyone has the opportunity to drive and have a license?

A: The Department will continue to remind the public that the California Legislature, through Section 14607.4 of the California Vehicle Code, recognizes that driving is a privilege and not a right.

Q: Does the LAPD provide assistance to the community in obtaining the new license?

A: No. However, the Honorable Mayor Garcetti has coordinated with the Los Angeles City Libraries to assist in the distribution of education materials to obtain the new license. The test materials will be provided at all City libraries in a variety of languages. A "How To" guide will also be available.

Q: Is it recommended to seek the services or assistances from a private organization or private consultant to assist in obtaining the new license?

A: NO! It is recommended that the each applicant review and study the driving handbook and be prepared for the written test.

Q: Does AB 60 change the Department's impound policy and procedures?

A: No. Officers shall continue to be guided by the Community Caretaking Doctrine and the procedures outlined in Special Order No. 7.

Q: Are officers required to notify the Department of Homeland Security or any other government entity when presented with the new license?

A: NO!

Q: Are the new licenses valid identification for purposes of issuing citations?

A: Yes.

Q: Are officers allowed to discriminate or treat community members with the new license differently than those with a regular license?

A: No. Officers shall not discriminate against anyone on the basis of their immigration status. Any unprofessional behavior is considered misconduct and is in violation of the equal protection clause, the 14th amendment, of the United States Constitution.

DMV Implementation/Community Outreach

Q: Where can I get information on how to obtain a new license?

A: DMV website (DMV.CA.GOV) & LA City Public Libraries (LAPL.ORG)

Q: What does the new driver license look like? Will it be look different from a current driver license?

A: Yes the new license will be slightly different but the overall design, look, and feel of the license will remain unchanged with the exception of 3 words added to the right corner of the card "**Federal Limits Apply.**" See the examples of both adult and Under 21 driver license.



Q: What information is available on the DMV website?

A: The DMV website has important information that should be reviewed such as the *Documents Needed to Obtain a License, Information on How to Prepare Yourself for Obtaining a License, California Driver License Handbook, Sample Interactive Tests, and Flashcard Study Materials.*

Q: What documents are needed to obtain a new license?

A: The DMV has identified several different types of documents that will be accepted. A complete list of these documents is available from the DMV website as well as Los Angeles City libraries.

Q: Are the DMV documents only available in English?

A: No. The DMV study materials are available in a variety of languages. The *Regulation Summary Chart* is available in the following languages: Arabic, Armenian, Chinese, English, Farsi, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

Q: What are the steps that need to be completed to obtain a license?

A: Visit a DMV Office

- Complete application (DMV Form DL 44)
- Give a thumb print
- Have your picture taken
- Provide required identification paperwork
- Pay the application fee
- Pass a vision exam
- Pass a 36 question test on traffic laws and traffic signs.
- **If you have never been issued a licensed, then a “Driver Permit” will be issued.
- Schedule a driving test
- Provide proof of financial responsibility (insurance)

Q: Will I be fingerprinted at the DMV?

A: Yes. Everyone that applies or renews for a license is required to provide a thumbprint. The thumbprint is not used for immigration purposes and is used to prevent identify theft. When you provide a thumbprint, the DMV will take your photograph to ensure all future licenses requests are cross referenced to prevent someone from accessing your DMV records.

Q: What is required to obtain a new license?

A: If you do not have outstanding actions (fines or unresolved tickets) on your driving record, you will receive a driver license after you pay the application fee, pass all applicable knowledge examinations, show that your physical and/or mental condition is satisfactory, and demonstrate your ability to drive safely.

If you have a medical condition or disability, the DMV may require you to take a driver test. You may also have to provide a statement from your physician regarding your current health condition.

Q: What if I have unpaid tickets?

A: Prior to DMV issuing a new license, any outstanding fines will need to be paid.

Q: Is there a cost to obtain a new license?

A: A nonrefundable application fee is required. The fee is good for 12 months and allows you to take the appropriate law test(s) three times. If you fail the law test and/or driving test three times, your application will be void and a new application and fee are required.

Q: Why is there a fee?

A: The fee pays for both the instruction permit and driver license.

Q: What is the cost of the new license?

A: \$33

Q: What are the hours that DMV is open?

A: Most DMV offices are open from 8 am to 5 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and from 9 am to 5 pm on Wednesday.

Q: Are there any special DMV processing centers or extended hours?

A: Some field offices have extended hours and a few offer only driver license or vehicle registration services. To find out whether your local DMV field office has extended hours, or to find a field office location and service options, go online or call the toll-free number at (800) 444-0133 or (800) 777-0133. Community members with speech or hearing impairments can call (800) 368-4327.

The DMV has opened a processing center in Granada Hills to assist with the new licenses.

Driver License Processing Center
16201 San Fernando Mission Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 91344
(800)777-0133

Q: Is the test graded and is studying recommended?

A: YES!

Q: Any recommendations?

A: Review the California Driver Handbook. All questions are from the handbook. Read the test questions carefully. Don't be nervous. The DMV wants you to pass the test!

Q: How do I make an appointment?

A: The DMV is scheduling appointments for dates after January 1st 2015 to get a driver license. You can call 1-800-777-0133 or visit the California DMV on the web at; <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/portal/foa/welcome>

LA CITY LIBRARIES

Q: What are the dates and times that the libraries are open?

A: Library locations and hours of operation are available from the Los Angeles Public Library website: <http://www.lapl.org/>

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Q: What if I feel discriminated or treated unprofessionally by officers after I present my new driver licenses? Where can I report this?

A: If you believe you were treated unfairly or were discriminated against, community members have several options:

- Request a supervisor
- Notify Internal Affairs Division via telephone or email
- Contact the Office of the Inspector General

Q: What if I owe for unpaid parking tickets?

A: It is recommended that community members visit the local Department of Transportation Parking Bureau and pay for any unpaid parking citations.

Q: Will I face possible deportation when I apply for the new license or pay unpaid tickets?

A: No. The purpose of AB 60 is to improve public safety and encourage all community members to obtain a driver license through the standardized DMV testing procedures.