

**DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC COORDINATOR
OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES**

NOTICE

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April 7, 2026

TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Department Traffic Coordinator

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY DRIVER'S LICENSE

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice is to notify Department employees of a recent Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) notification regarding accepting temporary driver's license (DL) that are issued after a DL has been cancelled.

BACKGROUND

The DMV is authorized to cancel a DL for administrative purposes. The cancellation of the license is without prejudice, and drivers have the right to reapply for a DL. When a driver complies with the DMV requirements and applies for a new DL, an interim or temporary DL is issued while the new DL is being processed.

PROCEDURE

When a driver presents a temporary DL with an issued date that falls *after* a DL cancellation date, the temporary DL should be honored. In these instances, the temporary DL indicates the driver has complied with the DMV requirements to obtain a new license.

If you have any questions, please contact Traffic Coordination Division, at (213) 486-0690.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION MEMO: 26-03
SUBJECT: Temporary Driver's License
Memo Date: March 26, 2026

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Purpose

To remind California law enforcement agencies that when a driver presents a temporary driver's license (DL) with an issued date later than the DL cancellation date, the temporary DL must be accepted.

Background

Vehicle Code §13100 lets the CA Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) cancel a DL for administrative reasons. The cancellation of the license is without prejudice, and drivers have the right to immediately reapply for a license. Customers who subsequently comply with DMV requirements and apply are issued interim/temporary DLs while awaiting their new DL or Commercial DL card.

New Information

If a driver presents a temporary DL with an issued date that falls **after** their DL cancellation date, law enforcement should honor these temporary DLs as this indicates compliance with the DMV requirements.

A scan of a California Temporary Driver License. The document is titled "NOT A VERIFIED IDENTIFICATION" and "TEMPORARY DRIVER LICENSE". It includes the license number "I7900328" and "CLASS C". A red box highlights the "ISSUED: 11-15-27" date. Other fields include "298", "TG/TG", and "EXPIRES: 01-14-28". Personal information includes "NONCONC CEE", "2415 1ST AVE", "SACRAMENTO CA 95818", "SEX: M", "HAIR: AUB", "EYES: BLK", "HT: 5-10", "WT: 200", and "DOB: 01-01-00". A disclaimer states: "THIS LICENSE IS ISSUED AS A LICENSE TO DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE; IT DOES NOT ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY FOR EMPLOYMENT, VOTER REGISTRATION, OR PUBLIC BENEFITS." At the bottom, there is a signature line with "X" and the text "298 11-15-27 TG/5688".

Contact

If you have questions or concerns about this memorandum or changes to the email distribution list, contact the Information Policy and Liaison Branch at (916) 657-7732 or via email to jaglaw@dmv.ca.gov.

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