

Foreign Language Requirements for TVS Program

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New Information

Effective January 1, 2026, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) implemented a new process for traffic violator school (TVS) foreign language approval.

The regulation has been established in *California Code of Regulations* (CCR) §345.31(i).

Procedures

Original Course Curriculum

Original course curriculum can now be translated into a foreign language by a person meeting one of the following requirements. The person **must** possess a:

- Minimum of five years of professional translation work experience.
- Four-year college degree in the targeted language.
- Translator certificate from the American Translator Association, or equivalent.

Requester shall submit a completed Traffic Violator School Foreign Language Approval Request (OL 775) form.

Purchased Course Curriculum

Purchased course curriculum can be translated by a person who meets the above requirements. Before translating the course, users are required to:

- Secure permission from the curriculum owner.
- Submit a completed Traffic Violator School Foreign Language Approval Request (OL 775) form and a letter of authorization from the curriculum owner. The letter **must** meet all requirements listed on the OL 775.

Background

DMV previously required each TVS course to be translated into a foreign language by a California court-certified translator before the instruction could be offered to the public. The TVS would then obtain a certificate of translation from the court and provide that to DMV. Due to the significant cost involved, DMV created a new translation process.

Reference

California Code of Regulations, Title 13, Article 4.7

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