

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

1) The Update to the Initial Statement of Reasons

The proposed regulation adopts the TVS Foreign Language Approval Request, form OL 775. During the 45-day comment period, the department offered a draft of the form OL 775, referencing a revision date of 3/2025. No requests were made for the form and no comments were received related to the proposed form. No changes were made to the form with exception to the updated revision date of 4/2025 and the addition of the Privacy Notice on Collection that was added to the bottom of the form.

The Privacy Notice on Collection (Notice) identifies the statutes allowing the department to collect the applicant's personal information. The Notice informs the applicant that the information will not be shared with other entities, will be used as part of the approval of translated courses, and all the information required by the form is necessary. The Initial Statement of Reasons provided the rationale for the information required on the form.

The Notice informs the applicant that failure to provide mandatory information on the form may result in the rejection of the approval of the translated course. This provision is important to make the applicant aware of the importance of providing complete information. The intent of the form is for the TVS school owner to self-certify to the department that the course has been translated by a person who meets one of the qualifying standards provided on the form.

The Notice informs the applicant that they have the right to review and request corrections or deletions from the department's records related to their personal information, and provides departmental contact information for the Occupational Licensing Branch and the department's Privacy Office.

The department submitted the final form as part of the adopted regulation.

The department modified the originally proposed text and the form and provided those documents to the public for a 15-day comment period that began on September 2, 2025 and ended on September 18, 2025.

- Changes to the regulatory text include the following:

Section 345.31. Submission of Traffic Violator School Course for Approval.

Subsection (i) was amended to clarify the rule relates to courses offered in a language other than English.

Subsection (i) was also amended to update the revision date of the form OL 775 with the changes specified below.

Section 345.32. Authorization for Purchase.

Subsection (a)(2)(C) was amended to clarify the course buyer's full name and license number will be required on the program owner's letter of authorization. This clarification will ensure the program owner's intent to sell the course to the buyer. The amendment also ensures the regulatory text is consistent with the requirements on the form OL 775.

- Changes to the TVS Foreign Language Approval Request, OL 775

Because the form is new and has not been released for public use, the draft version of the form that was provided for the 45-day public comment period was undated. The originally proposed text referenced a revision date of 3/2025. The form was later finalized when the rule was submitted to the Office of Administrative Law for review and identified with a version date of New 4/2025. Because the form was finalized, but not released to the public, the department did not change the version date with subsequent revisions. The final adopted form also has a version date of New 4/2025. The following changes have been made to the form that was provided for the 15-day comment period:

Text was added to Section 2 of the form clarifying the translator must meet one of the qualifications provided on the form. The previous version of the form could have been confusing by leading the reader to believe the translator has to meet all of the qualifications provided on the form.

Text is added to each translator qualification to specify the qualification must be met in the target language.

Section 4 is amended to add space for a departmental representative to provide their approval or denial of the form. The representative will check the applicable box, provide their name and the date.

The Privacy Notice on Collection is updated to correct the citation for the California Public Records Act.

2) Imposition of Mandate on Local Agencies or School Districts

The department's regulatory action amending Sections 345.31 and 345.32 in Article 4.7, Chapter 1, Division 1, of Title 13, does not impose any mandate on local agencies or school districts and imposes (1) no cost or savings to any state agency, (2) no cost to any local agency or school district that is required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code, (3) no other discretionary cost or savings to local agencies, and (4) no cost or savings in federal funding to the state. No studies or data were relied upon to make this determination.

3) Local Mandate Determination

The department's regulatory action amending Sections 345.31 and 345.32 in Article 4.7, Chapter 1, Division 1, Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations does not impose any mandate on local agencies or school districts.

4) Summary of Comments Received and Department Response

The proposal was noticed on April 11, 2025, and made available to the public from April 11, 2025 through May 27, 2025. The department received no written comments during the 45-day comment period.

5) Summary of Comments Received during the 15-Day Comment Period and the Department's Response.

The modified regulatory text was noticed on September 2, 2025, and made available to the public from September 2, 2025 through September 18, 2025. The department received no written comments during the 15-day comment period.

6) Determination of Alternatives

This regulation will end a burdensome process by which traffic violator school owner is required to pay exorbitant fees to have their courses translated prior to offering the course in a language other than English. This regulation will allow courses to be translated using a more cost-efficient process. The regulation will benefit the schools by reducing cost burdens and will benefit potential students in need of traffic violator school courses offered in languages other than English. Therefore, the department has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by the department or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the department would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, or would be effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

7) Incorporation by Reference

The proposed text incorporates by reference the Traffic Violator School Foreign Language Approval Request, form OL 775 (Rev. 4/2025). The form OL 775 is not being published in the California Code of Regulations. The department has hundreds of forms, most of which are in regulation. To include each form in their respective regulation would be impractical and cumbersome. However, the form was made available upon request to the public during the 45-day comment period and during the 15-day comment period.