

**Unified Regulatory Plan of the Department of Motor Vehicles for State Fiscal Year 2026**

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## **Agency Description**

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is responsible for the administration of the motor vehicle license, registration and title laws; the issuance, suspension, and revocation of driver's licenses; the examination of applicants for and holders of driver's licenses; the administration, training, disciplining, and assignment of examiners of applicants for driver's licenses; the administration of the safety responsibility laws, motor vehicles sales and use tax laws, fuel tax laws, the provisions of Title 46.2 relating to transportation safety and dealer licensing laws; the registration of carriers of passengers or property and vehicles that may be required to be registered under the International Registration Plan or pay road tax as described under Chapter 27 (§ [58.1-2700](#) et seq.) of Title 58.1 under the International Fuel Tax Agreement; the audit of carriers of passengers or property for compliance with registration and road tax requirements; proof of financial responsibility; and any other services that may be required to create a single point of contact for motor carriers operating within and without the Commonwealth, including the operation of permanent and mobile motor carrier service centers. DMV promulgates regulations necessary to carry out the laws administered by the department pursuant to § 46.2-203. DMV operates under the supervision of the Secretary of Transportation.

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| <b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b><br>Create Free Virginia ID, Driver's License, or Vital Record for Homeless Youth guidance document                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Brief Overview</b><br>The proposed regulatory action would create a new guidance document. Chapter 181 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly establishes a fee waiver on certain DMV and Vital Records documents for customers that are homeless youths. This guidance document would establish the process by which homeless youths can receive a fee waiver on certain DMV and Vital Records documents. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA<br><input type="checkbox"/> Proposed<br><input type="checkbox"/> Final                                                                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA<br><input type="checkbox"/> Revised Proposed<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track |
| <b>Additional Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Review Requested<br><input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Action                                                                                                                                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document                                                                                     |
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| <b>Deregulatory Component</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | There is no deregulatory component associated with this regulatory action. The regulatory action is necessary to establish a process by which DMV will offer a fee waiver to homeless youth for certain vital records and DMV documentation. |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Expected Date</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | August 27, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                           |

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| <b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b><br>Update DMV Cognitive Impairment Policy to include additional language clarifying that licensure is contingent on the customer's ability to pass the CDRS evaluation.                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Brief Overview</b><br>The proposed regulatory action is based on the recommendations of DMV's Medical Advisory Board. This regulatory action would add the following language to the guidance document: "Drivers who fail a CDRS evaluation and are recommended to retire from driving will be suspended. A passing CDRS evaluation will be required in order to reconsider the suspension." |                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Deregulatory Component</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | There is no deregulatory component associated with this regulatory action. The regulatory action would merely seek to clarify the consequences of the customer failing the CDRS evaluation. |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Expected Date</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | August 27, 2025                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                           |

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| <b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b><br>Update DMV Transient Ischemic Attack and/or Cerebral Vascular Accident Policy guidance document to shorten the six month suspension to not less than three months for certain customers.                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Brief Overview</b><br>The proposed regulatory action would introduce language to shorten the six-month suspension to not less than three months for customers who have suffered a CVA in cases where DMV receives information from the driver's health care provider to indicate that they have fully recovered. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Deregulatory Component</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | The proposed regulatory action would reduce the license suspension for customers in cases where DMV receives information from the driver's health care provider to indicate that the driver has fully recovered.                                |
| <b>Expected Date</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | August 27, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b><br>Update the Driver Training School regulations to conform certain sections to the Code of Virginia                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Brief Overview</b><br>The proposed regulatory action would update certain section in 24VAC20-121-20, 24VAC20-121-60, and 24VAC20-121-140 to conform to recent changes within the Code of Virginia. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Deregulatory Component</b>                                                                                                                                                                         | The proposed regulatory change would conform the Driver Training School regulations to the Code of Virginia to prevent any confusion from customers that may result from these discrepancies. As the Code of Virginia supersedes the Administrative Code, these changes do not introduce any additional burden to regulants. |
| <b>Expected Date</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  | October 23, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| <b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b><br>Update Virginia Motor Carrier Manual guidance document to account for recommendations and changes from federal agencies.                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Brief Overview</b><br>The proposed regulatory action would make certain changes recommended by NTSB and make any necessary updates related to the transition from the old IFTA/IRP/CVIEW system to the new one in August. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Deregulatory Component</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                | These changes, currently, to do present any deregulatory features. DMV may identify deregulatory features associated with this regulatory action as drafting of these changes continue. Currently, the changes would be based solely on federal changes and recommendations. |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Expected Date</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                         | February 25, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                           |

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| <b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b><br>Update Virginia Motorcycle Rider Training Program, Virginia Rider Training Program Policy and Procedures guidance document                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Brief Overview</b><br>The proposed regulatory action would include multiple changes to the Virginia Motorcycle Rider Training Program, Virginia Rider Training Program Policy and Procedures guidance document. These changes include, but are not limited to, requiring that classes are conducted in accordance with MSF code of conduct, changing the title of Motorcycle Safety Specialist to training site coordinator, and requiring that all RiderCoaches are enrolled into the Driver Alert program. |                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b><br>Amend Obtaining a Virginia Driver's License or Identification (ID) Card guidance document to allow additional residency documents and clarify minors' mandated court licensing ceremony requirement.                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Brief Overview</b><br>The proposed regulatory action would introduce new types of primary proof of residency documents that can be used by customers to show proof of Virginia residency and update the language about court licensing ceremonies and provide additional guidance to minors seeking to acquire a driver's license on how to determine if such a ceremony is required in the jurisdiction in which they live. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>Deregulatory Component</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | The proposed regulatory action would increase the number of documents that DMV will accept to show proof of Virginia residency, which would allow customers a greater variety of options to meet this requirement when seeking to attain a driver's license or identification card. |
| <b>Expected Date</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | February 25, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b><br>Amend Obtaining a Virginia Driver Privilege Card guidance document to allow an additional residency document and clarify minors' mandated court licensing ceremony requirement.                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Brief Overview</b><br>The proposed regulatory change would introduce a new type of primary proof of residency documents that can be used by customers to show proof of Virginia residency and update the language about court licensing ceremonies and provide additional guidance to minors seeking to acquire a driver's license on how to determine if such a ceremony is required in the jurisdiction in which they live. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Deregulatory Component</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | The proposed regulatory change would increase the number of documents that DMV will accept to show proof of Virginia residency, which would allow customers a greater variety of options to meet this requirement when seeking to attain a driver privilege card. |
| <b>Expected Date</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | February 25, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

