

CheatSheet: Living In Canifornia

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Living In USA CheatSheet: <https://github.com/dennyzhang/cheatsheet-living-in-ca>

1.1 Move from another state to CA: update your vehicle information

<https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/dmv/vr/>

https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/online/vrir/vr_sb1500anu

1.1.1 Register Your Vehicle in California

A **nonresident vehicle** is a vehicle last registered in another state or country.

Form	Summary
reg343 form: Application for Title or Registration REG 343	
reg31 form: Verification of Vehicle (REG 31) form	Need to be filed by DMV

https://raw.githubusercontent.com/dennyzhang/cheatsheet-living-in-ca/master/register_vehicle.png

<https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/pubs/brochures/howto/htvr09#feesdue>

<https://www.dmv.org/ca-california/car-registration.php>

<https://www.dmv.org/ca-california/new-to-california.php>

1.1.2 Get a new license plate

https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/vr/vr_info

<https://raw.githubusercontent.com/dennyzhang/cheatsheet-living-in-ca/master/substitute-plates.png>

1.1.3 Report a change of address to DMV within 10 days of the change

https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/vr/vr_info

1.2 Prepare for California DMV Driver License Written Tests

- Appointments can be made at www.dmv.ca.gov or by calling 1-800-777-0133

Name	Comment
Sample Class C Written Tests from DMV	Test1, Test2, Test3, Test4, Test5
FREE DMV Practice Test for California Permit 2018	link: driving-tests.org
California DMV Marathon Practice Test(150 Questions)	link: driving-tests.org
California Driver Handbook	link: dmv pdf

- Limits & Fining

Name	Summary
The fine of littering	\$1,000, in addition, you may be required to pick up what littered
Change lanes on freeway	You should signal for at least 5 seconds
Tailgating	To avoid tailgating, leave 3 second of space between you and the vehicle in front of you
Enter school zones	Within 500-1000 feet of a school, the speed limit is 25 mph while children are outside
Make changes	To avoid last-minute moves, look down the road 10-15 seconds
park near fire hydrant	You can't part within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
Park near railroad track	You must not park within 7.5 feet of a railroad track
drive close to cicyclist	You must ensure there is more than 3 feet width for cyclist
Turn a corner	You should signal for at least 100 feet.
Follow emergency vehicle	You must not follow within 400 feet of any emergency vehicle with a siren or flashing lights
Use center lane	While driving in a center left-turn lane, you may only drive for 200 feet.

- Parking at colored curbs

Name	Summary
White curb	Stop only long enough to pick up or drop off passengers or mail.
Green	Park for a limited time. Look for a posted sign next to the green zone for time limits.
Yellow	Stop no longer than the time posted to load or unload passengers or freight.
Red	No stopping, standing, or parking. (Buses may stop at a red zone marked for buses.)
Blue	Parking for disabled people only

- Terminology

Name	Summary
Skid	automobiles slip relative to the road link: wikipedia
California "Basic Speed Law"	You must never driver faster than what is safe in current conditions
Turnout area	You may pull to the side in these areas and allow cars behind you to pass. link
a flashing yellow traffic signal	No need to stop, but slow down and alerted before entering intersection
a flashing red traffic signal	Treat like a STOP sign. stop, yield and only proceed when it's safe
a nighttime reflector	It shows where the road lies
hand-over-hand steering	used when turning at low speeds, parking or recovering from a skid
one-hand steering	You can use when you're backing up without much turning
three-point turn	standard method of turning vehicles around to face the opposite direction in a limited spa
DUI probation	
NEV	neighborhood electric vehicles
LSV	Low speed vehicles
HOV lane(High-Occupancy Vehicle)	Designed for buses, motorcycles, certain low-emission vehicles and 2+ passengers

- Misc

Name	Summary
Traffic lights not working	You need to come to a complete stop first
Use horn	You may tap horn to try to make eye contact with another driver

hand-over-hand-steering: <https://raw.githubusercontent.com/dennyzhang/cheatsheet-living-in-ca/master/hand-over-hand-steering.jpg>

one-hand-steering: <https://raw.githubusercontent.com/dennyzhang/cheatsheet-living-in-ca/master/one-hand-steering.jpg>

three-point-turn: <https://raw.githubusercontent.com/dennyzhang/cheatsheet-living-in-ca/master/three-point-turn.png>

cone-zone: <https://raw.githubusercontent.com/dennyzhang/cheatsheet-living-in-ca/master/cone-zone.png>

signal-hands: <https://raw.githubusercontent.com/dennyzhang/cheatsheet-living-in-ca/master/signal-hands.png>

1.2.1 Driver License

<https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/dmv/dl>

https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/pubs/brochures/fast_facts/ffdl05

https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/wcm/connect/a34dbefd-c615-4c07-a271-b135850de9d1/Residency_DocsList.pdf?MOD=AJPERES

https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/pubs/brochures/fast_facts/ffdl07

1.2.2 Interesting Questions

3. You have been involved in a minor traffic collision with a parked vehicle and you can't find the owner. Yo

Leave a note on the vehicle.

Report the accident without delay to the city police or, in unincorporated areas, to the CHP.

Both of the above.

<https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/pubs/interactive/tdrive/clc3written?lang=en>

2. You must notify the DMV within 5 days if you:

Sell or transfer your vehicle.
Fail a smog test for your vehicle.
Get a new prescription for lenses or contacts.

<https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/pubs/interactive/tdrive/clc4written?lang=en>

6. It is illegal to park your vehicle:

In an unmarked crosswalk.
Within three feet of a private driveway.
In a bicycle lane.

<https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/pubs/interactive/tdrive/clc4written?lang=en>

3. You are driving on a freeway posted for 65 mph. Most of the other vehicles are driving 70 mph or faster. You must:

70 mph or faster to keep up with the speed of traffic.
Between 65 mph and 70 mph.
No faster than 65 mph.

<https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/pubs/interactive/tdrive/clc5written?lang=en>

5. Which of these vehicles must always stop before crossing railroad tracks?

Tank trucks marked with hazardous materials placards.
Motor homes or pickup trucks towing a boat trailer.
Any vehicle with 3 or more axles or weighing more than 4,000 pounds.

<https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/pubs/interactive/tdrive/clc5written?lang=en>

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1.3 Replacing a Lost Title in Texas

<https://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/buying-or-selling-a-vehicle/get-a-copy-of-your-title>

Here are the steps to applying for a certified copy of title by mail:

Complete Form VTR-34, Application for a Certified Copy of Title.
VTR-34 Application for a Certified Copy of Title

Enclose a copy of the owner's valid photo ID and \$2 mail-in fee by check, cashier's check or money order payable to:

Mail the application to:
TxDMV
1601 Southwest Parkway, Suite A
Wichita Falls, TX 76302

1.4 Shell gas station with discount applied

1. Pay by cash
2. Use shell mobile app and input member card number

1.5 Program new chip key for your vehicle

1. Place order in amazon, which fits your model
2. Go to homedepo to cut the key

3. Program the key by yourself

amazon link: OEM Toyota "H" Chip Transponder Key (P/N: 89785-0D140, 89785-0D170), \$23.83

amazon link: Price: \$39.00

Youtube link: how to program new chip key for your toyota:

1.6 US govemement documents

Name	Summary
I-94 form	https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/

2 More Resources

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<https://www.quora.com/Whats-involved-in-moving-from-one-state-to-another-in-the-US>

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<https://www.dmv.org/moving-relocation-checklist.php?from=77007&to=94043&date=2018-06-04&ownership=rent>
Moving Checklist | DMV.ORG

<https://www.dmvcheatsheets.com/articles/i-just-moved-to-california-how-do-i-get-my-california-license-and-my-vehicle-registered/> -- DMVCheatSheets.
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