

DMV position on driver's licenses for young illegal immigrants

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California's Department of Motor Vehicles has clarified its policy on issuing **driver licenses** to **young illegal immigrants** who may be able to obtain work permits under a new federal deportation relief program.

The agency last week said it would grant **licenses** but backtracked on Monday and finally in the afternoon said legislation or a new regulation might be needed to grant the **licenses**.

Here is the **DMV** statement:

"Following is an updated statement regarding the impact (of) the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program as it pertains to the issue of **Driver Licenses** and ID Cards in California:

"As the **DMV** initially stated, it appears that **young** people who receive federal deferrals will be eligible for California **driver's licenses**, but it remains uncertain whether clarifying legislation or regulations will be necessary. This is because under current state regulations, only certain types of federal immigration documents support the issuance of a California **driver's license**. Further state legislative or regulatory clarification may be needed if the federal government's new deferral program results in the issuance of new or different immigration documents."

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