

Assembly Bill 60

The Safe and Responsible Drivers Act

Resources for Local Officials

About AB 60

- Governor Jerry Brown signed **Assembly Bill 60, The Safe and Responsible Drivers Act** in October, 2013 and the bill became law on January 1, 2015.
- Under this new law, any eligible California resident will be able to apply for a driver's license, regardless of immigration status.
- An AB 60 license will have a visible distinguishing feature and cannot be used for certain federal purposes, such as to accessing restricted areas of federal facilities.
- Driver licenses do not give California residents the right to work or vote and it does not make them eligible for any benefits that they were not eligible for without the license.

AB 60 Background

- Until 1994 all immigrants had access to a driver's license in California, regardless of immigration status. Nine states and Washington, D.C. issue licenses regardless of immigration status.
- In the State of California, there are approximately 1.4 million drivers who are unlicensed and uninsured.
- According to the California Department of Motor Vehicles unlicensed driving is a major California safety problem. Approximately one in five fatal crashes in the United States involves an unlicensed or invalidly licensed driver.

Resources

ILG's resources on local governments engaging immigrants
www.ca-ilg.org/immigrant-engagement-0

Ten Ideas to Encourage Immigrant Engagement
www.ca-ilg.org/ten-ideas-immigrant-engagement

Providing Language Access - Tips for Local Officials
www.ca-ilg.org/post/providing-language-access

Ethnic Media: Tips to Reach the Fastest Growing Segment of American Media
www.ca-ilg.org/EthnicMediaInfographic

ILG also offers free translation equipment to local jurisdictions.
www.ca-ilg.org/post/using-technology-more-participation-during-public-meetings

Why this Matters to Local Government

- California residents can use an AB60 license to drive and to identify themselves to local law enforcement.
- New California DMV offices across the state will be hiring staff.
- It is illegal for government agencies that receive state funds to discriminate against a California resident based on the type of license they have.
- Businesses and landlords are prohibited from discriminating against a California resident based on the type of license they have.

Local Governments and Effective Implementation of AB 60

- Consider partnering with California DMV, immigrant residents, community organizations and ethnic/community media to support effective implementation of the law.
- Educate other local officials and community members to increase understanding of the law's implications.
- Adapt local agency policies and practices to adhere to the law.

Requirements for Applying for Drivers License Under AB 60

- In addition to the requirements for all driver licenses, AB 60 license applicants must provide supporting documentation as proof of identification and residency and undergo a secondary screening.
- The DMV website outlines the requirements for all licenses here:
www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/dl/dl

Resources to Learn More About AB 60 Implementation

- [AB 60 Implementation: What Law Enforcement, City Officials Should Know](#) *League of California Cities Webinar in partnership with California Police Chiefs*
- [AB 60 Drivers License Implementation - CA Department of Motor Vehicles](#)
- [California Immigrant Policy Center's Drivers' License Toolkit](#)
- [National Immigration Law Center 's "Facts and Policy Points"](#)