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**Ask the DMV ...
Experts Answer Common Teen Driver Questions
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SACRAMENTO – Are you a teen with questions about how to get your provisional driver permit or California driver license? Do you have questions about general driving related requirements like registration or insurance? The California Department of Motor Vehicles has answers. For more information, visit the DMV Web site for teens at www.DMV.ca.gov/teenweb.

Q: I failed the behind-the-wheel portion of my driver's test. Can I protest my score?

A: If you failed your behind the wheel driving test, you cannot protest the score you received, but you may take the behind the wheel exam up to three times. Adults 18 or older can make a request to be retested the same day but minors who fail the written test must wait one week before taking the exam again. Minors who fail the driving test must wait two weeks. If after the third time you still need to pass the behind the wheel exam, you must start the application process over from the beginning. There is also a required retest fee for the second and third times that you take the behind the wheel exam. The DMV offers Californians many resources that can help prepare them for safe driving practices. Log onto the DMV Web site at www.DMV.ca.gov and click on the "Publications" tab to download important driver information, including the latest California Driver Handbook, which is available in nine different languages including, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Punjabi and Vietnamese.

Q: What are the most current teen driving rules?

A: New laws and regulations can be confusing for teens and their parents when obtaining a driver permit or provisional license. The DMV has provided teens with an online resource for information about the driver license process, driver safety and even insurance requirements. The site even includes practice tests for teens and can be found at www.DMV.ca.gov/teenweb. Additionally, parents can download and review the Parent-Teen Training Guide to help their teens be better prepared for safe driving on the road. The guide can be downloaded at <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/dl603/dl603.pdf>.

Q: Do I need to have my car insured before I register it, or can I wait to insure it until I've completed the registration process?

A: In order to successfully register your vehicle in California, you must provide proof of liability insurance within 30 days of issuance of the registration card for a newly registered vehicle, or within 45 days of the cancellation of a policy for a currently registered vehicle or upon the renewal of your vehicle registration. Most insurance companies will electronically submit insurance information on your behalf. California has specific insurance requirements which you can review at http://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/brochures/fast_facts/ffvr18.htm.

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