

CONSUMER ALERT

There are many Internet Driver Education courses for you, as a teen, or parent of a teen, to choose from. How can you know which ones are good from those that are put up by entrepreneurs eager for your money? It isn't easy.

When a driving school wishes to teach driver education, a checklist of items required is provided by the DMV (OL 222 form). The first item on the list is, "*Lesson Plan Approval – If offering driver's education and/or driver instructor training, the department must approve your lesson plan before you can be authorized to conduct these types of courses.*"

The California Code of Regulations, Title 13, which covers the Department of Motor Vehicles, and anyone licensed by them, in Section 340.40(c) states that, in part, "*No licensed school shall advertise that it is approved by the department,*" where "department" means the DMV. So, Statewide Driving School, which must, by law, have a course that has been examined, and then authorized, by the Licensing Operations Division, is not allowed to tell you whether it has been approved or not. Of course, this holds true for all other schools, so you can't really tell, can you?

All a good school can do is show the letter from the DMV, stating that the course you are about to take has met their criteria. Our letter can be seen by clicking [here](#).

As you visit other schools, look at their letter, to see if their course has been processed through the DMV or not. Read these letters carefully; some "private high schools" and others, hiding behind a 2003 court decision, have not had their courses inspected or reviewed for consistency or content, and their letter only states that their **certificates of completion** are *accepted* by the DMV. **There is no approval process for them.**

Regards,

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