

Occupational Licensing Industry News

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Surety Bond Submission Reminder

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New Information

This memo serves as a reminder that occupational licenses and special plates issued to occupational licensees are subject to automatic cancellation if an adequate bond is **not** maintained or a replacement bond is **not** submitted before the expiration of the current bond on file.

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) provides an initial courtesy notice to the occupational licensee upon notification from the surety company of the pending bond cancellation and provides a subsequent notice 15 days before the expiration date of the current bond on file. Ensure the licensee's mailing address and email address are always kept current to ensure DMV notices are delivered correctly.

To avoid automatic cancellation, regardless of whether your surety company creates the electronic bond record on your behalf, occupational licensees **must** either link or submit the new bond before the current bond's expiration date. A procedural memo for linking and submitting a new bond is forthcoming.

IMPORTANT: Upon cancellation, occupational licensees **must** return all inventory to DMV. Business Partner Automation (BPA) participants **must** return all supplies directly to the First-Line Service Provider (FLSP) that originally issued the supplies. To reactivate your occupational license, a new business license application **must** be submitted.

Background

DMV has observed a recent rise in late bond submissions. Occupational licensees who require surety bonds are reminded to comply with these guidelines to avoid disciplinary action or automatic cancellation of the occupational license.

Reference

Vehicle Code §§11110.2, 11216, 11617, and 11721

Distribution

Notification of this memo (available at **dmv.ca.gov** by searching Vehicle Industry Services) was sent through the California DMV Automated Email Alert System in July 2026 to:

- Driving School Owners
- Traffic Violator School Owners
- Surety Bond Companies
- Lessor-retailers
- Dealers
- Registration Services
- Vehicle Verifiers
- Remanufacturers
- Employer Testing Program Participants

Contact

Direct questions related to this memo to Occupational Licensing (OL) at (877) 563-5213. At the prompt, state, "industry memo" to speak with someone in OL.