

TITLE: The California Driver Licensing System: A Non-technical Overview

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PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

To describe the California driver licensing system, relating research findings to licensing and postlicensing control policies.

SUMMARY:

This is an extensive, but nontechnical, review of the literature on such topics as driver training, testing for driver competency, licensing commercial drivers, programs eliminating renewal testing, postlicensing control, the use of the point count in predicting accidents, postlicensing treatment and training, the effectiveness of license action, physically or mentally impaired drivers, and alternatives to the present system. The paper concludes that, from a systems perspective, the role of DMV is best viewed as an example of risk management. A risk management model of driver control is presented.

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Not applicable.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

None.