

TVS Court Dismissal Changing to Conviction

New Policy

Effective July 1, 2011, California courts must report traffic safety violations as convictions. If the driver is eligible and completes a Traffic Violator School (TVS) course, the conviction will be masked on the driver record. The driver record will be checked to determine a driver's eligibility to participate in a TVS course.

A TVS conviction will **not** be masked if:

- There is a prior TVS dismissal/conviction within the previous 18 months.
- The conviction is a major (2 point) violation.
- The driver holds a commercial driver license or was operating a commercial vehicle, at the time of the violation.

A TVS abstract of conviction will be the basis for assignment of negligent operator points on a person's driving record.

Background

The courts currently offer a driver cited for a traffic safety violation the option to attend a TVS course. When a driver completes the course, the court dismisses the violation and reports the dismissal to the DMV, preventing negligent operator points from being assigned, and the abstract from being the basis for suspension, revocation, or commercial disqualification actions. If there was a prior TVS dismissal in the previous 18 months and the ineligible driver attended TVS, the violation appeared on the driver record as a dismissal. This allowed more than one TVS dismissal in an 18 month period to be added to the record.

Distribution

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- All TVS Owners, Operators, and Instructors

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