

# INFORMATION BULLETIN



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## CALIFORNIA'S MOBILE DRIVER'S LICENSE PILOT

The purpose of this Information Bulletin (IB) is to provide information regarding the California Department of Motor Vehicles' (DMV) Mobile Driver's License (mDL) pilot program.

In accordance with Section 13020 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC), the DMV has established a pilot program for the use of optional mobile driver's licenses (DL) and ID cards.

The mDL pilot provides up to 1.5 million participants secure and convenient access to their DL/ID card via a digital version on their mobile device. Refer to Figure 1.



Figure 1. Sample mDL.

The voluntary mDL pilot:

- Requires participants to carry and present their physical DL/ID card.
- Does not authorize participants to present their mDL to law enforcement officers in lieu of their physical DL/ID card.
- Does not require participants to turn over their electronic device to any other person or entity to use their mDL for identity verification.

NOTE: Section 13020(d) CVC outlines data access restrictions for mobile devices when shown or turned over to any person or entity for the purpose of identity verification.

- Includes both REAL ID and Federal Non-Compliant DL/ID cards.

NOTE: The card type does not appear on the face of the mDL but is available on Transportation Security Administration card readers at participating airports.

The mDL pilot is currently authorized until June 30, 2026. Further details relating to the mDL pilot can be located at the following website: [dmv.ca.gov/portal/ca-dmv-wallet/](https://dmv.ca.gov/portal/ca-dmv-wallet/).

Questions regarding this IB should be directed to Commercial Vehicle Section, at (916) 843-3400.

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