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## Notice to All New Jersey Licensed Driving Schools and Statewide Safety Organizations

## Driver Improvement Program and Probationary Driver Program Remedial Driver Education

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:3-13.4, N.J.S.A. 39:5-30.2 and N.J.A.C. 13:19-14, licensed driving schools or any statewide safety organizations recognized by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (Commission) may now administer courses for the Driver Improvement Program (DIP) and/or Probationary Driver Program (PDP) subject to oversight by the Commission. The Commission has established standards for the licensing and regulating of driving schools and statewide safety organizations that will provide remedial driver education courses to New Jersey motorists.

DIP is a non-probationary driver program that results in the removal of three points from the participant's driving record upon successful completion of the course. Holders of a New Jersey driver's license subject to suspension or revocation may elect to attend a three hour DIP in lieu of serving suspension time. PDP is a program that is a requirement for probationary driver's license holders who accumulate two or more point carrying violations during their probationary period or are convicted of certain motor vehicle violations. The Commission will provide instructions and information to DIP and PDP drivers to contact providers directly, register for a class and pay the course fee to the provider and the administrative fee to the Commission.

A provider may offer DIP, PDP or both programs. The Commission has outlined eligibility requirements for the licensing of providers and instructors for these programs and has provided a list of pre-approved program curricula. The Commission will approve any course content that meets or exceeds the standards of the courses listed in N.J.A.C. 13:19-14.3. PLEASE NOTE: The American Automobile Association (AAA) DIP course is no longer available.

An applicant wishing to utilize a curriculum not currently listed in N.J.A.C. 13:19-14.3 must submit his/her curriculum to the Commission for approval prior to use. Provider and instructor application documents may be found at:

## http://www.state.nj.us/mvcbiz/BusinessServices/pdpdip.htm

The Commission welcomes participation in these programs and looks forward to working with its providers. For convenience, the Commission has enclosed a provider fact sheet outlining the remedial driver program process. Potential providers should review the applicable statutes and regulations indicated above. Questions or requests for additional information should be directed to the Business Licensing Services Bureau at (609) 292-6500, extension 5014.

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