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**State of Vermont**  
**Vermont Department of Education**  
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## MEMORANDUM

**To: Superintendents, Principals, Driver Education Teachers**  
**From: Armando Vilaseca, Commissioner**  
**Re: Driver Education Program Changes 2010**  
**Date: May 19, 2010**

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### **Vermont DOE Driver Education Consultant**

Several years ago a full time driver education consultant position was eliminated. As a temporary measure to support driver education teachers and to allow time to determine if the position could be regained, a part-time temporary position was allowed. That position ended on April 30, 2010.

In light of this development we worked with our higher education partners to ensure continued access to high-quality professional development for our driver education teachers. We will continue to manage grants to schools for driver education, however we are seeking to simplify approval of driver education programs to a checklist. We will send this out in two weeks once it has been revised. Schools will simply provide the department with program information signed off by their superintendent to qualify for their grant.

### **Pre-Service, Continuing Education and Re-Licensure Coursework for Driver Education**

Effective immediately, the Vermont Higher Education Collaborative (VTHEC) is now the administrator for driver education pre-service, continuing education and re-licensure coursework. VTHEC is currently seeking someone to fill the position of Driver Education Program Coordinator. This individual helps new and currently practicing driver educators navigate the requirements for endorsement, functions as a liaison between students and Vermont DOE licensing office, helps to secure course instructors and assist the VTHEC in marketing course offerings throughout the year, and may have the opportunity to develop new coursework for driver education re-licensure. For details about this program, visit <http://vthech.org/>.

### **Registration and Insuring of Vehicles**

For next year there will be no change in this process.

During the coming year, we will determine if there are other cost-effective alternatives for schools to insure and register driver's education vehicles in the future.

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