
STAR PROGRAM CHANGES



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STAR PROGRAM

- Developed in response to AB 2289 (Eng, Chapter 258, Statutes of 2010).
- Voluntary certification program for Smog Check stations established in BAR regulations.
- Required inspection-based performance standards for STAR Certified stations.
- STAR certification authorizes:
 - Smog Check Stations to inspect/certify directed and gross-polluting vehicles.
 - Test and Repair stations to provide repair assistance services under the Consumer Assistance Program (CAP).

PROGRAM CHANGES

- “STAR Program Updates” regulations were adopted on May 5 and became effective on July 1, 2022.
- The updated regulations:
 - Delete outdated Gold Shield program provisions.
 - Modify existing equipment and eligibility standards.
 - Establish a STAR certification suspension rather than invalidation process.

STAR STATION CRITERIA OVERVIEW

- Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) 3392.1 lists the required services of STAR stations and equipment required to perform those services.
- CCR 3392.2 lists the eligibility/performance standards for STAR certification, which includes:
 - Short-Term Measures (STM)
 - Follow-Up Pass Rate (FPR)
 - Citation and Disciplinary History
- CCR 3392.3 lists the causes for STAR certification suspension.

MODIFIED EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

- CCR 3392.1 makes the following modifications to the equipment requirements:
 - Equipment requiring calibration shall pass calibration at least once every 10 days.
 - Stations located in basic or change of ownership areas that certify directed vehicles only when purchased by a licensed DMV dealer are no longer required to have a BAR-97 EIS.
 - Stations will be restricted from communicating with the VID when they are incapable of performing uniform and consistent inspections for failure to maintain required equipment.

MODIFIED ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

- CCR 3392.2 makes the following modifications when calculating station performance and program eligibility:
 - Minimum similar vehicle failure rate for certification lowered from 75% to 50%.
 - STM now includes the performing of inspections using the incorrect equipment platform (BAR-97 vs. OIS) as a test deviation.
 - Only a station with an FPR score of at least 0.40 can add a “no score” inspector.
 - A station with “no score” can only add an inspector with an FPR score of at least 0.40.

CERTIFICATION SUSPENSION

- CCR 3392.3 creates a suspension process to replace the invalidation process
 - Causes for suspension are the same as for invalidation.
 - Modifications made to equipment and eligibility/performance standards included in STM and FPR data are included in causes for suspension.
 - Failing to allow access or preventing BAR from inspecting a STAR station is a new cause for suspension.

SUSPENSION PROCESS

- Per CCR 3392.3(b), BAR will notify the station of the grounds for and term of suspension.
- With the suspension notice the station will be provided:
 - A “STAR Certification Reinstatement Request” form, which can be completed and submitted to BAR Licensing when the cause of suspension is corrected.
 - Information about the STAR Report Card on BAR’s website.
- When the term of suspension ends, the station may resume operation as a STAR station without having to reapply as was the case with the invalidation process.

STAR PROGRAM APPEAL PROCESS

- CCR 3392.4 establishes the informal review process for STAR suspensions.
- Timeframes and processes remain the same.
- Chief or Designee can:
 - Rescind the suspension
 - Affirm the suspension
 - Reduce the period of suspension

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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