
EDUCATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

BAR

Bureau of Automotive Repair

JANUARY 13, 2022

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions – Mark Isaacs, BAR Hardware Certification & Schools Unit (HCSU)
2. Institutions / Instructor Regulations Package Update – Matt Mahlke, BAR HCSU
3. AB 471 Status – Matthew Gibson, BAR Enforcement Operations Branch
4. Scholarship Opportunities – Group Discussion
5. Inspector and Technician Shortages – Group Discussion
6. Inspector Update Training/RISE – Matt Mahlke, BAR HCSU

AGENDA (Continued)

7. Certified Institution/Certified Instructor Recertification
– Janelle Calindas, BAR HCSU
8. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
9. Next Educational Advisory Group Meeting –
Thursday, July 14, 2022
10. Adjournment

INSTITUTIONS AND INSTRUCTORS REGULATIONS UPDATE



MATT MAHLKE
HARDWARE CERTIFICATION AND SCHOOLS UNIT
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PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES - INSTITUTIONS

1. Removal of distinction between Basic and Advanced Institutions
2. Extension of term from one year to two
3. Update tool and equipment requirements to align with STAR Test-and-Repair stations
4. Addition of protections for students
5. Improved remediation for problematic institutions
6. Updated Smog Check Training Standards for Institutions and Instructors handbook

PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES - INSTRUCTORS

1. Removal of distinction between Basic and Advanced Instructors
2. Removal of the gaseous fuels endorsement
3. Pathways to become an instructor have been cleaned up and made easier to understand
4. Requirements for instructor continuing education have been more clearly defined
5. Improved remediation for problematic instructors
6. Updated Smog Check Training Standards for Institutions and Instructors handbook

AB 471 IMPLEMENTATION OVERVIEW

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AB 471 (LOW, CHAPTER 372, STATUTES OF 2021)

- Clarifies ARD lien authority for storage fees
- Requires recognition of educational certifications on the ARD application
- No sooner than 7/1/2023, creates a 3-member panel for informal review of ARD citations
- Creates a remedial training process and certification program for remedial training providers
- Creates a vehicle safety inspection and certification program by 1/1/2024

GOALS OF PROPOSED ARD CITATION PROGRAM

- Fill the gap between BAR's educational efforts and formal disciplinary action
- Address violations of a concerning nature that are frequently occurring, but by themselves do not rise to a level warranting disciplinary action
- Provide consumers with information about concerning violations BAR identifies so they can make a more informed decision when choosing a repair facility

CITABLE VIOLATIONS

- Negligence (*new* CCR 3351.7)
- Inaccurate Invoice (B&P 9884.8)
- Maintenance of Records (CCR 3358)
- Accepted Trade Standards (CCR 3360 – 3368)
- Equipment Requirements (CCR 3351.5, 3351.6)

FINE AMOUNTS AND APPEAL PROCESS

- Citations shall include an order of abatement
- Fine amounts will not exceed \$5,000, even if the citation lists multiple violations
- Fine amounts will be based upon 8 factors in aggravation and mitigation
- ARDs may contest a citation within 30 days of issuance

AB 471 AND ARD CITATIONS

- AB 471 creates:
 - An informal appeal process for ARD citations
 - A 3-member panel to review informal appeals; the panel would consist of a representative from:
 - BAR
 - Industry
 - Public
 - A remedial training process to prevent disclosure of a citation, but only once every 18 months

AUTO SHOP LOCATOR

- Allows consumers to locate ARDs based upon location and license type
- Displays ARD:
 - Registration information
 - Location/phone number (according to BAR records)
 - Map of the location
 - Disciplinary and Citation History

AB 471 AND AUTO SHOP LOCATOR

- AB 471:
 - Requires BAR to accept and connect educational and professional certifications to BAR-issued ARD registrations
 - Allows ARDs to prevent disclosure of an ARD citation upon completion of remedial training for a violation BAR deems to be minor in nature
 - But only once every 18 months

VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM

- As required by AB 471, forthcoming development of regulations will:
 - Combine the Lamp and Brake inspection programs into one program
 - Allow BAR to add additional vehicle systems for inspection
 - Move BAR from a paper to an electronic certificate of compliance for these inspections

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Submit questions and/or comments to:

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



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INSPECTOR AND TECHNICIAN SHORTAGES

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INSPECTOR UPDATE TRAINING PLATFORM



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NEW INSPECTOR UPDATE TRAINING PLATFORM

- The Bureau is using a new vendor for the online Inspector Update Training.
- The previous vendor sunset their program as of 12/31/2021.
- The new vendor as of 12/02/2021 is Rise.com (Rise).
- Rise provides better tracking abilities for BAR.
- Rise provides improved interactions with various platforms used by licensees.

NEW INSPECTOR UPDATE TRAINING PLATFORM (Continued)

- The registration process included with the new platform has created confusion for some enrollees.

CERTIFIED INSTITUTION / CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR RECERTIFICATION

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RECERTIFICATION FOR CERTIFIED INSTITUTIONS

1. Complete the “Application To Become A Bureau Certified Institution” form TS-1 located on the Bureau website:
www.bar.ca.gov
2. Private postsecondary institutions must attach their current “Approval to Operate” or “Verification of Exempt Status” letter from the Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE)
3. Completed application and BPPE status letter can be mailed to BAR or emailed to: BAR.HCSU@dca.ca.gov for processing
4. Certified Institution shall receive, from BAR, a copy of the institution station inspection report/audit checklist to review required equipment

RECERTIFICATION FOR CERTIFIED INSTITUTIONS (Continued)

5. Once certified institution is ready for inspection, inform BAR to schedule audit of the institution
6. If the institution passes the inspection, then certification is issued from BAR by email to the listed administrative contact for the institution
 - If institution fails the inspection, the failure reason(s) are documented on the station inspection report and the institution is placed into inactive status until the failure(s) can be corrected with BAR.
 - A follow up station inspection may be required

RECERTIFICATION FOR CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS

1. Complete “Application To Become A Bureau Certified Instructor” form TS-2 located on the Bureau website: www.bar.ca.gov
 - Attach documentation for ASEs and education/experience
2. Completed application along with documentation can be mailed to BAR or emailed to: BAR.HCSU@dca.ca.gov for processing
 - Renewal CI applicants with current EO/EI and ASE’s will be issued certification from BAR to their listed email address on their application

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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