

# Smog Check

## Consumer Assistance Program Application

**Failed Smog Check? Get \$1,000 to retire your vehicle**



The Department of Consumer Affairs' Bureau of Automotive Repair provides qualified consumers whose vehicles fail a biennial Smog Check inspection financial assistance to retire vehicles or to make emissions-related repairs.

**Para obtener una solicitud en español, llámenos a BAR a 800.952.5210.**

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST



**To qualify for VEHICLE RETIREMENT, you must meet all the following requirements:**

- You must be the registered owner and not have retired a vehicle (a joint owner must not have retired two vehicles) through the Consumer Assistance Program in the last 12 months.
- You must pay all appropriate registration fees for the vehicle with the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Your vehicle must have failed a "biennial" (every other year) Smog Check inspection (aborted, manual mode, and training mode tests do not qualify).
- The Smog Check failure must not be due solely to an ignition timing adjustment, a failed gas cap functional test or a non-emission related failure identified by the malfunction indicator light.
- Your vehicle must not be in the process of being sold or being initially registered in California.
- Your vehicle must not be registered to a business, fleet, or non-profit organization.
- Your vehicle must have failed a Smog Check inspection no later than **120 days** after its registration expiration date.
- You must apply no later than **120 days** after the registration expiration date for your vehicle.
- Your vehicle must have been continuously registered as an operable vehicle in California for two years immediately preceding the current registration expiration date.
- Your vehicle must be a passenger vehicle or light-duty truck.
- Your vehicle must pass a visual and operational inspection. (see page 2)



**To qualify for REPAIR ASSISTANCE, you must meet all of the following requirements:**

- You must be the registered owner and not have previously repaired this vehicle through the Consumer Assistance Program, as of July 1, 2009.
- You must pay all appropriate registration fees for the vehicle with the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Your vehicle must not have a tampered emissions-control system.
- Your vehicle must have failed a "biennial" (every other year) Smog Check inspection (aborted, manual mode, and training mode tests do not qualify).
- Your vehicle must not be in the process of being sold or being initially registered in California.
- Your vehicle must not be registered to a business, fleet, or non-profit organization.

**Your application must be approved before you can receive assistance.  
 Financial assistance is based on the availability of funds.**

**Questions? Please call 866.272.9642**

# Smog Check Consumer Assistance Program (CAP) Options

## **Vehicle Retirement – Receive \$1,000 to retire your vehicle**

### Vehicle Retirement Visual and Operational Requirements

(Inspections will be performed on the items listed below at a CAP-contracted dismantler.)

#### Vehicle Equipment Requirements

- All doors
- Hood lid
- Dashboard
- Windshield
- At least one side window glass
- Driver's seat
- At least one bumper
- Exhaust system
- All side and/or quarter panels
- At least one headlight, one taillight, and one brake light

#### Vehicle Operational Requirements

- Vehicle must be driven to a CAP-contracted dismantler under its own power.
- Vehicle engine starts readily through ordinary means without the use of starting fluids or external booster batteries.
- Vehicle drivability is not affected by any body, steering, or suspension damage.
- Vehicle is able to drive forward a minimum distance of 10 yards under its own power.
- Interior pedals are operational.

## **Repair Assistance – Receive up to \$500 in emissions-related repairs**

Consumers may qualify in one of two ways:

**Income Eligible:** Your household income is not more than the maximum amount shown in the “Income Eligibility Table” to the right. If you qualify, you must pay the first \$20 toward diagnosis and repair of your vehicle. The State will then contribute up to \$500 in emissions-related diagnostic and repair services to your vehicle at a Gold Shield station.

**OR**

**Directed Vehicle:** Your registration renewal notice directs your vehicle to a Test-Only or Gold Shield station for its Smog Check. If you qualify, you must pay the first \$100 toward diagnosis and repair of your vehicle. The State will then contribute up to \$500 in emissions-related diagnostic and repair services to your vehicle at a Gold Shield station.

**Income Eligibility Table\***

Number of People in Household**	Maximum ANNUAL Gross Household Income	OR	Maximum MONTHLY Gross Household Income
1	\$24,368	OR	\$2,031
2	\$32,783	OR	\$2,732
3	\$41,198	OR	\$3,433
4	\$49,613	OR	\$4,134
5	\$58,028	OR	\$4,836
6	\$66,443	OR	\$5,537
7	\$74,858	OR	\$6,238
8	\$83,273	OR	\$6,939

For more than 8, add the following amount for each individual

\$8,415 **OR** \$701

\* The Income Eligibility Table is adjusted each February based on federal guidelines.

\*\*Household means all family members or other persons who reside together and share common living expenses.

**BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOURSELF!**

**Do NOT have emissions-related repairs performed on your vehicle until your application has been approved.**



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## Consumer Assistance Program (CAP) Application



Please fill out the application completely. Incomplete applications cannot be processed and may be returned.

### SECTION 1: Application Selection

#### Check Below:

- Vehicle Retirement - (\$1,000)** Complete Sections 2 and 3, read and sign Section 5.
- Repair Assistance: Income Eligible - (\$20 consumer co-pay)** Complete Sections 2 through 4, read and sign Section 5. **You must submit a copy of one income document as outlined on page 4.**
- Repair Assistance: Test-Only Eligible - (\$100 consumer co-pay)** Complete Sections 2 and 3, read and sign Section 5. **(Note: Test-Only Eligible applicants should also check Income Eligible assistance if they qualify.)**

### SECTION 2: Registered Vehicle Owner Information

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		M.I.	DRIVER LICENSE OR I.D. #	
MAILING ADDRESS	APT.	CITY		STATE	ZIP	DAYTIME PHONE #

### SECTION 2A: Joint Registered Vehicle Owner Information

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		M.I.	DRIVER LICENSE OR I.D. #	
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### SECTION 3: Vehicle Information

VEHICLE YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION # (VIN)	CALIFORNIA LICENSE PLATE #
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#### Consumer Co-pay



Do not obtain additional repairs prior to receiving approval to our program. If emissions-related repairs were recently done, you may be eligible to have the cost of those repairs credited toward your required co-payment for Repair Assistance. Submit copies of receipts for those repairs for verification. (A Smog Check inspection cannot be used to credit a consumer co-pay).

### SECTION 4: Income Verification (Income Eligible Applicants Only)

CIRCLE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD (INCLUDE YOURSELF)

1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9+

PROVIDE A COPY OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AS PROOF OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME:

(See list of acceptable documents listed on page 4)

GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME \$ \_\_\_\_\_  MONTHLY  YEARLY

#### SOURCE OF DOCUMENTATION:

- Paycheck Stub
- Federal or State Income Tax Form
- SSI
- SSP
- TANF
- GR
- GA
- Medi-Cal
- Disability
- CalWORKS
- Social Security\*
- Public Assistance\*
- Unemployment
- Veterans Benefits

\* Monthly bank statement reflecting direct deposit within the last sixty (60) days is acceptable.

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## SECTION 4 (Continued): Income Verification (Acceptable Documentation)

If you are applying as an Income Eligible applicant, provide a copy of **one** of the following documents that verifies your income eligibility:

- A copy of your Federal (1040 Form) or State (540 Form) Income Tax Form from the most recent year.

**OR**

- A copy of a paycheck stub reflecting your year-to-date earnings, hours worked, and hourly wage.

**OR**

- A letter from the issuing agency stating that you receive one of these benefits:
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
  - State Supplemental Payments (SSP).
  - California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs).
  - General Assistance (GA) or General Relief (GR).
  - Publicly subsidized medical coverage (Medi-Cal).

**OR**

- A copy of one of the following income verification documents:
  - An unemployment, veterans benefits, or disability check issued to you within the past 60 days.
  - A bank statement issued to you within the past 60 days reflecting a deposit of Social Security or Public Assistance funds.

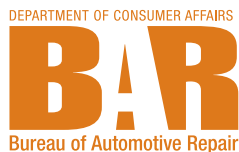
## SECTION 5

I acknowledge that the information provided on this application will be used to assess and verify my eligibility for assistance. My signature gives consent for this information to be shared with other government agencies. I declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that to the best of my knowledge, the information on this application is true and correct. I understand that submitting false information may result in a criminal conviction or in a civil penalty of not less than \$150 and not more than \$1,000, and that I will not be eligible to receive future assistance. I further understand and agree that if my vehicle does not meet all program requirements, it will not be permitted into the Consumer Assistance Program.

Registered Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Joint Registered Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: Once the state-contracted station has initiated any CAP diagnostic or repair work on your vehicle, CAP cannot change your eligibility status or associated co-payment.**



**MAIL YOUR APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO:**

**Bureau of Automotive Repair**  
Consumer Assistance Program  
10235 Systems Parkway, Suite D  
Sacramento, CA 95827



Pursuant to Section 1798.17 of the Civil Code (Information Practices Act), the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs is responsible for maintaining the information in this application. Information may be transferred to other governmental agencies if required. Individuals have the right to review the records maintained on them by the agency, unless the records are exempted by Section 1798.40 of the Civil Code.