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Promoting Excellence in the Smog Check Program

New tool helps recognize top-performing stations and technicians

Every year, the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) collects millions of pieces of data about motor vehicles and the stations and technicians that test them. For many years, BAR has used this data to identify high-emitting vehicles for repair and retirement. BAR has also used this data to take enforcement actions against stations and technicians failing to comply with the Smog Check Program.

Although this data has been used in a variety of ways, it has not always been readily available — until now.

Beginning later this year, BAR will introduce a Web-based reporting system that will provide Smog Check stations and technicians information about their performance as it relates to the inspection of vehicles. The tool will ultimately serve several practical purposes.

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Legislative Update

Several bills that affect consumers and licensees of the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) were signed into law. Some of these major pieces of legislation include:

AB 2289 — Smog Check Improvements

Assembly Bill 2289 (Eng, Chapter 258) is designed to improve the effectiveness of the Smog Check Program and California’s air quality.

One component of the law allows BAR to develop alternative Smog Check inspection procedures for model year 2000 and newer vehicles equipped with second generation On-Board Diagnostic (OBD II) systems. This will eliminate the tailpipe test and potentially reduce inspection times and costs.

The law also provides more equipment and service options for stations, giving them the flexibility to purchase equipment that best fits their business needs. Stations can make informed decisions as to what type of equipment will work best for their particular market. For example, a station can opt to just purchase an OBD II scanner, resulting in a lower start-up cost and an opportunity to fill a market niche.

The law also directs high-polluting vehicles to Smog Check stations that meet inspection-based performance standards. This will help ensure that inspections are performed accurately and emissions-related repair work is durable (see related story on page 1).

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No Written Estimate, No Charge

Laws designed to protect the customer and business

The basic concept of the Automotive Repair Act is that an Automotive Repair Dealer (ARD) must keep the customer informed throughout the repair process, starting with the initial written estimate. Under California law, ARDs are required to provide customers with a written estimate before any repair work begins on a vehicle. Business and Professions Code section 9884.9 (a) states:

The Automotive Repair Dealer **shall** give to the customer a written estimated price for labor and parts for a specific job. No work shall be done and no charges shall accrue before authorization to proceed is obtained from the customer.

Authorization consists of the customer's signature on the work order taken before the work begins. Authorization is valid without the customer's signature only when oral or electronic authorization is properly documented in accordance with California State regulations.

In a landmark 1975 California Appellate Court case, *Bennett v. Hayes*, the court ruled that if an ARD fails to provide a customer with a written estimate and fails to obtain authorization before repair work begins, that shop is prohibited from collecting any of the costs for the repairs it makes. If a customer were to appear in court and could demonstrate that a written estimate was not provided, or was provided after the work was completed, a judge could rule in favor of the customer simply based on the estimate violation. If a customer had already paid for the repairs, a judge could order that payment returned to the customer. In cases where a customer refuses to pay and the ARD sues, but cannot prove it started the repair after the written estimate was given, the shop could lose the case and be required to pay attorney's fees.

To learn more about written estimates, please visit BAR's Web site at www.smogcheck.ca.gov and click on the Laws & Regulations link. **BAR**

Quarterly Bureau Advisory Group Meetings

Do you want to know what's going on at the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR)? Do you have ideas that you'd like to share with BAR's chief? BAR holds quarterly meetings that are open to the public.

These meetings are a great opportunity to meet key staff from the Bureau, industry representatives, and consumer advocates. To learn more about meeting dates and times and to obtain an agenda, visit us online at www.smogcheck.ca.gov. **BAR**

BAR Field Office Numbers

Bakersfield	661.335.7400
Culver City	310.410.0024
Fresno	559.445.5015
Hercules	510.964.3030
Placentia	714.961.7940
Riverside	951.782.4250
Sacramento	916.255.4200
San Diego	858.716.1025
San Jose	408.277.1860
South El Monte	626.575.6934
South San Francisco	650.827.2074
Valencia	661.702.6600

Other Helpful Numbers

BAR Licensing	916.255.3145
BAR Service Desk	866.860.8509
Consumer Assistance Program	866.272.9642
DCA Consumer Information Center	800.952.5210
Parts Locator Service	800.622.7733
Referee Scheduling Center	800.622.7733
SGS/Testcom	866.966.7664



Legislative Update *(continued from cover)*

In addition, stations found to be performing improper or illegal inspections may be subject to more costly fines. Technicians can also be subject to fines, rather than simply be required to attend additional training as they have been in the past. Finally, stations now have the ability to request an informal citation conference to contest citations.

Implementation of this bill will require a number of changes to existing BAR regulations and the drafting of new ones. BAR has been holding public workshops throughout the State on various regulatory proposals stemming from this bill.

AB 787 – Consumer Assistance Program

Assembly Bill 787 (Hill, Chapter 231) makes changes to the Consumer Assistance Program (CAP). Among other things, the bill affects who is eligible to receive financial assistance for Smog Check-related repairs and the incentives consumers receive when they retire a vehicle through CAP.

Beginning in early 2011, qualified low-income consumers will receive \$1,500 to retire a vehicle through CAP. All other consumers will continue to receive \$1,000. The increased retirement incentive is available to both on-cycle and off-cycle vehicle owners.

The bill also eliminates directed vehicle eligibility from CAP's Repair Assistance option. Instead, consumers will only be able to participate in CAP's Repair Assistance option when they meet income eligibility requirements. The income eligibility requirements for a consumer to either repair or retire a vehicle through CAP will remain the same.

The passage of AB 787 requires BAR to develop new regulations to implement the increased vehicle retirement incentive. Once these regulations are adopted, BAR will begin offering low-income consumers \$1,500 to retire a qualified vehicle.

AB 2461 – Vehicle Registration Amnesty Program

Currently, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is required to administer a vehicle registration amnesty program which is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2010. Assembly Bill 2461 (Emmerson, Chapter 388) requires DMV to extend the amnesty program through June 30, 2012. It also makes other changes to current law. The amnesty program is administered in cooperation with BAR.

The bill protects vehicle owners who have been granted amnesty under this program from criminal action for false statements relating to the value, make, or model, or failing to register the vehicle. It does not protect current vehicle owners who are already under criminal investigation or who have a pending criminal court case involving the vehicle.

The bill also exempts specially constructed vehicles from a visual inspection during a routine Smog Check inspection.

This bill authorizes BAR to charge vehicle owners who participate in the vehicle amnesty registration program a \$160 inspection fee.

For more information about these bills and associated regulations, visit www.smogcheck.ca.gov. **BAR**



Truth in Advertising

Everyone knows times are tough, and consumers are often deferring even routine repairs on their vehicles until they're absolutely necessary. For some shops, the economy is adversely impacting their business. So how does a shop attract customers into their facility? For many shops, the answer is advertising.

Many shops have taken to traditional forms of advertising, such as newspapers and direct mailers. Others have increasingly relied on the Internet to promote their business. In some cases, a shop may be tempted to creatively advertise their services. In order to comply with the law, here are some things to consider when advertising products and services:

> **False and Misleading Advertisements** —

According to California Business and Professions Code section 17500, an advertisement that is false or misleading is illegal. An advertisement that fails to disclose information or that is unclear may be found unlawful if the public is likely to be deceived by it.

- ### > **Bait and Switch** —
- California Civil Code section 1770(a)(9) prohibits merchants from advertising goods or services with the intent not to sell them as advertised and then switching them for other goods or services that are at a higher price or on terms more advantageous to the seller. Bait and switch tactics take many forms, such as using a picture that misrepresents the advertised item, disparaging the advertised item, or showing an item that is not suited for the purposes represented in the advertisement.

The test to determine whether or not the advertisement is misleading is the reasonable consumer standard. In other words, would the advertisement mislead a reasonable consumer?

When placing an advertisement, shops have specific rules they must follow. Title 16, California Code of Regulations section 3372.1 defines price advertising, which must not be misleading to the intended recipient. An advertisement would be considered misleading when:

- > The shop does not intend to sell the advertised service at the advertised price, but rather intends to entice the consumer into a more costly transaction.
- > The advertisement for service has the capacity to mislead the public as to the extent that anticipated parts, labor, or other services are included in the advertised price.



- > The advertisement for service or repair has the capacity to mislead the public as to the need for additional related parts, labor, or other services.
- > The shop knows, or should know, that the advertised service cannot usually be performed without additional parts, services, or labor.

Title 16, California Code of Regulations section 3372.1 allows for an exception when a disclosure statement is used in the advertisement indicating that additional labor, parts, or services are often needed. If it is reasonable to expect that the extra cost will be more than 25 percent above the advertised price, a substantial extra cost statement must be included in the advertisement and must be at least half of the type size used in the advertised price. The substantial extra cost statement must be near the advertised price or be prominently footnoted through the use of an asterisk or similar reference.

To ensure compliance with the law, shops should keep in mind the following: Misleading or deceptive advertisements can lead to administrative, civil, or criminal charges filed by the local District Attorney or the Attorney General. Civil penalties also can be assessed for each occurrence. Administrative penalties can result in the suspension or revocation of the licensee's registration. When there is intent to mislead through advertising, criminal charges may lead to a jail sentence of up to six months.

To learn more about these regulations, visit BAR's Web site at www.autorepair.ca.gov and click on the Laws & Regulations link. **B:R**

Maintaining and Operating BAR-97 Analyzers

Smog Check analyzers are essential for stations to conduct their business. Analyzer downtime and malfunctions can adversely impact your bottom line. To avoid this situation, here are some things to consider concerning lockouts, BAR-97 modifications, and maintenance tips.

Lockouts

A station's analyzer can be locked out for several reasons, including tampering and certificate sequence errors. Depending on the type of lockout, a station needs to contact one of the following:

Analyzer Lockout Type	Who Clears	Telephone Number
Tamper	Local BAR Field Office	Bakersfield 661.335.7400
No communication		Culver City 310.410.0024
Dynamometer scale (after repaired by the manufacturer)		Fresno 559.445.5015
Calibration and leak check (after repaired by the manufacturer)		Hercules 510.964.3030
State/Quality Assurance		Placentia 714.961.7940
Disk drive tamper		Riverside 951.782.4250
		Sacramento 916.255.4200
		San Diego 858.716.1025
		San Jose 408.277.1860
		South El Monte 626.575.6934
	South San Francisco 650.827.2074	
	Valencia 661.702.6600	
Certificate sequence error	BAR Help Desk	866.860.8509
Vehicle Look-up Table corruption		
Clock		
Station and technician license	BAR Licensing	916.255.3145
Failure to pay for communication	SGS/Testcom	866.966.7664

Modifications

Some modifications cannot be made on the BAR-97. These include:

- > Changing the sample hose length or material
- > Modifying the exhaust probe design/configuration
- > Installing extra sample filters
- > Modifying the tachometer pickup
- > Using unapproved calibration gas, including zero air (calibration gases must be BAR-approved)

Maintenance Tips

These maintenance tips should help reduce analyzer malfunction and downtime:

- > Check the sample hose for damage regularly. Do not allow the probe to draw dirt or debris from the floor. Avoid running over the hose and periodically blow it out with filtered compressed air.
- > Check and, if necessary, replace the filters/bowls regularly. The filters should be clean and free from excessive moisture at all times. Some filters may be washed and reused, although in most cases they should be replaced. Check with your Emission Inspection Systems manufacturer and/or the systems operators' manual. Lack of regular maintenance can cause damage to the analyzer pumps and bench.
- > Regularly service the ventilation filter for the system's computer. Often these cooling fan filters can be cleaned and reused. Check the operators' manual for specific procedures.

Manufacturer contacts

If you need to contact the BAR-97 manufacturer service representatives for repairs, you can call:

- > Snap-on/John Bean at 800.225.5786
- > Worldwide at 877.832.7664
- > ESP at 888.377.7971
- > SPX at 800.833.3377

Tampering

If a Smog Check station tampers with the BAR-97 unit or uses unapproved calibration gases, BAR will lockout the BAR-97 unit from testing and issue a citation or pursue a disciplinary action. **B:R**

SMOG CHECK STATION PERFORMANCE

July through September 2010

	Licensed Station Type			Total
	Test and Repair	Test-Only	Gold Shield	
Number of Stations by Type*	4,523	2,452	630	7,605
Percent	60	32	8	100
Initial Tests Performed	793,560	1,733,618	233,705	2,760,883
Percent	29	63	8	100
Initial Inspection Results Failed	68,821	237,519	36,752	343,092
Percent	8.7	13.7	15.8	12.4

* Figures reflect station license type as of September 30, 2010

Promoting Excellence in the Smog Check Program *(continued from cover)*

First and foremost, the new Web page will provide stations with accurate and timely information about how well their technicians are performing compared to others. This is significant, as poor performing technicians may need additional training or could be engaging in improper activities. Stations now will have a tool to evaluate their technicians' performance and take corrective steps, hopefully prior to BAR taking an enforcement action.

The tool will also have important implications for stations owners' bottom line. With the passage of Assembly Bill 2289 (Chapter 258, Statutes of 2010), BAR has the authority to limit the testing of directed vehicles to high-performing stations. Stations will now have the ability to evaluate how they are performing in relation to standards established by BAR, for the right to test these vehicles. This is important since stations failing to meet these standards will not be able to inspect these vehicles beginning January 1, 2013.

A key feature of the Web page is the amount of information it contains. Station owners and technicians will find information about how well they perform the required elements of an inspection and whether they properly perform required procedures. There will even be a tool that assesses station and technician performance from each inspection cycle.

Perhaps the most important aspect of the tool is how it benefits consumers, technicians, and stations. Consumers will have better running, more efficient vehicles, resulting in improved air quality. Higher performing technicians will have a way to demonstrate their performance, improving their marketability. Top performing stations will likely see increases in both their inspection volume and repair opportunities. Low performing stations and technicians will now have the feedback they need to improve their performance. **BAR**

We Get Questions...

Inspecting Diesel-Powered Vehicles

What type of diesel-powered vehicles are subject to an inspection?

Diesel-powered vehicles model year 1998 and newer with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 14,000 pounds and less are subject to a Smog Check inspection.

What tests are included in the inspection procedure?

The inspection includes a visual check of required emissions control devices, an On-Board Diagnostic check, and a visible smoke test.

What are the top five failure reasons?

1. On-Board Diagnostics test, including diagnostic trouble code(s), vehicle not ready, and visual malfunction indicator light check
2. Missing/modified catalyst
3. Aftermarket parts without a California Air Resources Board (ARB) Executive Order
4. Visible Smoke Test
5. Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) visual check

Does a diesel vehicle fail its Smog Check inspection if the exhaust pipe before the catalytic converter has been replaced with one that has a larger diameter? What if no oxygen sensor or pressure sensors are present in the exhaust system?

A diesel-powered vehicle will fail a Smog Check inspection if the exhaust pipe before the catalytic converter has been replaced with one that has a larger diameter. The absence of sensors in the system does not change this outcome. The only way for the vehicle to pass with this type of system would be for the part to have an Executive Order from ARB. The ARB's Aftermarket Parts Verification Guidelines can be found at www.arb.ca.gov.

How can I tell if a diesel-powered vehicle had a catalytic converter when it was originally sold?

The best way to determine if a vehicle was originally equipped with a catalytic converter is to check the vehicle and engine emissions labels found within the engine compartment. Vehicle manufacturers vary in how they present this information, but in general you should look for terms like OC (Oxidation Catalyst), Catalyst, or Non-Catalyst. The information found on these labels is the most accurate information and often cannot be determined by using reference manuals.

Can a diesel-powered vehicle's emission-related repairs be sublet?

The California Code of Regulations section 3340.15(i) allows for subletting of diesel-powered vehicles in need of Smog Check-related repairs. The same rules for the subletting of catalytic converter repairs also apply to diesel-powered vehicles.

If you have any issues about completing a Smog Check inspection of a diesel-powered vehicle, please contact BAR's Service Desk at 866.860.8509. **B:R**

TECHNICIAN SNAPSHOT

Test Results July through September 2010			
	# Tested	# Pass	% Pass
Advanced Emission Technician EA			
Total	566	325	57
Basic Area Technician EB			
Total	18	6	33
Brake Adjuster Class "A"			
Total	50	39	78
Brake Adjuster Class "B"			
Total	6	2	33
Brake Adjuster Class "C"			
Total	115	99	86
Lamp Adjuster Class "A"			
Total	207	103	50

A Message from the California Air Resources Board

New Regulations Require Some Businesses to Check Tire Inflation

On September 1, 2010, the California Air Resources Board's (ARB's) tire pressure regulations became effective. These regulations require certain California automotive service providers to do the following:

- > Check and inflate all vehicles' tires to the recommended tire pressure rating, with air or nitrogen, as appropriate, when performing any automotive maintenance or repair service;
- > Perform the tire pressure service using a tire-pressure gauge with a total permissible error no greater than \pm two pounds per square inch (psi);
- > Have access to tire inflation reference material that is within three years of publication;
- > Indicate on the service invoice that tire inflation service was completed and tire pressure measurements were rechecked after the service;

- > Keep a copy of service invoices for a minimum of three years and make these available to the ARB or authorized representatives upon request; and
- > Give customers the opportunity to opt-out of the service.

Automotive service providers have an initial enforcement grace period for this regulation during which time ARB will be reaching out to educate industry of their new responsibilities.

The purpose of this regulation is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles by maintaining recommended tire pressure ratings. These regulations apply to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 10,000 pounds or less.

For more information, please contact Theresa Anderson at 916.445.2159 or tmanders@arb.ca.gov or Jessica Johnston at 916.327.5609 or jjohnsto@arb.ca.gov. **ARB**

A Message from the California Air Resources Board

We Get Questions...

Tire Inflation Regulations

On September 10, 2010, new regulations adopted by the California Air Resources Board (ARB) impose new requirements on automotive service providers concerning the checking and inflating of a vehicle's tires to the recommended tire pressure rating. To assist Automotive Repair Dealers (ARDs) registered with the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR), the following is designed to clarify the requirements of the regulation.

What types of businesses are considered automotive service providers and subject to the provisions of the regulations?

According to the regulations, an automotive service provider is any business, or government or private vehicle fleet maintenance provider, that performs or offers to perform automotive maintenance or repair services (including, but not limited to, automotive dealerships, maintenance or repair garages, government or publicly maintained or operated fleets, oil change facilities, tire centers, and Smog Check facilities).

What exactly do the regulations require?

Beginning on September 1, 2010, all automotive service providers are required to:

1. Check and inflate each vehicle's tires to the recommended tire pressure rating, with air or nitrogen, as appropriate, at the time of performing any automotive maintenance or repair service.
2. Indicate on the vehicle service invoice that a tire inflation service was completed and the tire pressure measurements after the services were performed.
3. Perform the tire pressure service using a tire pressure gauge with a total permissible error no greater than \pm two pounds per square inch (psi).
4. Have access to a tire inflation reference that is within three years of publication.
5. Keep a copy of the vehicle service invoice for a minimum of three years and make the vehicle service invoice available to ARB, or its authorized representative, upon request.

When does an automotive service provider not need to perform a check and inflate service?

In general, an automotive service provider does not need to perform the check and inflate service if:

1. The tires are on a vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) over 10,000 pounds.
2. The tires are determined by the automotive service provider to be unsafe.
3. The customer declines the check and inflate service.

What is the effective date?

September 1, 2010.

Do I have to offer a free tire inflation service?

No, but if you do offer a free check and inflate tire service and that service is the only one being performed, then the automotive service provider does not need to meet the regulation requirements.

If an 18-wheeler comes into my shop for repairs, do I have to check all 18 tires?

No, this regulation only applies to vehicles with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less.

Do I have to keep copies of all invoices on-site for inspection?

No, the vehicle service invoices kept off-site must be made available to enforcement personnel within 72 hours of an official written or oral request.

Will there be a grace period before the regulation is enforced?

All automotive service providers are expected to comply with the requirements. However, there will be a short outreach and implementation period when the regulation becomes effective, and automotive service providers will have an initial enforcement grace period. During this time, ARB staff will be available to help implement the regulation and answer questions regarding compliance.

What type of tire inflation reference do I need?

The most popular tire inflation reference resources that are in use by automotive service providers are the "Tire Guide" and the Tire and Rim Association "Year Book." ARB does not endorse or recommend either resource. Automotive service providers may use any reference resource of their choosing, as long as it meets the regulatory requirements.

Do autobody shops have to comply with this regulation?

No, autobody and paint facilities, auto glass installers, auto parts distributors, and auto wreckers or dismantlers do not have to comply with this regulation.



Beginning on September 1, 2010, all automotive service providers are required to check and inflate each vehicle's tires to the recommended tire pressure rating.

What happens if a customer needs to fill their tires with nitrogen and I don't have a nitrogen inflation service? Do I have to provide a nitrogen inflation service?

No, a customer may refuse the inflation portion of the service if a nitrogen system is not available at the time of service. Automotive service providers are still subject to the other regulation requirements. The tires will still need to be checked and it will also need to be noted on the invoice that the nitrogen inflation service was not available at the time of the service.

What do I write on the service invoice?

You will need to indicate on the service invoice that a tire inflation service was completed and the tire pressure measurements after the service was performed.

What type of tire pressure gauge do I need to have?

When performing the tire pressure service, you will need to use a gauge with a total permissible error rate no greater than \pm two psi.

What happens if a customer doesn't want me to check their tires?

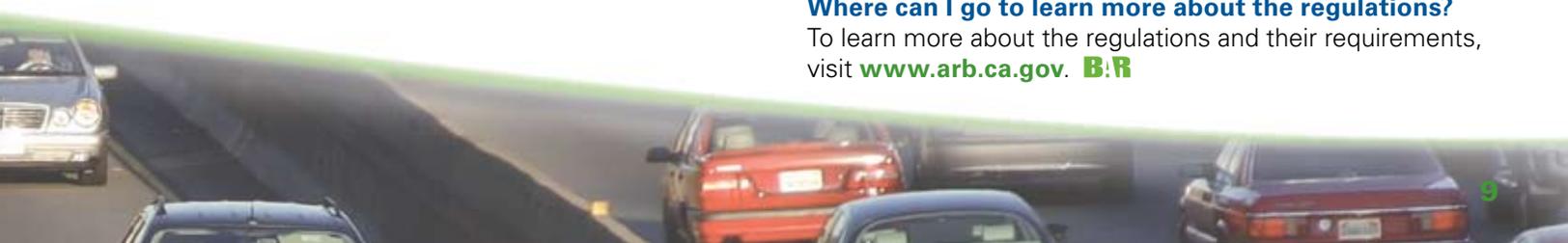
Customers may decline the check and inflate tire service if they affirm that a tire pressure service has been performed in the last 30 days or they will perform a tire pressure service within the next seven days. If a tire inflation service was not performed, the automotive service provider must indicate on the vehicle service invoice why the service was not completed.

My fleet vehicle is maintained by a fleet maintenance program. Who is responsible for keeping the service invoice requirement?

The fleet maintenance provider must keep a copy of the vehicle service invoice.

Where can I go to learn more about the regulations?

To learn more about the regulations and their requirements, visit www.arb.ca.gov. **B:R**



We Get Questions...

Starting Your Career at BAR

The key to starting a career with the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) is to take civil service examinations for classifications in which you meet the minimum qualifications. At BAR, the working-level classification is the Program Representative (PR) series. Incumbents in the classification perform a variety of duties, including complaint handling, investigations, inspections, and audits.

BAR now offers continuous testing for the PR classification series on its Web site 24/7. Upon completion of the online examination, candidates receive their scores immediately and, based on their examination results, can apply for a job vacancy at BAR. Candidates who score well may then be contacted for a hiring interview.

As a result of the online PR examination, BAR has received numerous questions from individuals interested in careers at BAR. Some frequently asked questions and responses are included below.

I'm interested in pursuing a career at BAR. How do I apply?

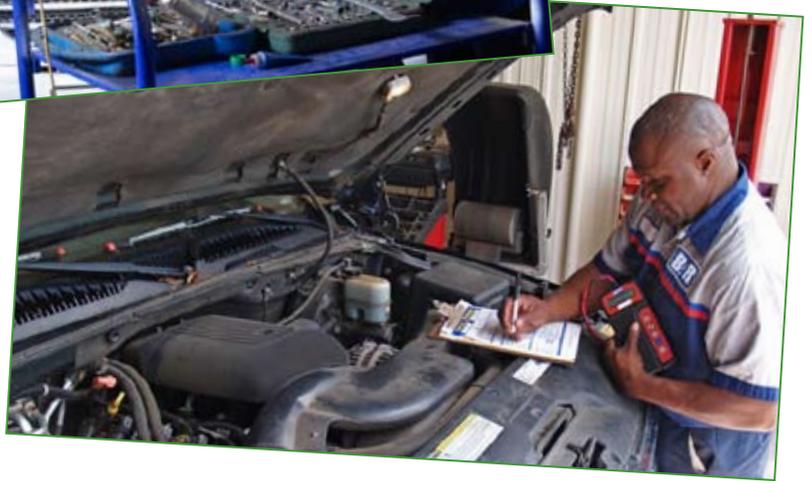
If you are new to State of California employment and/or have never been employed in the PR (or equivalent) classification, the first step is to take the PR examination. For your convenience, the examination is now offered online. Please visit BAR's Web site at www.smogcheck.ca.gov, click on the "Careers at BAR" tab, and scroll down to the bottom of the page to find links to the PR I/II and PR III exams. To learn about whether you are eligible to take the examination, click on the Minimum Qualifications link. If your education and/or experience meets the minimum qualifications, click on the "Click here to apply online for the examination" link. You will then be guided through the process to create your online application and take the exam. Once you have successfully completed the examination, remember to print the examination results page that shows your score and current ranking.

Is the examination offered online?

The PR examinations are offered online only.



BAR is continually recruiting to fill entry-level, journey, and management level positions in a variety of classifications that perform a variety of duties.



I don't have a computer. Where can I take the examination?

Public libraries, the Employment Development Department (EDD), and the State Personnel Board (SPB) offer computers and Internet access free of charge. EDD offers free Internet and computer access through One-Stop Career Centers and can be found at 877.348.0502. SPB's Service Center offers self-service access to their Web site Monday through Friday (excluding State holidays) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., with staff available to provide assistance during the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. They are located at 801 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814. You cannot take the examination at a BAR field office.

What can I do if I'm unfamiliar with the Internet?

If you are not familiar with the Internet, you may seek assistance regarding how to use the Internet and anything on SPB's Web site including online examinations and the application by calling the SPB Service Center at 866.844.8671, option 5, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

I submitted my application online. Did you receive it?

Applications completed online are for the examination only, not for a specific PR vacancy. You cannot submit an application online for a vacant position. You can apply for individual PR job openings in the following ways:

1. You can find PR job openings by periodically checking online at www.spb.ca.gov. If you find a job opening that you are interested in, print your application, sign it, and send it along with any other required documentation to the contact person listed on the job posting.
2. Respond to all employment inquiry letters that you receive. If you receive an employment inquiry letter for a position in a location that interests you, return the letter by the specified reply-by date with a completed and signed copy of your application.

What is a standard Form 678? Where can I obtain one?

The Form 678 is the standard State Application. The standard State Application Form 678 is available online at the SPB Web site at <http://www.jobs.ca.gov/OEC/jobs/stateapp.aspx>. It can be filled out online and printed, or you can print a blank copy and type or handwrite your information. The standard State Application Form 678 is the same application that must be completed prior to taking the Program Representative exam online.

I received an employment inquiry letter for a position in one field office, but I already received and sent back an employment inquiry letter for the position in a different field office. Do I need to respond?

Once you have successfully completed the PR examination, your name will be added to the eligible list of candidates that are currently seeking employment in the PR classification. You will receive an employment inquiry letter for job

openings that occur within the geographic locations that you selected when you took the examination. Each employment inquiry letter you receive is for a different job opening, and you must respond to all letters. If you do not respond to an employment inquiry letter, your name will be placed inactive on the eligible list and you will not be contacted for future job openings until you request that your name be restored. If you do not respond to three employment inquiry letters, your name will be permanently removed from the eligible list.

I applied for a Program Representative job opening advertised online, but my application was rejected. Why?

In order for your application to be considered for a job opening, you must follow all of the instructions on the job posting. Common reasons that applications are rejected include: failure to write the position number applied for on the application, failure to state the basis of eligibility in the "Explanations" section on the front page of the application, failure to complete and/or sign the application, failure to include all requested documentation with your application, and submissions that are postmarked after the final filing date.

I submitted my application for a vacancy last week. What is the status of my application? When is my interview?

Due to the high volume of applicants for Program Representative I positions, it may sometimes take several weeks to review and screen applications and schedule interviews. Only the most qualified candidates will be selected for an interview. If you have been selected for an interview, you will be contacted by phone. If you were not selected for an interview, you will be notified by mail. **B:R**

A Message from the California Air Resources Board

ARB Settles Air Quality Violations with Company for \$2 Million

Company illegally sold catalytic converters

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) reached a settlement with Eastern Manufacturing Inc. of Langhorne, PA, for \$2 million for illegally selling uncertified catalytic converters to California businesses and consumers.

Aftermarket catalytic converters must be approved by ARB to be advertised, sold, offered for sale, or installed in California.

"Catalytic converters are the cornerstone of the clean car technology that helps keep California skies smog-free," said ARB Chairman Mary D. Nichols. "When the equipment doesn't meet standards or malfunctions, air quality and public health suffers."

The settlement will be paid to the California Air Pollution Control Fund which supports projects and research designed to improve the State's air quality. **B:R**

Green Station Recognition Program

The Bureau of Automotive Repair has partnered with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control to recognize stations and shops that engage in environmentally-friendly practices as part of their normal business. These practices range from recycling used oil and coolants to using water-based parts cleaners instead of solvents.

The goal of the Green Station Program is to encourage repair facilities to be more responsible in the proper handling and disposal of the toxic substances generated during the course of their business. The program also reduces exposure to hazardous chemicals and potential ground pollution leading to a cleaner environment.

Participation in the program is voluntary and there are no fees to participate.

If you would like to learn more about the Green Station Recognition Program, please visit www.smogcheck.ca.gov/greenstationprogram. **B:R**



Green Stations in California

- > **Automotive Service of Roseville**, Roseville
- > **Burbank Motor Works**, Burbank
- > **Complete Automotive Repair**, San Pablo
- > **Craftsmen Auto Body**, Cerritos
- > **Crestview Service Inc.**, Los Angeles
- > **Dibbles Auto Center**, Santa Rosa
- > **Estorga's Collision Repair Inc.**, Long Beach
- > **Harloff Automotive**, La Mesa
- > **Herman Cook Volkswagen Inc.**, Encinitas
- > **Mission Viejo Union 76**, Mission Viejo
- > **Morin Bros Automotive**, San Luis Obispo
- > **Mountain View Radiator**, Mountain View
- > **Precision Automotive**, Redondo Beach
- > **Scher Tire #1**, Long Beach
- > **Scher Tire #7**, Corona
- > **Scher Tire #13**, Riverside
- > **Scher Tire #14**, Moreno Valley
- > **Scher Tire #22**, Riverside
- > **Scher Tire #24**, Riverside
- > **Scher Tire #25**, Corona
- > **Scher Tire #28**, Santa Ana
- > **Scher Tire #31**, Chino Hills
- > **Scher Tire #32**, Upland
- > **Scher Tire #34**, Corona
- > **Scher Tire #35**, Rosemead
- > **Scher Tire Inc.**, San Dimas
- > **Scher Tire Inc. #9**, Long Beach
- > **Scher Tire Inc. #12**, Riverside
- > **Scher Tire Inc. #15**, Costa Mesa
- > **Scher Tire Inc. #17**, Tustin
- > **SEI Corporation**, Upland
- > **Stuart Terry Auto Repair**, San Diego
- > **The Auto Analyst**, Placerville
- > **Tom's Automobile Emissions**, Orange
- > **Western Brake & Tire**, Anaheim **B:R**

Consumer Assistance Program Expands

Eligible consumers can retire a vehicle at any time, for any reason

The rules for retiring a vehicle have gotten a lot easier. It is no longer necessary for a vehicle to fail its biennial Smog Check inspection in order for a consumer to retire a vehicle and receive \$1,000 from the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR).

Effective August 2010, BAR began accepting and approving applications from all vehicle owners who wish to retire their vehicle through the Consumer Assistance Program (CAP). Consumers can now retire a vehicle at any time and for any reason, as long as they meet program eligibility requirements.

This program is designed to get high-polluting vehicles off the road and dismantle them as part of California's clean air efforts. "Removing the biennial Smog Check requirement to our retirement program is a great benefit in our efforts to clean up California's air," said BAR Chief Sherry Mehl.

"We've made it as easy and as convenient as possible for consumers to retire their vehicles," said CAP manager Tonya Blood. "It really is a hassle-free process."

Consumers can either mail a completed application to BAR or apply for the program in person at any one of a dozen BAR field offices across California. BAR will process the application on the spot — usually in under 30 minutes. Consumers can then retire their vehicles at one of over 30 dismantler sites under contract with BAR and get a check for \$1,000 instantly.

Previously, BAR retired approximately 23,000 high-polluting vehicles a year. That number is expected to increase by more than 50 percent to 35,000 vehicles annually.

To learn more about eligibility requirements or to obtain a CAP application, consumers can call the Department of Consumer Affairs at 800.952.5210, go online at www.smogcheck.ca.gov, or visit any BAR field office. **BAR**



After some high-polluting vehicles have been retired, they are dismantled and crushed.

CAP FACTS

A statistical look at the Consumer Assistance Program (CAP)*

July through September 2010	
Vehicles Retired	3,477
Vehicles Repaired	6,723
Applications Processed at BAR Field Offices **	10,069
Emissions Reductions (average tons per year)	
Hydrocarbons	123.7
Oxides of Nitrogen	119.3
Carbon Monoxide ***	20.9
Disbursements	
Vehicle Retirement	\$3,530,771
Vehicle Repairs	\$2,814,606
TOTAL Disbursed	\$6,345,377

* This analysis considers a vehicle repaired or retired upon BAR approval of a station or dismantler invoice for payment, rather than the actual date the vehicle is repaired or retired.

** This figure reflects the total number of CAP applications received and processed on the same day at BAR field offices. Most applications were processed while the consumer waited.

*** Carbon Monoxide has been divided by 56 to reflect ARB estimates of the reactivity of CO relative to other hydrocarbon compounds participating in the formation of ozone.

Smog Check Citations

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Name	Address	City	ZIP	ARD No.	Amount
FAST SMOG TEST ONLY	3125 EAST ORANGETHORPE	ANAHEIM	92806	ARD256735	\$1,000
DAVIS TEST ONLY SMOG CHECK	767 E ARROW HWY	AZUSA	91702	ARD255643	\$1,500
QUALITY SMOG & AUTO REPAIR	9519 ARTESIA BLVD	BELLFLOWER	90706	ARD255343	\$1,000
IN AND OUT SMOG TEST ONLY	18842 VALLEY BLVD	BLOOMINGTON	92316	ARD240269	\$1,500
SMOG MASTERS	1323 ROLLINS RD	BURLINGAME	94010	ARD241366	\$1,000
HAMMERS SMOG YA	19735 SHERMAN WAY #5	CANOGA PARK	91306	ARD221597	\$1,000
CHECK ENGINE AUTO & SMOG	3935 WAYSIDE LN	CARMICHAEL	95608	ARD260146	\$500
RISDONS AUTO CARE CENTER	516 PALM AVE #G	CARPINTERIA	93013	ARD227275	\$1,000
SMOG WORLD & LUBE	2780 CASTRO VALLEY BLVD	CASTRO VALLEY	94546	ARD232568	\$1,500
SMOG EXPRESS	355 BROADWAY	CHULA VISTA	91910	ARD233481	\$1,000
TAPS AUTO SMOG	915 BROADWAY	CHULA VISTA	91910	ARD253898	\$1,000
SMOG CENTER	1137 BROADWAY	CHULA VISTA	91911	ARD152095	\$1,000
PASTOR AUTO CARE INC	7920 OLD AUBURN RD	CITRUS HEIGHTS	95610	ARD202480	\$1,000
SPEED E SMOG	7920 AUBURN BLVD	CITRUS HEIGHTS	95610	ARD259429	\$1,000
A VALLEY SMOG	1512 DAIRY AVE	CORCORAN	93212	ARD257873	\$1,000
CERTIFIED TEST CENTER	1431 NORTH RANGER DR	COVINA	91723	ARD234703	\$1,000
SMOG DEPOT TEST ONLY	1690 SULLIVAN AVE	DALY CITY	94015	ARD231172	\$1,000
DAVIS AUTO CARE	5000 CHILES RD	DAVIS	95616	ARD229566	\$1,000
76 SMOG TEST ONLY STATION	640 GARFIELD AVE	EL CAJON	92020	ARD215590	\$1,000
BROADWAY SMOG TEST ONLY STATION	1214 BROADWAY	EL CAJON	92021	ARD234367	\$1,000
HAPPY CAR WASH & OIL CHANGE	126 W BRADLEY AVE	EL CAJON	92020	ARD253742	\$1,000
VALLEY AUTOMOTIVE	813 N 2ND ST	EL CAJON	92021	ARD219383	\$1,000
A + SMOG TEST ONLY CENTER	449 SECOND ST	ENCINITAS	92024	ARD238649	\$2,500
ALL MAKES SMOG CENTER	434 W FIFTH AVE	ESCONDIDO	92025	ARD129697	\$1,000
FAIR OAKS MIDAS	8118 GREENBACK LANE	FAIR OAKS	95628	ARD216552	\$1,000
MAKS SMOG	11100 FAIR OAKS BLVD	FAIR OAKS	95628	ARD243399	\$1,500
SPEEDEE OIL CHANGE & TUNE	5490 DEWEY DR	FAIR OAKS	95628	ARD250098	\$1,000
AMERICAN SMOG INC	1601 ENTERPRISE DR	FAIRFIELD	94533	ARD254923	\$1,000
FALLBROOK SMOG	128 EAST MISSION RD	FALLBROOK	92028	ARD258338	\$1,000
KWIC SMOG CENTER #4	615 SOUTH MAIN AVE	FALLBROOK	92028	ARD256598	\$1,000
SPEEDEE OIL CHANGE & TUNE	6604 FOLSOM-AUBURN RD	FOLSOM	95630	ARD173634	\$1,500
TONYS AUTO SERVICE	1929 FREEDOM BLVD	FREEDOM	95019	ARD166177	\$500
TONYS AUTO SERVICE	1929 FREEDOM BLVD	FREEDOM	95019	ARD166177	\$1,000
SMOG 4 LESS	2240 NORTH BLACKSTONE	FRESNO	93703	ARD254409	\$1,000
TK SMOG CHECK TEST ONLY	11322 WESTMINSTER AVE	GARDEN GROVE	92843	ARD239221	\$1,000
T A SMOG TEST ONLY	10622 GARDEN GROVE BLVD	GARDEN GROVE	92843	ARD222973	\$1,000
KHANHS SMOG & AUTO REPAIR	15240 CRENSHAW BLVD	GARDENA	90249	ARD240395	\$1,000
DAN SKAGGS AUTO CARE CENTER	1814 HWY 99	GRIDLEY	95948	ARD152755	\$500
TIM BROCKS CHEVRON SERVICE	705 W GRANGEVILLE BLVD	HANFORD	93230	ARD127190	\$1,000
J I V AUTO ELECTRIC & SMOG	11862 S PRAIRIE AVE	HAWTHORNE	90250	ARD258873	\$1,000
ATLANTIS AUTO SERVICE	20535 MISSION BLVD	HAYWARD	94541	ARD213311	\$1,500
ASC AUTO SMOG CENTER	10200 HAWTHORN BLVD	INGLEWOOD	90304	ARD259275	\$1,000
A 1 SMOG CHECK	423 EAST FLORENCE AVE	INGLEWOOD	90301	ARD256543	\$1,000
LONGDEN TEST ONLY	110 EAST LONGDEN AVE	IRWINDALE	91706	ARD253985	\$1,000
DISCOUNT SMOG CENTERS	7633 EL CAJON BLVD	LA MESA	91941	ARD240696	\$1,500
SPEEDY SMOG	7482 EL CAJON BLVD	LA MESA	91941	ARD231384	\$1,000
PERFORMANCE AUTOMOTIVE	14630 VALLEY BLVD	LA PUENTE	91746	ARD177778	\$500
QUALITY AUTO TEST ONLY CENTER	127 SOUTH FOURTH ST	LA PUENTE	91746	ARD160117	\$1,000
D & V TEST ONLY	555 WEST AVE	LANCASTER	93534	ARD211637	\$1,500
LODI QUICK SMOG	335 E. KETTLEMAN LN	LODI	95240	ARD261841	\$1,000

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EXPRESS SMOG OF LODI	320 NORTH CHEROKEE LN	LODI	95240	ARD260393	\$1,000
SMOG MASTERS CO	1301 S LA BREA AVE	LOS ANGELES	90019	ARD234366	\$2,000
BASTO TEST ONLY	4666 E OLYMPIC BLVD	LOS ANGELES	90022	ARD236266	\$2,500
KINGS AUTO TECH INC	1515 W MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD	LOS ANGELES	90062	ARD228247	\$1,000
ECONOMY AUTO CARE	6052 SANTA MONICA BLVD	LOS ANGELES	90038	ARD140425	\$1,000
16 MIN SMOG	1502 SOUTH ROBERTSON	LOS ANGELES	90035	ARD229808	\$1,000
E Z SMOG	2423 W FLORENCE AVE	LOS ANGELES	90043	ARD241448	\$1,000
MANTECA SMOG TEST ONLY	2072 WEST YOSEMITE AVE	MANTECA	95337	ARD256748	\$1,000
SMOG TECH 1	195 SOUTH UNION RD	MANTECA	95337	ARD260593	\$1,000
MENLO SMOG	1110 MARSH RD	MENLO PARK	94025	ARD247384	\$1,000
PORTOLA VALLEY SHELL	201 LA CUESTA DRIVE	MENLO PARK	94028	ARD230387	\$1,000
S & J AUTOMOTIVE	1320 ANGIE AVE	MODESTO	95351	ARD216250	\$1,000
ADVANCED TEST ONLY SMOG CENTER	143 1/2 EAST WHITMORE	MODESTO	95355	ARD257561	\$1,000
NAPA SMOG TEST ONLY	1509 MAIN ST	NAPA	94559	ARD257955	\$1,500
THE SMOG GUYS TEST ONLY	1509 1/2 NATIONAL CITY BLVD	NATIONAL CITY	91950	ARD233113	\$1,000
CUSTOM AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR	11615 VANOWEN ST	NORTH HOLLYWOOD	91605	ARD212425	\$1,000
AUTO ROW SMOG TEST ONLY	3060 BROADWAY	OAKLAND	94611	ARD230677	\$500
ECONO SMOG TEST ONLY CENTER	800 HARRISON ST	OAKLAND	94607	ARD239622	\$2,500
SMOG SHOP	4093 C OCEANSIDE BLVD	OCEANSIDE	92056	ARD229822	\$1,000
ECONO LUBE & MEINEKE CAR	3844 PLAZA DR	OCEANSIDE	92056	ARD250299	\$1,000
SAVON SMOG	1125 W HOLT BLVD	ONTARIO	91762	ARD230344	\$1,000
SMOG PRO	883 N TUSTIN AVE	ORANGE	92867	ARD205977	\$1,500
A VALLEY SMOG	12736 AVE 416	OROSI	93647	ARD254338	\$1,500
HIGH TECH AUTO REPAIR	656 PACIFIC AVE	OXNARD	93030	ARD239501	\$1,000
SAVIERS SMOG	5040 S SAVIERS RD	OXNARD	93033	ARD248870	\$1,000
EAGLES TEST ONLY	10215 SAN FERNANDO RD	PACOIMA	91331	ARD256182	\$1,500
JULIAN AUTOMOTIVE	4505 GREENSTONE RD	PLACERVILLE	95667	ARD152773	\$1,000
EXPERT AUTO CARE	2686 PLEASANT HILL RD	PLEASANT HILL	94523	ARD186865	\$1,000
A TO Z AUTOMOTIVE LLC	6016 PONY EXPRESS TRAIL	POLLOCK PINES	95726	ARD261221	\$1,500
EL COMPITA SMOG	1711 WEST HOLT AVE	POMONA	91768	ARD260294	\$1,000
BALES SMOG & TUNE	154 PORTER RD	PORTERVILLE	93257	ARD199023	\$1,500
POWAY SMOG	13510 POMERADO RD	POWAY	92064	ARD258316	\$1,000
CHIEFS REGENT	12462 POWAY RD	POWAY	92064	ARD167144	\$1,000
ANTONIOS AUTO CARE INC	12365 POWAY RD	POWAY	92064	ARD255935	\$1,000
SUNRISE SMOG	3501 SUNRISE BLVD	RANCHO CORDOVA	95742	ARD240390	\$1,500
RANCHO SMOG INC	10751 FOLSOM BLVD	RANCHO CORDOVA	95670	ARD255685	\$1,000
WHIPPLE AUTO TEST ONLY STATION	503 WHIPPLE AVE	REDWOOD CITY	94063	ARD219537	\$1,000
TRANS AUTO REPAIR	610 BROADWAY	REDWOOD CITY	94063	ARD225762	\$1,500
SUPER SMOG AUTO SERVICE	648 23RD ST	RICHMOND	94804	ARD258010	\$1,000
CALIFORNIA SMOG TEST ONLY	7304 INDIANA AVE	RIVERSIDE	92504	ARD246797	\$1,500
GO 2 AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR	700 RIVERSIDE AVE	ROSEVILLE	95678	ARD245720	\$1,500
SMOG BUSTERS	3995 DOUGLAS BLVD	ROSEVILLE	95661	ARD260431	\$1,500
TAILPIPES SMOG TEST CENTER	625 VERNON ST	ROSEVILLE	95678	ARD212270	\$1,000
TEST ONLY CENTER	1100 S NOGALES ST	ROWLAND HEIGHTS	91748	ARD245179	\$1,500
SACTOWN AUTO TECH	2790 FRUITRIDGE RD	SACRAMENTO	95822	ARD251534	\$1,000
MIDTOWN AUTO REPAIR	1031 30TH ST	SACRAMENTO	95816	ARD229415	\$1,000
EAST SACTO AUTO SERVICES	810 57TH ST	SACRAMENTO	95819	ARD234742	\$1,000
NATOMAS AUTOMOTIVE INC	35 GOLDEN LAND CT	SACRAMENTO	95834	ARD253765	\$1,500
KINGS GARAGE	1825 FULTON AVE	SACRAMENTO	95825	ARD247565	\$1,000
T & Y TEST ONLY	782 E BASELINE ST	SAN BERNARDINO	92410	ARD203259	\$1,000

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SAN CARLOS SERVICE	760 EL CAMINO REAL	SAN CARLOS	94070	ARD173804	\$1,000
EZ SMOG CHECK	2231 EL CAMINO REAL	SAN CLEMENTE	92672	ARD217728	\$1,500
QUICK SMOG	1741 GARNET AVE	SAN DIEGO	92109	ARD210252	\$500
SAN DIEGO SMOG TEST ONLY	1270 PICADOR BLVD	SAN DIEGO	92154	ARD178281	\$1,500
BAJA AUTO PART #2	6960 CAMINO MAQUILADORA	SAN DIEGO	92154	ARD219719	\$1,000
L2 SMOG	3850 EL CAJON BLVD	SAN DIEGO	92105	ARD258272	\$1,000
SANDROCK GAS & AUTO REPAIR	3377 SANDROCK RD	SAN DIEGO	92123	ARD253065	\$1,000
OTAY MESA TEST ONLY	6950 CAMINO MAQUILADORA	SAN DIEGO	92154	ARD260863	\$1,000
SOUTH CAL SMOG	4645 RUFFNER ST	SAN DIEGO	92111	ARD203710	\$2,500
KEARNEY MESA SMOG CHECK	4191 CONVOY ST	SAN DIEGO	92111	ARD240219	\$1,500
T SMOG	3650 EL CAJON BLVD	SAN DIEGO	92104	ARD258840	\$1,000
A N B AUTO REPAIR INC	3502 UNIVERSITY AVE	SAN DIEGO	92104	ARD176581	\$1,000
CHRIS AUTO SMOG & REPAIR	2920 DAMON AVE	SAN DIEGO	92109	ARD238740	\$1,500
EDS AUTO SERVICE	799 BRANNAN ST	SAN FRANCISCO	94103	ARD181521	\$1,000
CASTRO SMOG AND TEST ONLY	376 CASTRO ST	SAN FRANCISCO	94114	ARD255936	\$1,000
IN AND OUT TEST ONLY CENTER	4518 WESTMINSTER AVE	SANTA ANA	92703	ARD251853	\$1,000
STEVES AUTO REPAIR & SMOG	960 NORTH HARBOR BLVD	SANTA ANA	92703	ARD259458	\$1,000
TEST ONLY CENTER	205 N FAIRVIEW	SANTA ANA	92703	ARD253156	\$1,000
CA SMOG PLACE	1505 SOUTH GRAND AVE	SANTA ANA	92705	ARD254582	\$1,000
ACE SMOG CHECK TEST ONLY	1501 E EDINGER AVE	SANTA ANA	92705	ARD236267	\$1,500
J SPEED AUTOWORKS	3610 BASSETT ST	SANTA CLARA	95054	ARD237376	\$500
36 WASHINGTON SMOG CHECK	36 WASHINGTON ST	SANTA CLARA	95050	ARD258242	\$1,000
EL DORADO LUBE EXPRESS	4041 MOTHER LODE DR	SHINGLE SPRINGS	95682	ARD253356	\$1,500
LUNDES SOLVANG AUTO REPAIR	1675 FIR AVE	SOLVANG	93463	ARD115785	\$1,000
ROYAL AUTO LIMO REPAIR INC	1331 SAN MATEO AVE	SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO	94080	ARD212530	\$500
RJ AUTOMOTIVE	10021 CAMPO RD	SPRING VALLEY	91977	ARD244994	\$1,000
CALIFORNIA SMOG & REPAIR	10711 BEACH BLVD	STANTON	90680	ARD191428	\$1,500
SANCHEZ SMOG	2088 MARIPOSA RD	STOCKTON	95205	ARD184539	\$1,000
THANH AUTO REPAIR	1402 BOURBON ST	STOCKTON	95204	ARD243080	\$1,000
ALL SMOG TEST ONLY	8731 1/2 LANKERSHIM BLVD	SUN VALLEY	91342	ARD249810	\$2,500
HARRISON STREET AUTOMOTIVE	209 HARRISON ST	TAFT	93268	ARD254344	\$1,000
ECO SMOG	3707 W 190TH ST	TORRANCE	90504	ARD244709	\$500
ECO SMOG	1719 ABALONE AVE	TORRANCE	90501	ARD254259	\$500
ECO SMOG	3707 W 190TH ST	TORRANCE	90504	ARD244709	\$1,000
ADVANCED SMOG AND TUNE	7255 FOOTHILL BLVD	TUJUNGA	91042	ARD251055	\$500
ADVANCED SMOG	3215 SONOMA BLVD	VALLEJO	94590	ARD260456	\$1,500
EAGLE SMOG CHECK	14855 MAGNOLIA BLVD	VAN NUYS	91403	ARD246290	\$1,500
SMOG FOR LESS TEST ONLY	7300 VAN NUYS BLVD	VAN NUYS	91405	ARD250583	\$1,000
MAIN ST SMOG TEST ONLY CENTER	3059 EAST MAIN ST	VENTURA	93003	ARD223672	\$1,500
SMOG DEPOT	16745 D ST	VICTORVILLE	92395	ARD255799	\$1,000
VISALIA QUICK SMOG #2	1832 EAST MAIN ST	VISALIA	93292	ARD229786	\$1,000
MAIN STREET SMOG	2204 EAST MAIN ST	VISALIA	93292	ARD236430	\$2,000
ALL AUTOS SMOG	2244 SOUTH SANTA FE	VISTA	92084	ARD258415	\$1,000
MAGNOLIA SMOG TEST ONLY	8961 BOLSA AVE	WESTMINSTER	92683	ARD244285	\$1,000
D AND D AUTO REPAIR & SERVICE	15015 LEFFINGWELL RD	WHITTIER	90604	ARD219654	\$1,000
CARSON SMOG	213 W PACIFIC COAST HWY	WILMINGTON	90744	ARD246943	\$2,000
PISANIS SERVICE	2 GRANT AVE	WINTERS	95694	ARD023559	\$1,000
CITY SMOG	151 WEST MAIN ST	WOODLAND	95695	ARD259835	\$1,000
BRAKES TIRES & MORE	1492 BRIDGE ST	YUBA CITY	95993	ARD258822	\$1,000
SMOG N GO & AUTO GLASS	260 GARDEN HWY	YUBA CITY	95991	ARD261602	\$1,000

Disciplinary Actions

Northern California

February 2010 (Correction)

Jonathan Clyde Ford, Sacramento Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked. Pay BAR \$15,167.75 for the costs of its investigation. (2/23/10)

July 2010

Accutest Smog & Test Only Center, Pleasant Hill Duyen Thanh Thi Nguyen, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test-Only station licenses are revoked. Pay BAR \$21,061.25 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license. (7/19/10)

Thong Van Luu, Fremont Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked. (7/19/10)

Alfa Radiator & Auto Inc, San Jose

Camilo Posada, President
Order: ARD is permanently invalidated. Pay BAR \$69,523.59. (7/26/10)

All Star Auto Repair And Smog, Ceres

Vir Singh Sidhu, Partner
Jaspreet Singh, Partner
Order: ARD and Smog Check station licenses are revoked, stayed, and suspended for 30 days and placed on probation for three years. Pay BAR \$4,643.28. (7/26/10)

Jagtar Singh, Modesto Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked, stayed, and suspended for 30 days and placed on probation for three years. Singh and All Star Auto Repair and Smog are jointly responsible to pay BAR \$4,643.28. (7/26/10)

August 2010

V H Automotive, San Bruno

Hector Sanchez, Owner
Order: ARD and Lamp station licenses are revoked. Pay BAR \$8,000.00 for the costs of its investigation and enforcement upon applying for a new or reinstated license. (8/12/10)

Purrfect Auto Service #232 (Asma Auto Management, Inc), Gold River

Asma Salat, President
Order: ARD is issued and automatically revoked. The Smog Check station license is issued and automatically revoked. The revocations will be stayed and the respondent will be placed on probation for three years. (8/12/10)

Purrfect Auto Service (Suncoast Auto Management, Inc), Carmichael

Muhammad Tariq, President
Order: ARD is issued and automatically revoked. The Smog Check station license is issued and automatically revoked. The revocations will be stayed and the respondent will be placed on probation for three years. (8/12/10)

Hector Sanchez, San Bruno

Lamp Adjuster
Order: Lamp Adjuster license is revoked. (8/12/10)

Purrfect Auto Service #226 (Filzah Auto Mangement, Inc), Sacramento

Ahsan Mazhar, President
Order: ARD is issued and automatically revoked. The Smog Check station license is issued and automatically revoked. The revocations will be stayed and the respondent will be placed on probation for three years. (8/12/10)

Galt Auto Service, Galt

Lupe Perez Naranjo, Owner
Order: ARD and Smog Check station licenses are revoked, stayed, and suspended for 15 days and placed on probation for three years. Pay BAR \$4,373.50 for the costs of investigation and prosecution. (8/23/10)

Lupe Perez Naranjo, Galt

Technician
Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license is revoked, stayed, and suspended for 15 days and placed on probation for three years. (8/23/10)

September 2010

Discount Smog Check Centers #3, Dublin

Steven Gabriel Espinoza, Owner
Order: ARD and Smog Check Test-Only station licenses are revoked. Pay BAR \$7,462.48 for the costs of investigation. (9/7/10)

Steven Gabriel Espinoza, Sunnyvale

Technician
Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked, stayed, and placed on probation for three years. (9/7/10)

LS Automotive, Vallejo

Rick Hussain (a.k.a. Raiyat Hussain), Owner
Order: ARD and Smog Check Test-Only station licenses are revoked. Jointly with Alg, pay BAR \$27,000.00 when applying for reinstatement or applying for a new license or registration, and meet all requirements for the license or registration at the time of the application. (9/16/10)

Patrick James Alg, Vallejo

Technician
Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked. Jointly with Hussain, pay BAR \$27,000.00 when applying for reinstatement or applying for a new license or registration, and meet all requirements for the license or registration at the time of the application. (9/16/10)

Go Smog Go, Yuba City

Adrienne Rae Amy, Owner
Order: ARD and Smog Check station licenses are revoked. Pay BAR \$2,619.00 when applying for a new or reinstatement of a registration and/or license. (9/27/10)

AK Amigos Auto Smog, Modesto

Ashok Kumar, Owner
Order: ARD and Smog Check Test-Only station licenses are revoked, stayed, and suspended for 30 days and placed on probation for five years. Pay BAR \$5,613.74 for the costs of investigation and enforcement. (9/30/10)

Ashok Kumar, Modesto

Technician
Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked, stayed, and suspended for 30 days and placed on probation for five years. (9/30/10)

April Smog, Modesto

Jose W. Salguero, Owner
Order: ARD is revoked, stayed, and placed on probation for three years. Smog Check Test-Only station license is revoked. Pay BAR \$20,000.00 for the costs of investigation. (9/30/10)

Jose W. Salguero, Manteca

Technician
Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked. (9/30/10)

Blackstone Tire & Service (Lawrence & Petty Inc), Fresno

Rick L. Petty, President
Order: ARD is invalidated, stayed, and placed on probation for three years. Pay BAR \$1,137.00 for the costs of investigation and prosecution. (9/30/10)

Mac's Tire Service Inc, Clovis

Rodney W. McKinney, President
Order: ARD is invalidated, stayed, and placed on probation for three years. Pay BAR \$800.00 for the costs of investigation and prosecution. (9/30/10)

Purrfect Auto Service #100, (Alabani, Inc), Carmichael

Nariman Alabani, President
Purrfect Auto Service #226, (Alabani, Inc), Citrus Heights

Nariman Alabani, President
Purrfect Auto Service #229, (Alabani, Inc), Fairfield

Nariman Alabani, President
Purrfect Auto Service #232, (Alabani, Inc), Rancho Cordova

Nariman Alabani, President
Purrfect Auto Service #234, (Alabani, Inc), Roseville

Nariman Alabani, President
Order: ARD and Smog Check station licenses are revoked. Pay BAR \$69,746.61 when applying for a new or reinstated license. (9/30/10)

Disciplinary Actions

Southern California

July 2010

Hi Tek Auto Repair, San Diego

Hung Thi Ho, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Station licenses are revoked. Pay BAR \$14,962.00. (7/6/10)

Tam Minh Ho, San Diego

Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked. (7/6/10)

JM Smog Check Test Only, Los Angeles

Jose Manuel Castellon, Owner

Order: ARD is revoked, stayed, and placed on probation for three years. Smog Check Test-Only station license is revoked. Pay BAR \$27,060.70. (7/8/10)

Jose Manuel Castellon, San Bernardino

Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked. (7/8/10)

Thousand Oaks Smog Test Only, Thousand Oaks

Arbi Baghdanian, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check station licenses are revoked, stayed, and suspended for 30 days and placed on probation for three years. Pay BAR \$9,324.72. (7/19/10)

Arbi Baghdanian, West Hills

Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked, stayed, and suspended for 30 days and placed on probation for three years. (7/19/10)

The Smog Shop, Santa Clarita

Paulette K. Elhilu, Owner

Order: Application for Smog Check station license is denied. (7/23/10)

A C Transmission, Wilmington

Ruben Taboada, Owner

Order: ARD is revoked. \$26,000.00 costs are waived unless respondent reapplies for reinstatement of any license, at which time costs are due. (7/26/10)

Guillermo Del La Garza, Sr., Los Angeles

Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked, stayed, and suspended for 60 days and placed on probation for five years. Pay BAR \$3,150.00. (7/26/10)

Askar Hosseinpour, Aliso Viejo

Technician

Order: Application for Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is denied. (7/26/10)

August 2010

Test-Only Center Of La Mirada (Mondragon Auto Service Inc), Santa Fe Springs

Araceli Mondragon, President

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test-Only station licenses are revoked. Pay BAR \$8,474.07 for its costs of investigation and enforcement before applying for a new or reinstated license. (8/2/10)

Jesus M. Mondragon, Long Beach

Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked. (8/2/10)

Vincente Parra Pena, Cudahy

Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked, stayed, and suspended for 30 days and placed on probation for three years. (8/3/10)

Sals Auto Service, La Puente

Abel Moran Cordero, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check station licenses are revoked, stayed, and suspended for 30 days and placed on probation for three years. Pay BAR \$9,827.57 for the costs of investigation and prosecution. (8/3/10)

Salvador Moran Cordero, La Puente

Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked, stayed, and suspended for 30 days and placed on probation for three years. (8/3/10)

Jermaine Williams, Reseda

Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license and any additional licenses in the name of Jermaine E. Williams are revoked. Pay BAR \$13,191.17. (8/9/10)

Stop N Go Smog #5, Perris

Jose Luis Cervantes, Partner

Gabriela Romolan Cervantes, Partner

Martha Elena Cervantes, Partner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test-Only station licenses are revoked. (8/23/10)

Jose Luis Cervantes, Romoland

Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked, stayed, and suspended for five days and placed on probation for three years. (8/23/10)

Stop N Go Smog, Moreno Valley

Jose Luis Cervantes, Partner

Gabriela J. Cervantes, Partner

Stop N Go Smog II, Perris

Jose Luis Cervantes, Partner

Gabriela J Cervantes, Partner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test-Only licenses are revoked, stayed, and suspended for five days and placed on probation for three years. Jose Luis Cervantes shall pay BAR \$12,500.00 for the costs of investigation and enforcement. (8/23/10)

September 2010

EZ Smog Test Only, Westminster

Ly Van Ly, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test-Only station licenses are revoked. Pay BAR \$7,751.02 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license. (9/7/10)

Ly Van Ly, Midway City

Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked. (9/7/10)

Quick Smog Test Only, South Gate

Alfredo C. Diaz, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test-Only station licenses are revoked. Pay BAR \$7,163.00 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license. (9/7/10)

Alfredo C. Diaz, Gardena

Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked. (9/7/10)

Sids Automotive, Victorville

Samaan Naser Shihab (a.k.a. Samaan N. S.N

Shihab, a.k.a. Sam Shihab), Partner

Mamdouh Ahmed Badr, Partner

Order: ARD and Smog Check station licenses are revoked, stayed, and suspended for 30 days and placed on probation for three years. Pay BAR \$8,496.00 in monthly installments of \$300.00 until the entire amount is paid, beginning 30 days after the effective date of this order. Failure to pay the costs may be deemed a violation of probation. (9/9/10)

Ramiro Hernandez, Apple Valley

Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked, stayed, and suspended for seven days and placed on probation for three years. Pay BAR \$2,017.00 in monthly installments of \$62.00 until the entire amount is paid, beginning 30 days after the effective date of this order. Failure to pay the costs may be deemed a violation of probation. (9/9/10)

Disciplinary Actions

Southern California *(continued)*

Samaan Naser Shihab, Victorville
Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked, stayed, and suspended for 30 days and placed on probation for three years. Pay BAR \$4,247.00 in monthly installments of \$130.00 until the entire amount is paid, beginning 30 days after the effective date of this order. Failure to pay the costs may be deemed a violation of probation. (9/9/10)

Young Uk Chae, La Crescenta
Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is granted, revoked, stayed and placed on probation for three years. (9/22/10)

Burke's Radiator Shop, Los Angeles

Gary R. Donovan, Owner

Order: ARD is revoked. Pay BAR \$7,641.75 when applying or reapplying for registration or license. (9/23/10)

Chavo Smog Check & Test Only, Los Angeles

Morena Amada Ramos, Partner

Oscar Rovert Benitez, Partner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test-Only station licenses are revoked. Pay BAR \$7,619.40 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license. (9/27/10)

Juan Carlos Chavez, Los Angeles
Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked. (9/27/10)

EZ Test Only, Los Angeles

Albert Daniel, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test-Only station licenses are revoked. Pay BAR \$19,333.47 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license. (9/27/10)

Albert Daniel, Glendale
Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked. (9/27/10)

M & L Collision (N & L Auto Body Inc), Los Angeles

Mohammad Rouzbehi, CEO

Order: ARD is revoked. Pay BAR \$14,270.62 for the costs of investigation and enforcement. (9/27/10)

Fred's Auto Collision Center, Glendora

Fred G. Armenta, Owner

Order: ARD is revoked. Pay BAR \$33,898.54 when applying for a reinstatement of the registration, or when Fred Armenta seeks registration. (9/30/10) **BAR**

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