

Licensing statistics fiscal year 2025-2026 Q1

Licensing Program
September 30, 2025



Bureau of Automotive Repair

Disclaimer

The information presented in this handout is provided for informational purposes only. The Bureau of Automotive Repair makes every effort to gather accurate and reliable data. However, due to the dynamic nature of the reporting process, the data is subject to change and may vary depending on the specific time the report was generated. Therefore, it should be noted differences may exist between this reported data and other sources. Users are advised to exercise discernment when analyzing this report.

Population by license type

As of September 30, 2025

License ¹	Population
Automotive Repair Dealer	34,483
Smog Check Test-and-Repair Station	4,025
Smog Check Test-Only Station	2,030
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	25
STAR Station	3, 516
Vehicle Safety Systems Station	509
Smog Check Inspector	12,383
Smog Check Repair Technician	5,031
Vehicle Safety Systems Technician	796
Total	62,798

¹ Per Business and Professions Code section 23.7, and unless otherwise stated, “license” means license, certificate, registration, or other means to engage in a business or profession.

License processing – Initial applications

License	Applications received	Licenses approved	Average processing time (Days)
Automotive Repair Dealer	1,115	936	24
Smog Check Test & Repair Station	101	65	33
Smog Check Test-Only Station	87	54	31
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	0	0	0
STAR Station	68	32	5
Vehicle Safety Systems Station	78	56	47
Smog Check Inspector*	544	220	51
Smog Check Repair Technician*	164	36	57
Vehicle Safety Systems Technician	93	70	48
Totals	2,250	1,469	37

* Technician and adjuster processing times factor in up to 90 days for an applicant to take and pass the required licensure examination

License processing – Renewal applications

License	Applications received	Licenses approved	Average processing time (Days)
Automotive Repair Dealer	8,283	7,834	5
Smog Check Test & Repair Station	924	870	5
Smog Check Test-Only Station	515	485	5
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	10	9	5
STAR Station*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vehicle Safety Systems Station	0	0	N/A
Smog Check Inspector	1,559	1,499	5
Smog Check Repair Technician	631	615	5
Vehicle Safety Systems Technician	0	0	N/A
Totals	11,922	11,312	5

* STAR Certifications are not renewed

PSI examination pass rate

Test Dates: July 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025

Examination	Passed	% Passed	Failed	% Failed	Number of exams
Smog Check Inspector	233	35.10	433	65.08	666
Smog Check Repair Technician	79	53.02	70	46.98	149
Vehicle Safety Systems Technician	46	51.69	43	48.31	89
Total	358	39.60	546	60.40	904

BAR partners with PSI Services LLC to administer its Smog Check and vehicle safety systems inspector and technician licensing exams.

Top 10 business types

Business types are provided by automotive repair dealers upon licensure and renewal. This information is tied to the service category options displayed on BAR's [Auto Shop Locator](#).

As of September 30, 2025

Primary business type	Secondary business type
1. General Repair	1. General Repair
2. Auto Body and/or Paint Shop	2. Smog Check Station
3. Smog Check Station	3. Automotive Diagnostic Repair
4. Other	4. Other
5. Tire Shop	5. Tune Up / Oil and Lube Shop
6. New/Used Car Dealer	6. Brake/Front End Alignment Shop
7. Mobile Automotive Repair	7. Tire Shop
8. Transmission Repair Shop	8. Preventative Maintenance Services
9. Preventative Maintenance Services	9. Auto Body and/or Paint Shop
10. Tune Up / Oil and Lube Shop	10. Engine Rebuilding / Repair

Contact information

BARLicensing@dca.ca.gov
(855)735-0462

www.bar.ca.gov



Bureau of Automotive Repair