

CONSUMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



The Consumer Assistance Program (CAP) is administered by the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) and is designed to help improve California's air quality. CAP offers consumers up to \$500 in financial assistance towards certain emissions-related repairs. In addition, CAP offers consumers \$1,000 or \$1,500 to retire a qualified vehicle.

Para obtener una solicitud en español, llámenos a BAR a 866.272.9642.

REPAIR ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS

Under the Repair Assistance option, vehicle owners who meet the following eligibility requirements may receive up to five hundred dollars (\$500) in emissions-related repairs performed at licensed Smog Check Test and Repair stations holding valid STAR certification and operating under an agreement with BAR.

NOTE: Financial assistance is based on the availability of funds.

- The vehicle must have failed its "biennial" (every other year) Smog Check inspection as required by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) (aborted, manual mode, and training mode tests do not qualify).
- The vehicle must not have a tampered emissions control system.
- The vehicle must be currently registered with the DMV with a valid, unexpired registration sticker **OR** have all fees paid to the DMV and not have a registration that has been expired more than 120 days.
- The vehicle registration must not have lapsed* for more than 120 days during the two consecutive years preceding the current registration expiration date.
- The vehicle must not be undergoing a transfer of ownership, initial registration, or re-registration in California.
- The vehicle must not be registered to a business, fleet, or non-profit organization.
- You must be the registered owner with title issued in your name.
- You must have a household income that is less than or equal to two hundred twenty-five percent (225%) of the federal poverty level, as published in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- You must not have previously received assistance for the same vehicle through CAP.

*A lapse is defined as the number of days between the date a vehicle's registration sticker expires and the date a current registration sticker is issued by DMV for the vehicle.

If approved, the applicant must pay the total cost of testing and diagnosing the emissions-related failure as co-payment for participating in the Repair Assistance option. The co-payment shall be paid directly to the station that performs the state subsidized emissions-related repair work under agreement with BAR.

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

The State does not have authority to reimburse consumers.

Questions? Please call 866.272.9642 or visit www.smogcheck.ca.gov.