

Smog Check Consumer Assistance Program Application Package



The Department of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Automotive Repair may be able to give you financial assistance if your vehicle needs Smog Check repairs, based on available funds.

The Consumer Assistance Program (CAP) helps vehicles meet California emission standards. CAP not only helps consumers, it also helps clean our air.

Look inside for more details and how to apply.

CAP CHECKLIST

To qualify for either Repair Assistance or Vehicle Retirement:

- You must be the registered owner.
- 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).
- Your vehicle must not have a “tampered” emissions-control system.
- 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.

To qualify for Vehicle Retirement, your vehicle also:

- Must have failed its Smog Check no later than 120 days after expiration of the current registration.
- Must have been continuously registered in California for two years immediately preceding the current registration expiration date.
- Must be currently registered.
- Must be a passenger vehicle or light-duty truck.
- Must have a qualifying Smog Check failure.
- Must pass a visual and operational check (see Section 6 of this application)

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Smog Check Consumer Assistance Program Options

(1) REPAIR ASSISTANCE

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 CAP-approved station.

– OR –

Test-Only Eligible: Your registration renewal notice indicates that your vehicle is required to have its Smog Check inspection at a Test-Only station. 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 CAP-approved station. ***If you are Test-Only Eligible and Income Eligible, you will only have to pay the first \$20 toward diagnosing and repairing your vehicle at a CAP-approved station.***

Income Eligibility Table*		
Number of People in Household*	Maximum ANNUAL Gross Household Income	Maximum MONTHLY Gross Household Income
1	\$17,705	- OR - \$1,475
2	\$23,736	- OR - \$1,978
3	\$29,767	- OR - \$2,481
4	\$35,798	- OR - \$2,983
5	\$41,829	- OR - \$3,486
6	\$47,860	- OR - \$3,988
7	\$53,891	- OR - \$4,491
8	\$59,922	- OR - \$4,994
For more than 8, add the following amount for each individual:	\$6,031	- OR - \$503

*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!**

(2) VEHICLE RETIREMENT

If you don't think your vehicle is worth repairing, and you qualify, the state will pay you \$1000 to voluntarily retire the vehicle at a CAP-approved dismantler, based on available funds. **You must be the registered owner and not have retired a vehicle through the Consumer Assistance Program within the last 12 months. A joint owner of a vehicle is limited to no more than two vehicles within the last 12 months.**

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Repair Assistance: “Income Eligible” Applicants

(1) Make sure you and your vehicle qualify.

Refer to page 1 for vehicle and owner qualifications. Do ***not*** have emissions-related repairs performed on your vehicle until your application has been approved. ***Only*** CAP-authorized repairs performed at a CAP-approved station are eligible for the Consumer Assistance Program.

(2) Fill out the application.

Be sure to check the **REPAIR ASSISTANCE: INCOME ELIGIBLE APPLICANT** box in Section 1. Then, completely fill out Sections 2 through 5, sign and date the back of the application.

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Repair Assistance: “Income Eligible” Applicants (Continued)

3) Mail the application and required documents.

Include the following documents with your application:

- A copy of your current vehicle registration renewal notice from DMV.
- Copies of any invoices for emissions-related repairs performed prior to applying to the Consumer Assistance Program, for the sole purpose of crediting your required co-payment.
- A copy of **one** of the following documents that verifies your income eligibility:*
 - *A copy of your federal or state income tax form (Form 540 or 1040) from the most recent tax 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 (Medicare or 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.

4) If your application is approved ...

You will receive an eligibility letter and information about where you can take your vehicle for repair assistance.

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*These documents are required pursuant to Section 44062.1 of the Health and Safety Code.

Repair Assistance: “Test-Only Eligible” Applicants

1) Make sure you and your vehicle qualify.

Refer to page 1 for vehicle and owner qualifications. Do *not* have emissions-related repairs performed on your vehicle until your application has been approved. *Only* CAP-authorized repairs performed at a CAP-approved station are eligible for the Consumer Assistance Program.

2) Fill out the application.

Be sure to check the **REPAIR ASSISTANCE: TEST-ONLY ELIGIBLE APPLICANT** box in Section 1. Then, completely fill out Sections 2 through 4, sign and date the back of the application.

3) Mail the application and required documents.

Include the following documents along with your application:

- A copy of your current vehicle registration renewal notice from DMV.
- Copies of any invoices for emissions-related repairs performed prior to applying to the Consumer Assistance Program. These invoices are used for the sole purpose of crediting your required co-payment.

4) If your application is approved ...

You will receive an eligibility letter and information about where you can take your vehicle for repair assistance.

Vehicle Retirement Applicants

1) Make sure you and your vehicle qualify.

Refer to page 1 for vehicle and owner qualifications. Do *not* have your vehicle retired until your application has been approved. *Only* CAP-authorized vehicles retired at a CAP-approved dismantler are eligible for the Consumer Assistance Program.

2) Fill out the application.

Be sure to check the **VEHICLE RETIREMENT APPLICANT** box in Section 1. Then, completely fill out Sections 2 and 3, read Section 6, sign and date the back of the application.

3) Mail the application.

Include the following document with your application:

- A copy of your current vehicle registration renewal notice from DMV.

4) If your application is approved...

You will receive an eligibility letter and instructions about how to retire your vehicle.

If you have questions regarding the attached application or need assistance completing it, please call:

1-866-272-9642



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.

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

Vehicle Retirement Applicant: *We must receive your completed application no later than 120 days after the expiration of your vehicle registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles.*

Section 1 — APPLICATION SELECTION

Please check one:

- REPAIR ASSISTANCE: INCOME ELIGIBLE APPLICANT** — If this box is checked, complete Sections 2-5, sign and date the back of the application.
- REPAIR ASSISTANCE: TEST-ONLY ELIGIBLE APPLICANT** — If this box is checked, complete Sections 2-4, sign and date the back of the application. *(Note: Test-Only Eligible applicants should apply for Income Eligible assistance, if they qualify.)*
- VEHICLE RETIREMENT APPLICANT** — If this box is checked, complete Sections 2 and 3, read Section 6, sign and date the back of the application. If vehicle registration has joint ownership, complete section 2a.

Section 2 — REGISTERED VEHICLE OWNER INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Driver License or I.D. Number		
Street Address	Apt.	City	State	ZIP	Daytime Phone Number ()

Section 2a — JOINT REGISTERED VEHICLE OWNER INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Driver License or I.D. Number		
Street Address	Apt.	City	State	ZIP	Daytime Phone Number ()

Section 3 — VEHICLE INFORMATION

Vehicle Year	Make	Model	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)	California License Plate Number
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Section 4 — VEHICLE REPAIR INFORMATION (for crediting consumer co-pay only)

I have spent \$ _____ on emissions-related repairs at _____ (Name of Smog Check Station) (Attach invoices.)

Section 5 — INCOME INFORMATION

Number of people living in household (include yourself)	Head of Household? (Please check one) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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STEP 2 — Determine whether you are eligible.

STEP 1 — Add the Total Gross Income for all household members, including yourself.

Wages	\$ _____
Welfare/Unemployment Payments	\$ _____
Social Security Payments	\$ _____
CalWORKs Payments	\$ _____
TANF Payments	\$ _____
Other Income	\$ _____
Total Gross Income	\$ _____

(A) Total Gross Income (from STEP 1)	\$ _____
(B) Maximum Household Income <i>(from "Income Eligibility Table" on page 2)</i>	\$ _____

If the amount on Line A exceeds the amount on Line B, you are not eligible for repair assistance. If the amount on Line A is less than or equal to the amount on Line B, please sign the back of this application. Be sure to provide with your application a copy of one of the documents (listed on page 3) that verify your income eligibility.

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Section 6 — VEHICLE RETIREMENT REQUIREMENTS

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

VEHICLE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

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

VEHICLE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Vehicle must be driven to an approved dismantler **under its own power**.
- Vehicle engine starts readily through ordinary means without the use of starting fluids or external booster batteries.
- Vehicle driveability 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.

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: _____

Co-Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail your application and required documents to:



**Bureau of Automotive Repair
Consumer Assistance Program
10240 Systems Parkway
Sacramento, CA 95827**