

1.12 CERTIFIED EMISSIONS REPAIR FACILITY (CERF) CERTIFICATION

- ❑ *Question: Do I operate a facility that performs vehicle engine repairs? If so, am I interested in participating in the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program?*

Why do I need this approval?

This certification ensures that motor vehicle repair facilities that meet minimum requirements established by the State are available to the general public to adequately perform engine repairs to ensure healthy air quality.

This voluntary certification may be sought by owners or operators of vehicle repair facilities.

What laws or regulations give MDE the legal authority to issue this approval?

STATE: Transportation Article, Title 23, Subtitle 2, Sec. 23.201-23.209; COMAR 11.14.08.30 and 11.14.08.29.

What is the process to get this approval?

- 1) After receiving a complete application, the Department schedules a new facility inspection and emissions analyzer audit.
- 2) If the applicant passes the inspection and audit, the facility is given a CERF number and can begin work in the program.
- 3) The official CERF sign is provided free of charge by the Department and is posted out of doors at each CERF. A temporary certificate can be issued at the time the CERF passes its first quality assurance audit. The permanent certificate is mailed within two weeks.

Are there any other requirements?

PRE-APPROVAL: Certification requirements include an emissions analyzer that meets 1980 California Bureau of Automotive Repair standards, ownership of specified tools and the employment of a certified emissions technician. The emissions analyzer must pass an entry audit.

POST-APPROVAL: Each facility participates in the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program's Quality Assurance Program by calibrating its analyzer at least once every two weeks and participating in a bimonthly quality assurance audit.

How long should I expect it to take to get this approval once I submit a complete application?

30 days

Once I get this approval, how long will it last?

Certification remains valid as long as program requirements are met.

How much will this approval cost?

No fee.

Who do I contact with additional questions?

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