

1.13 MASTER CERTIFIED EMISSIONS TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION

- ❑ *Question: Am I a vehicle repair technician who performs engine repairs or works at a Certified Emissions Repair Facility or Fleet Inspection Station? If so, am I interested in participating in the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program?*

Why do I need this approval?

The Department certifies automotive repair technicians to perform emissions related repairs after they have successfully earned certain Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications. This license improves the quality of emissions related repairs on citizens' vehicles. By reducing the amount of ozone producing pollutants coming from motor vehicles, these vehicle repair technicians help to improve the air quality in Maryland. Improved automotive emissions related repairs also reduce the number of citizens' vehicles which fail the mandatory emissions test required by the State's Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program. The Certificate may be sought by technicians who work at:

- Fleet inspection stations and who want to perform vehicle vehicle emissions inspections and repairs according to the State's program; and
- Certified emissions repair facilities who want to make certified repairs to vehicle emissions control equipment.

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

STATE: Transportation Article, Title 23, Subtitle 2, Section 23.201-23.209 and 11.14.08.29.

What is the process to get this approval?

- 1) The Department reviews the application for completeness.
- 2) The Department examines the application to determine compliance with the applicable requirements.

3) The certificate is mailed within 2 weeks of application approval.

Are there any other requirements?

PRE-APPROVAL: The prospective Master Certified Emissions Technician (MCET) must be an automotive technician with a minimum of 5 years experience in engine repair and must possess ASE certifications in electrical systems (A-6), engine performance (A-8) and advanced engine performance (L-1). Call (703) 713-3800 for information about ASE exams. The MCET applicant may also be required to take a course on State requirements.

POST-APPROVAL: The initial MCET license shall be renewed as each ASE certification expires.

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?

Maximum of five years

The renewal time is dependant upon the earliest ASE Certificate expiration. The MCET must notify the Department of each required ASE re-certification.

How much will this approval cost?

No fee.

Who do I contact with additional questions?

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