

Smog Check Licensing Restructure



Bureau of Automotive Repair Workshop

June 23, 2011

Review of Changes

- Creates a Repair-Only License for both technicians and stations
- Creates a Smog Check Inspector License
- Establishes qualifications applicable to the license and job tasks
 - The current “one size fits all” approach does not reflect the marketplace and inappropriately requires some technicians to demonstrate a level of knowledge and skill beyond the jobs they perform
 - Existing structure inherently produces less qualified licensees
 - Existing licenses not affected and will run normal term (renewal - choose best option)

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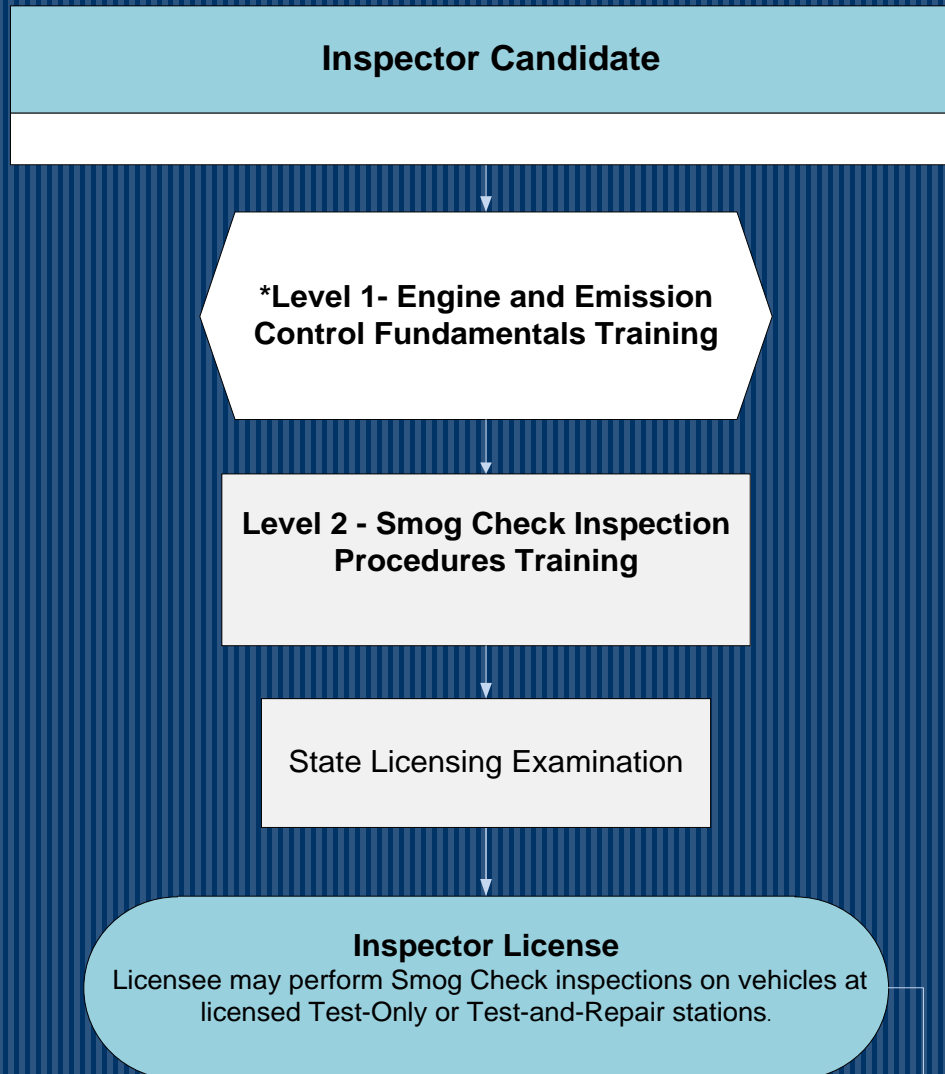
- Establishes a streamlined track for experienced and proficient technicians
- Establishes repair station sign and equipment requirements
 - No new equipment
 - Some equipment exceptions possible for diesel specialty shops

Inspector Qualifications

- Engine/Emission Control Fundamentals Training
 - For individuals with little or no experience
 - Trainees must demonstrate fundamental knowledge of engine and emissions control system technology and operation
- Smog Check Inspection Procedures Training
 - All candidates
 - Includes minimum competency assessments, both written and hands-on
 - Trainers may offer portions of the training as self-study
 - Includes BAR rules and regulations
- State Licensing Examination
- Biennial License Renewal
 - Update Training (as necessary)

Repair Technician Qualifications

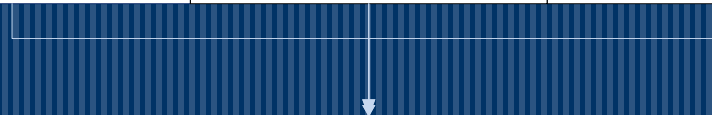
- Education and Experience Requirements:
 - ASE Certifications: A-6 Electrical/Electronic Systems, A-8 Engine Performance, and L-1 Advanced Engine Performance; OR
 - Associate Automotive Degree/Certificate and One Year Experience; OR
 - Two Years Experience and BAR Specified Diagnosis and Repair Training.
- Smog Check Rules and Regulations Training
 - All candidates
 - Program administration
 - Customer consultation
 - Self-study
- State Licensing Examination
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*For candidates with little or no experience. Experienced candidates with ASE certification or education may go directly to Level 2 Training. Experience qualifications will be determined through the application process.

A single license may be issued to candidates who qualify for and pass the examinations for both the Inspector and Repair Technician licenses.

Repair Technician Candidate Must meet any <u>one</u> of the following:		
Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
ASE A6, A8 and L-1 certifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA/AS or Certificate in automotive technology, and • 1 year experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 years experience, and • BAR Specified Diagnosis & repair training



**Smog Check
Rules and Regulations Training**

State Licensing Examination

Repair Technician License
 Licensee may repair vehicles subject to Smog Check at licensed Repair-Only or Test-and-Repair stations

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Completed Outreach

- Public / Industry Presentations
 - 12 workshops conducted statewide (April 2010 thru May 2011)
 - California Automotive Teachers Conferences (2009, 2010, 2011)
- Auto Repair & Smog Check Newsletter Articles
 - Several articles have been published and more will come
- BAR Web Site Updates
 - Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions
 - Licensing Flowcharts
- Enlisted Subject Matter Experts for the development of training outlines (March 2011)

Planned Outreach

- ET Blast Notifications
 - Several blasts have been sent and more will come
 - Will include implementation timelines
- License Examination Candidate Handbook
 - Will be provided by examination contractor and available on BAR Web site (April 2012)
- Informational Flyer will be provided with Station Renewal Notices (Begin January 2012)
- Update Smog Check Reference Guide (May 2012)

Project Status

- Projected Implementation in July 2012
- Regulations Currently in Public Comment Period
- SME Developed Training Outlines
 - Draft training outlines provided to Certified Schools and instructors on May 27, 2011. Comments will be accepted through June 2011. Outlines to be finalized August 2011.
 - Draft training outlines for Repair Technician (September 2011)
- Draft Licensing Examinations
 - Preparation completed (August 2011)
 - Implemented when new license become available

Open Discussion

- Questions
- Comments

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