



Vehicle Inspection/Registration FAQ

Are the inspection station requirements changing?

No. The inspection station will check the same elements that have previously been inspected. However, you will receive a vehicle inspection report (VIR) in lieu of an inspection sticker.

If my vehicle fails inspection, do I owe any fees?

Yes, you will owe the inspection station fee regardless of whether the vehicle passes or fails.

Will I have to pay for more than one inspection in a year?

No, you will not have to pay for more than one inspection in a year. During the sync up year from March 1, 2015-February 29, 2016, some vehicle owners will go beyond their 12-month inspection cycle to align the expiration dates for inspection and registration.

For example: Registration sticker expires 3/15, Inspection sticker expires 9/15

The owner will be able to renew registration in March 2015 and not have to get the vehicle inspected again until 2016 because the inspection sticker is valid at the time of renewal (inspection sticker expires 9/15). The following year, before the end of March 2016, both inspection and registration will be due.

If I get a safety inspection in a non-emissions county but move to an emissions county and register my vehicle, is another inspection necessary? Will there be additional charge?

No. You will not have to get another inspection. If your vehicle has a current, passing inspection you will be able to renew.

If I get my safety inspection after March 1, 2015, what do I take to register my vehicle in person?

Please take your VIR with you to the county just in case your inspection cannot be electronically verified.

I renewed my registration after March 1, 2015, and have received my 2016 registration sticker but I still have an inspection sticker on my windshield. Can I remove the inspection sticker?

We recommend leaving the inspection sticker on until the date it expires.

My inspection was due in December 2014 but my registration is due in July 2015. Can I wait to get my inspection 90-days prior to renewing?

No. You are operating your vehicle without a valid inspection.

I have Disabled Veteran license plates. How does "Two Steps, One Sticker" affect me?

The registration process for those with Disabled Veteran license plates is the same as for motorists with general issue plates. If you currently pay a \$3 annual plate fee, you will continue to pay the \$3 plate fee and the state's portion of the inspection fee if it is due.

I want to exchange my general issue license plates for specialty plates in the middle of my registration period. Will I need to obtain a new inspection?

No. Exchanging to a new license plate type does not require a new inspection.



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