

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS



CONSUMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



The Consumer Assistance Program (CAP) is administered by the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) and is designed to help improve California's air quality. CAP offers consumers up to \$500 in financial assistance towards certain emissions-related repairs. In addition, CAP offers consumers \$1,000 or \$1,500 to retire a qualified vehicle.

Para obtener una solicitude n español, llámenos a BAR a 866.272.9642.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME VERIFICATION

To qualify for Repair Assistance or Vehicle Retirement based on income level, you must have a household income that is less than or equal to two hundred twenty-five percent (225%) of the current federal poverty guidelines, as published in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

To verify your household income, you may be required to submit a COPY of ONE of the income documentation options listed below:

Income/Benefits You Receive		List of Acceptable Income Documentation Options
1	Public Assistance	A letter from issuing agency or bank statement verifying public assistance (e.g., Cal Fresh, CalWORKs, Medi-Cal, or SSI) funds issued to you within the past 60 days.
2	Unemployment, Disability or Veteran's Benefits	A letter, check stub, or bank statement verifying funds issued to you within the past 60 days.
3	Social Security	A letter, check, or bank statement verifying funds issued to you within the past 60 days.
4	Tax Form AND Paycheck Stub	Your Federal Tax Form 1040 or State Tax Form 540 filed in the most recent tax year AND a copy of an employment warrant (paycheck stub) issued to you within the past 60 days verifying your year-to-date earnings, hours worked and hourly wage.

If you do not have documentation verifying your income eligibility as outlined above, you may submit a <u>Wage History Request</u> to the Employment Development Department (EDD) requesting verification of your reported wages for the last four (4) available quarters. Within six to eight weeks of receiving your request, EDD will mail a Wage History Report to your mailing address.

CAP urges consumers to take steps to protect their Personal Identifiable Information (PII) by redacting or excluding confidential information from any required documentation verifying household income prior to submittal. Confidential documents received shall be securely discarded without reuse or distribution promptly after a formal review and determination of income eligibility. Examples of confidential information include, but are not limited to:

Names of minor children Social security numbers Taxpayer identification numbers

Birth dates

Case Numbers

Brokerage, bank, or other financial account numbers

Medical records