

STAR PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A licensed Smog Check station seeking STAR certification shall meet all of the following eligibility requirements from the date the application is received by the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR):

1. The station must not have had its STAR certification invalidated within the most recent six month period.
2. The station must meet Follow-up Pass Rate (FPR) requirements over the six-month evaluation period as reported in January and July each year by BAR. Each inspector entered into the station's analyzer(s) must either:
 - a. Have an FPR score of at least 0.40; OR
 - b. Have a "No Score" FPR, in which case the station's FPR score must be at least 0.40 or a "No Score."Note: These criteria also apply when entering an inspector into the station's analyzer(s) after receiving STAR certification.
3. The station's Similar Vehicle Failure Rate (SVFR) over the preceding calendar quarter (e.g., January 1 – March 31) must meet or exceed 75% of the industry-wide failure rate for similar vehicles, as calculated quarterly by BAR.
4. The station must not have Gear Shift Incidents on more than 2% of the vehicles certified in the preceding calendar quarter, as calculated by BAR. Gear Shift Incidents are inspections where the engine RPM during an ASM test is elevated to an extent suggesting that the vehicle was placed in the incorrect gear during the test.
5. The station must not have an Excessive Test Deviation Rate of more than one in the preceding calendar quarter, as calculated by BAR. An Excessive Test Deviation Rate occurs under any of the following circumstances:
 - a. Timing Test: A station's rate in Enhanced Smog Check Program areas for failing to perform the Ignition Timing Test on vehicles that should have been tested is greater than average for stations inspecting similar vehicles.
 - b. Fuel Cap Pressure Test: The station's rate for failing to perform the Fuel Cap Pressure Test on vehicles that should have been tested is greater than average for stations inspecting similar vehicles.
 - c. Low Pressure Fuel Evaporative Test (LPFET): The station's rate for failing to perform the LPFET on vehicles that should have been tested is greater than average for stations inspecting similar vehicles.
 - d. OBD II Functional Test: The station's rate for failing to perform the OBD II Functional Test on vehicles that should have been tested is greater than average for stations inspecting similar vehicles.
 - e. ASM Restarts: The station's rate for restarting ASM inspections is greater than average for stations inspecting similar vehicles.
 - f. Inspection Aborts: The station's rate for aborting inspections after the emissions test has begun is greater than average for stations inspecting similar vehicles on the same brand of Emissions Inspection System.Note: New stations or business structure changes that result in a new license will require data on the short term measures from the previous calendar quarter in order to have an application evaluated for STAR certification.
6. The station must not have been issued any Smog Check citation pursuant to section 44050 of the Health and Safety Code within the preceding one-year period, nor employ inspectors who have been issued any citations pursuant to section 44050 of the Health and Safety Code within the preceding one-year period.
7. The current or any previous registration or license of the station owner, manager or licensed Smog Check Inspector employed by the station must not have been issued an order of suspension, a probationary order, or any other disciplinary order within the preceding three-year period.
8. The station owner, manager and licensed Smog Check Inspector or other employees of the station:
 - a. Must not have been convicted of a crime within the preceding three-year period that is substantially related to the duties of a licensed Automotive Repair Dealer, Smog Check station, or Smog Check Inspector.
 - b. Must not be serving a probationary period as a result of any such criminal proceeding.
 - c. Must not have been found liable in a civil proceeding, excluding small claims matters, within the proceeding three-year period, for acts or omissions that are substantially related to the duties of a licensed Automotive Repair Dealer, Smog Check station, or Smog Check Inspector.
9. The station must not have engaged in any conduct that would be cause for discipline of the station's Automotive Repair Dealer registration or Smog Check station license.
10. The station must be in compliance with all of the following:
 - a. Licensure requirements, including timely renewal of the station's Automotive Repair Dealer registration and Smog Check station license.
 - b. Signage and license posting requirements.
 - c. Estimate, repair order, invoice and record keeping requirements.
 - d. Possession of all required manuals and publications.
 - e. Possession of all required tools and equipment in proper working order.

Note: STAR certification is non-transferable.

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