

Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Program Update

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Three-Phase Implementation Approach

- To transition from the brake and lamp inspection programs to the Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection (VSSI) Program, BAR is using a three-phase approach for implementation:
 - Licensing VSSI Stations and Technicians (Phase 1)
 - Started on March 27, 2024
 - Begin vehicle safety systems inspections (Phase 2)
 - Started on July 8, 2024
 - Sunset brake and lamp inspection programs (Phase 3)
 - September 27, 2024

Phase 1 - Licensing Stations and Technicians

- On March 27, 2024, BAR:
 - Made available and began accepting VSSI station and technician applications from:
 - New station and technician applicants
 - Existing brake and lamp adjusters utilizing a specialized licensing process
 - Stopped accepting new brake and lamp station and adjuster applications
 - Brake and lamp adjusters were no longer able to renew their licenses
 - Brake and lamp stations were able to renew their station licenses until July 8, 2024

Phase 2 – Begin Inspections

- On July 8, 2024, licensed VSSI stations and technicians could begin performing vehicle safety systems inspections
 - This allows:
 - VSSI program and brake and lamp inspection programs to run concurrently for approximately three months to ensure a smooth transition
 - VSSI stations and technicians to become familiar with the new inspection requirements
 - Additionally, as of July 8, 2024:
 - BAR began limiting the number of brake and lamp certificate books that can be purchased
 - Brake and lamp stations are no longer able to renew their licenses

Phase 3 – Brake and Lamp Sunset

- On September 27, 2024, the brake and lamp inspection programs will end
- DMV will no longer accept brake and lamp certificates of compliance for registration purposes
- BAR will collect and refund all unused brake and lamp certificates of compliance

Program and Implementation Information

- Check the BAR website at bar.ca.gov/safety. There you will find:
 - Steps to obtain a VSSI station and/or technician license
 - Links to:
 - Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Manual
 - Station equipment check-list
 - Information on biometric enrollment for technicians
 - Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection tutorial video
- To receive real-time updates directly from BAR:
 - “Join Our Email List” in “Quick Links”

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