

Licensing Statistics

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Q1

Licensing Program
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Bureau of Automotive Repair

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Population by License Type

As of September 30, 2024

License ¹	Population
Automotive Repair Dealer	35,094
Smog Check Test-and-Repair Station	4,153
Smog Check Test-Only Station	1,998
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	27
STAR Station	4,008
Brake Station	636
Lamp Station	633
Vehicle Safety Systems Station	347
Smog Check Inspector	12,516
Smog Check Repair Technician	5,273
Brake Adjuster	646
Lamp Adjuster	688
Vehicle Safety Systems Technician	583
Total	65,730

¹ Per Business and Professions Code section 23.7, and unless otherwise stated, “license” means license, certificate, registration, or other means to engage in a business or profession.

License Processing – Initial Applications

License	Applications Received	Licenses Approved	Average Processing Time (Days)
Automotive Repair Dealer	1,015	911	56
Smog Check Test & Repair Station	68	62	70
Smog Check Test-Only Station	61	48	71
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	0	0	183
STAR Station	103	54	5
Brake Station	0	1	61
Lamp Station	0	2	61
Vehicle Safety Systems Station	115	242	69
Smog Check Inspector*	441	177	55
Smog Check Repair Technician*	149	58	74
Brake Adjuster*	0	1	95
Lamp Adjuster*	0	1	118
Vehicle Safety Systems Technician	182	131	26
Totals	2,134	1,688	72

* Technician and adjuster processing times factor in up to 90 days for an applicant to take and pass the required licensure examination

License Processing – Renewal Applications

License	Applications Received	Licenses Approved	Average Processing Time (Days)
Automotive Repair Dealer	8,506	8,118	5
Smog Check Test & Repair Station	1,026	985	5
Smog Check Test-Only Station	618	594	5
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	8	8	5
STAR Station*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brake Station	151	148	5
Lamp Station	152	146	5
Vehicle Safety Systems Station	0	0	N/A
Smog Check Inspector	1,316	1,316	5
Smog Check Repair Technician	589	589	5
Brake Adjuster**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lamp Adjuster**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vehicle Safety Systems Technician	0	0	N/A
Totals	12,366	11,904	5

* STAR Certifications are not renewed

** Brake and Lamp Adjuster re-applications are not renewed and considered new applications

Top 10 Business Types

Business types are provided by automotive repair dealers upon licensure and renewal. This information is tied to the service category options displayed on BAR's [Auto Shop Locator](#).

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Primary Business Type	Secondary Business Type
1. General Repair	1. General Repair
2. Auto Body and/or Paint Shop	2. Smog Check Station
3. Smog Check Station	3. Automotive Diagnostic Repair
4. Other	4. Other
5. Tire Shop	5. Tune Up / Oil and Lube Shop
6. New/Used Car Dealer	6. Brake/Front End Alignment Shop
7. Mobile Automotive Repair	7. Tire Shop
8. Transmission Repair Shop	8. Preventative Maintenance Services
9. Preventative Maintenance Services	9. Auto Body and/or Paint Shop
10. Tune Up / Oil and Lube Shop	10. Engine Rebuilding / Repair

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