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# New Decal and Income-Based CAVD Program

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**Effective: Immediately**

**New Information**

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will begin issuing a new dark-red clean air vehicle decal (CAVD) for qualifying vehicles, effective November 2023, pursuant to *Vehicle Code* §5205.5.

The new dark-red decal will be valid upon receipt through September 30, 2025, when the High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) CAVD program expires.




Authorization for the Income-Based Clean Air Vehicle Decal (IB-CAVD) Program, represented by the orange decal seen below, ends January 1, 2024. This program mandates that a third-party verify a customer's income before a CAVD is issued by DMV. Due to the six to eight-week turnaround time for this income validation, applications for the IB-CAVD program will **no** longer be accepted.




**NOTE:** All other decals remain valid until expiration.

| *Color Decal* | *Issue Year* | *Expiration Date* |
|---|---|---|
|   | 2023 | 9/30/2025 |
|   | 2022 | 9/30/2025 |
|   | 2021 | 1/1/2025 |

**Background**

The Federal authorization for the HOV CAVD program expires on September 30, 2025, pursuant to *United States Code*, Title 23 §166, **unless** the California Secretary of State receives notice from the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to sunset the HOV CAVD program, whichever occurs first.

Senate Bill 957 (Chapter 367, Statutes of 2018) established an IB-CAVD Program authorizing DMV to issue CAVD (valid from January 1, 2020, through January 1, 2024) to a vehicle that was issued a CAVD prior to January 1, 2017, if the new registered owner's gross annual household income is at or below 80 percent of the state median income, as designated by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

**References**

*United States Code*, Title 23 §166
*Code of Regulations,* Title 13 §§156.00 and 156.01
*Vehicle Code* §5205.5 and 21655.9
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**Distribution**

Notification that this memo is available at **dmv.ca.gov** under Vehicle Industry Services, was made via the California DMV Automated Email Alert System in December 2023 to the following:

- Dealers
- Registration Services

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Call the DMV Customer Care Section at (916) 657-6560 for further clarification of this memo.