

Vehicle Safety System Inspection Program

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New Information

Changes to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Virtual Clerk System (utilized by Business Partner Automation [BPA] Program participants) were implemented to allow an inquiry to the Department of Consumer Affairs, and the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) Vehicle Safety System Inspection (VSSI) database. A new link between Virtual Clerk System and BAR was established to verify VSSI certificate status when processing specified transactions.

Procedures

Continue to follow existing procedures in the *Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual* for Transfers Chapter 11, Salvage - Nonrepairable – Junk Vehicles Chapter 19, and Permits and Decals Chapter 25 when reregistering vehicles that have been declared junk, salvage, or transactions requiring a VSSI.

If the below error messages are displayed in Virtual Clerk, BPA program participants should contact their First Line Service Provider (FLSP) for guidance.

- D447 BAR SAFETY SYSTEMS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE REQUIRED
- Q023 CNA - SHORT TERM (BAR SAFETY SYSTEMS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE)

Transactions impacted by the changes are limited to the following.

- C10/C11 – Revived Junk/Revived Salvage (Original/Clearing)
- F00/F01 – Transfer of Registered Owner/Revived Salvage with CA Title/Clearing

Transactions completed with a valid VSSI will need to include a “*BAR Inspection History*” screen print in the clearing transaction (see Figure 1 below).

- A “PASS” VSSI **must** display a “Certificate number” on the BAR Inspection History screen print. VSSI test results can be found on the BAR website:
bar.ca.gov/inspection.

Figure 1 – BAR Inspection History

Make	Model	Model Year	Inspection Type	Date / Time	Result	Certificate Number
DODGE	RAM 1500 ST	2005	SAFETY SYSTEMS	08/25/2023 02:03 PM	PASS	PQ171720G
DODGE	RAM 1500 ST	2005	SMOG CHECK	04/25/2023 11:33 AM	PASS	N/A
DODGE	RAM 1500 ST	2005	SMOG CHECK	03/21/2023 08:45 AM	ABORTED	N/A
DODGE	RAM 1500 ST	2005	SMOG CHECK	12/20/2022 09:11 AM	PASS	N/A
DODGE	RAM 1500 ST	2005	SMOG CHECK	11/03/2022 10:19 AM	PASS	PO838386B
DODGE	RAM 1500 QUAD ST/SLT	2005	SMOG CHECK	01/14/2014 12:37 PM	PASS	YB844006C

Procedures, *continued*

Important:

- Paper certificates issued on and after September 28, 2024, will **not** be accepted.
- The VSSI Certificate exemption, due to distance from an inspection facility, is being discontinued. A Statement of Facts (REG 256) from an automotive repair shop attesting to the vehicle safety systems requirements, will **no** longer be accepted.
- VSSI history can be found on the BAR website: **bar.ca.gov/inspection**. Key in the vehicle identification number (VIN) for the most accurate results. A query using the vehicle license plate number is discouraged given that it can change.
- VSSI test results are **not** available (on the BAR website) for inspections completed the same day. However, VSSI inspection results can be verified electronically with the BAR query and are available immediately (upon inspection completion).

Background

Currently, a certificate of compliance (Brake and Lamp) form, issued by BAR, is required during vehicle registration, pursuant to *Vehicle Code* (VC) §11519, for a revived junk/salvage transaction and any transaction requiring a vehicle safety systems inspection. This is currently a paper process; DMV collects the certificate and retains a copy when registration documents are sent to document imaging/micro.

Assembly Bill (AB) 471 (Ch. 372; Statutes 2021) will discontinue the paper process and the compliance will be verified electronically through the BAR query during the vehicle registration process.

References

Business and Professions Code, Sec. 9, Article 6.5 Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection, 9888.6

Vehicle Code §11519

Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual, Chapters 11, 19, and 25

Distribution

Notification of this memo (available at **dmv.ca.gov** under Vehicle Industry Services) was made via the California DMV Automated Email Alert System in August 2024 to:

- Dealers
- Registration Services

Contact

Direct questions related to this memo as follows:

- BPA program participants should contact their FLSP.
- All other inquiries should contact DMV Help Desk at (916) 657-6567.