Effective: Immediately

New Information

The expiration date of the red Clean Air Decal (CAD) has been extended from January 1, 2019, to January 1, 2022.

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will mail vehicle owners whose vehicles were issued a red CAD from March 1, 2018, through July 17, 2018, a new Clean Air Vehicle Certificate (CAVC) with the updated expiration date. In mid-August 2018, DMV began mailing replacement CAVCs that must remain with the vehicle to which they are issued and be presented to law enforcement upon request.

Vehicle owners issued green or white CADs on or after January 1, 2017, whose vehicles are eligible for the red CAD, will be mailed a prefilled CAD application with instructions and a return envelope to their address on record in October 2018.

A letter of expiration will be mailed in November 2018 to vehicle owners issued a green or white CAD whose vehicles are not eligible for the new CAD program.

NOTE: After January 1, 2019, ultra-low emission vehicles (ULEVs) are no longer eligible for CADs, regardless of when their white CAD was issued.

Procedures

Continue to follow current procedures in the VIN 2018-02 New Vehicle Dealer Application/Clean Air Vehicle and VIN 2018-04 Clean Air Decal Program Changes memos.

Background

Senate Bill 848 (Chapter 47, Statutes of 2018) extended the expiration date of the red decal and removed ULEVs from the list of vehicles eligible for the CAD program beginning January 1, 2019. An updated list of vehicles eligible for the CAD program is available on the California Air Resources Board website at www.arb.ca.gov.

To provide quality customer service, new processes have been developed to inform vehicle owners of their CAD program status, notify vehicle owners whose CADs are expiring on January 1, 2019, and notify customers eligible for the new CAD program.

Distribution

Notification that this memo is available online at www.dmv.ca.gov under Publications was made via California DMV’s Automated Email Alert System in October 2018.

References

California Vehicle Code §§5205.5 and 21655.9
California Code of Regulations, Title 13 §156.01
Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual §25.005
VIN 2018-02 New Vehicle Dealer Application/Clean Air Decal
VIN 2018-04 Clean Air Decal Program Changes
VIN 2018-05 New Clean Air Decal

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