

Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Program

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Proposed Regulation Text Summary

- Creates new Article 2.5 in California Code of Regulations, Title 16 – “Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Program”
- The proposed regulation text includes:
 - Incorporation of the Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Manual
 - Licensing requirements for vehicle safety systems stations
 - Licensing requirements for vehicle safety systems technicians
 - Sunsetting of the lamp and brake inspection programs

Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Manual

(1 of 2)

- Sets the inspection requirements and failure criteria for each system/area of the vehicle inspected
- Consists of following nine sections:
 - (1) Information on technician access and vehicle identification
 - (2) Lighting system inspection
 - (3) Passenger compartment inspection

Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Manual

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- (4) Tires and wheels inspection
- (5) Brake system inspection
- (6) Steering and suspension system inspection
- (7) Body structure inspection
- (8) Road test
- (9) Equipment requirements

Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection

- In addition to the inspection items listed in the manual, the safety systems inspection will include:
 - A scan of the vehicle's identifying information
 - A scan of information related to the vehicle's safety systems (after initial implementation)
 - A determination of any open safety recalls
- A vehicle that fails to communicate when scanned or has an unrepaired safety recall will fail the safety systems inspection

Vehicle Safety Systems Station

Requirements (1 of 2)

- Stations are required to have a Safety Inspection System (SIS) which includes:
 - Computer with a currently supported version of Microsoft Windows operating system software (Windows 10 or 11)
 - Bar Code Scanner
 - Printer
 - BAR Certified Data Acquisition Device (DAD)
 - Biometric device
 - Web Camera (Future implementation TBD)
 - Internet connection

Vehicle Safety Systems Station Requirements (2 of 2)

- Other equipment requirements are similar to existing requirements for lamp and brake adjusting stations
- Prior to licensure, applicants will be subject to an initial inspection by BAR field staff to verify they possess required equipment and employ a licensed safety systems technician

Vehicle Safety Systems Technician Requirements

- To obtain a vehicle safety systems technician license, applicants must:
 - Possess National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification in:
 - Suspension and steering (A-4)
 - Brakes (A-5)
 - Electrical/electronic systems (A-6)
 - Pass a licensing examination
- This license is valid for two years, and will not require re-examination for renewal

Lamp and Brake Program Sunset

- Six months after adoption of the Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Program, the following statutes and the associated programs and regulations become inoperative :
 - Article 5 “Licenses” (Lamp and Brake)
 - Article 6 “Lamp and Brake Adjusting Stations”
 - Article 8 “Lamp and Brake Adjustment Certificates”

Transitioning Lamp and Brake Stations and Adjusters

- As currently drafted, regulations would allow:
 - A currently licensed lamp and brake adjusting station, with licenses in good standing, to forego the application fee to become a licensed vehicle safety systems inspection station
 - A currently licensed lamp and brake adjuster, with licenses in good standing, to forego:
 - The application fee to become a licensed vehicle safety systems technician
 - ASE certifications (however, will be required for renewal)
 - The initial licensing examination

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