

# Smog Check Inspector and Repair Technician Information

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## SMOG CHECK INSPECTOR LICENSE

- **Duties:** A Smog Check Inspector inspects and certifies vehicles requiring Smog Check inspection. A Smog Check Inspector may not perform diagnosis and/or repairs to correct Smog Check failures. All official Smog Check inspections must be completed by a licensed Inspector in a licensed Test-Only or Test-and-Repair station.
- **Qualifications:** To become licensed as a Smog Check Inspector, an individual must pass a state administered examination. Examination applicants first must successfully complete Level 1 and Level 2 training, as applicable.

### Level 1 Training - Engine and Emission Controls Fundamentals

Level 1 Training is required for Inspector candidates with little or no experience.\* This training provides students with the knowledge of engine and emission control systems necessary to conduct accurate smog inspections. Successful completion includes the ability to demonstrate minimum levels of competency related to engine and emission control systems. The training is a minimum of 68 hours and must be completed at a BAR-certified school.

\*Experienced candidates may skip Level 1 training if they: Possess ASE A6, A8 and L1 certification; or possess an AA/AS degree or Certificate in automotive technology and have 1 year experience; or have 2 years experience and have completed BAR specified training.

### Level 2 Training - Smog Check Procedures

Level 2 Training must be completed by all Inspector license applicants. This training covers the program rules, regulations and procedures. Successful completion includes the ability to demonstrate minimum levels of competency related to vehicle inspections. The training is a minimum of 28 hours and must be completed at a BAR-certified school.

- **License Renewal:** Applicants for license renewal must meet the following Update Training requirements:

*Update Training* - Applicants for license renewal must provide proof that they have successfully completed 4 hours of BAR-certified update training within the last two years.

## SMOG CHECK REPAIR TECHNICIAN LICENSE

- **Duties:** A Smog Check Repair Technician diagnoses and repairs Smog Check inspection failures. All Smog Check repairs must be completed by licensed Repair Technicians in a licensed Test-and-Repair or Repair-Only station.
- **Qualifications:** To become licensed as a Smog Check Repair Technician, an individual must pass a state examination. Examination applicants must meet one of following four criteria:
  - 1) Possess certification in the categories of Electrical/Electronic Systems (A6), Engine Performance (A8) and Advanced Engine Performance Specialist (L1) from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence; or
  - 2) Possess an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree or higher in Automotive Technology from a state accredited or recognized college, public school, or trade school, and have one year automotive repair experience in the engine performance area; or
  - 3) Possess a certificate in automotive technology from a state accredited or recognized college, public school, or trade school with a minimum of 720 hours of course work that includes at least 280 hours in the engine performance area, and have one year of automotive repair experience in the engine performance area; or
  - 4) Have a minimum of two years of automotive repair experience in the engine performance area, and successfully complete BAR Specified Diagnostic and Repair Training within the last five years.
- **License Renewal:** Applicants for license renewal must meet the following requirements:

*Certification* - Possess a valid certification in the categories of Electrical/Electronic Systems (A6), Engine Performance (A8) and Advanced Engine Performance Specialist (L1) from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence;\* and

*Update Training*- Provide proof of successful completion of 16 hours of update training from a BAR-certified training institution within the last two years.

\* ASE certification is not required for renewal applicants who have successfully completed the BAR Specified Diagnostic and Repair Training within the last five years.