



INSPECTIONS NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2018

Important Emissions Inspector Recertification Training Information



PennDOT is pleased to introduce the use of online training and exam renewal for emissions recertification. There will be a transition period between the old instructor-led classes with a paper exam renewal certification, and the new online training and exam renewal certification from June 1st through August 1st, 2018. A soft roll-out transition will allow recertifying inspectors an online training option beginning **June 1, 2018**. On this date inspectors due to recertify will have two choices; **Option-1: Instructor-led training with paper exam**, or **Option-2: Online Emissions Training and Exam**. The option of instructor-led training will continue only through July 31, 2018.

OPTION-1: Instructor-led recertification training may be completed at any time prior to your license expiration, but before August 1, 2018. Recertification courses and exams are available at participating vocational schools and community colleges, as well as some inspection industry associations. Northern Region Inspector recertification training materials are available online at www.PAIMtraining.com. After reviewing the training, Northern inspectors must contact a local school to schedule for a proctored exam. A list of all approved training and testing facilities is available online at www.DriveCleanPA.state.pa.us, or call PennDOT's Vehicle Inspection Division at 717-787-2895.

OPTION-2: Online Emission Recertification Training and Exam will be available **June 1, 2018** at the www.patrainportal.com website. Visit the website to register and create an account, or log in with your existing account, if you already have one from completing your safety recertification online.

Purchase and review the emissions refresher training and exam package online.

- Emissions Inspector Recertification (EIR): \$79.99; with two-exam attempts
- Northern Region Emissions Inspector Recertification (N-EIR): \$59.99; with two-exam attempts
- Fees for training and exam will be paid online, via Discover, American Express, MasterCard, Visa, and Visa/MasterCard debit
- If you are unable to pass the exam after two attempts, you can purchase a remedial course and re-take the exam. EIR & N-EIR Remedial Training & Retest: \$24.99

** Training materials and all updates will be available during your two-year recertification period, as long as you remain certified.*

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2018, ALL emissions recertification training and exams occur online. Instructor-led classroom training and paper exams are no longer available for recertification. You must complete an online emissions inspector recertification course and pass the online exam before your current license expires.

Upon successful completion of the online emissions recertification refresher course and exam, you will receive a renewed emissions inspector certification ID valid for 2 years.

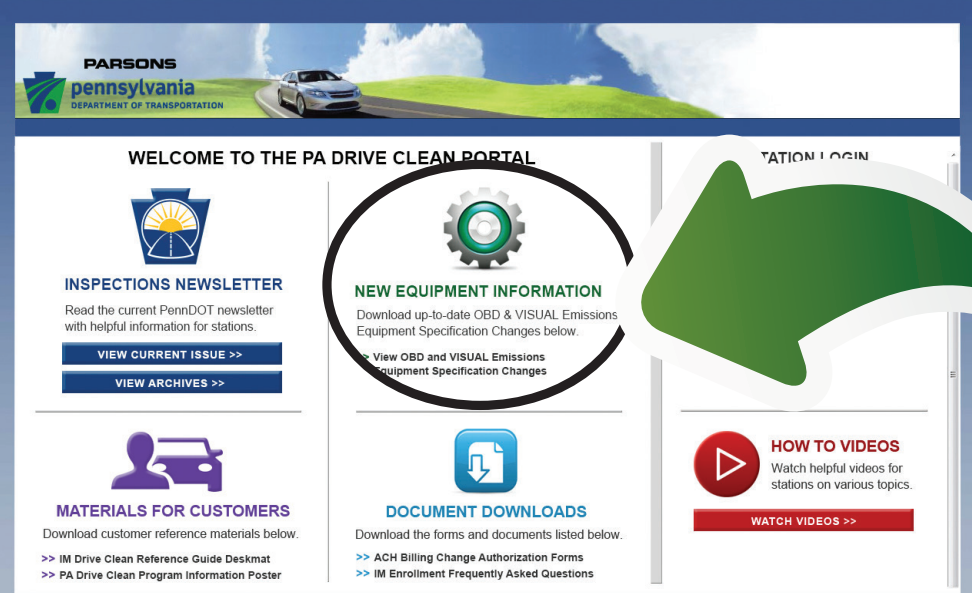
Please ensure you renew prior to expiration. Should your license expire, you will not be eligible to renew, and will be required to retake the complete instructor-led initial emissions inspector course at an approved school.

HAVE QUESTIONS? Contact the Inspection Station Operator Hotline at **888-265-5909**

PENNSYLVANIA EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM

OBD & Visual Emissions Equipment Specification Changes

PennDOT has updated the specifications for OBD & Visual equipment for authorized Emissions Inspection Stations. Equipment manufacturers are progressing through the new equipment specification development process; one has been approved for sale and others are entering the Beta testing process.



Visit the NEW PA Drive Clean Portal landing page for up-to-date Manufacturer Status of Equipment Certification Process

STATION OPERATOR HOTLINE 1-888-265-5909

Stations are advised not to purchase equipment from any manufacturer until they are “Certified & Approved for Sale.”

Station Responsibility for New Equipment Activation

While PennDOT has not yet specified a date when all stations must comply in having an analyzer that meets the new equipment specifications, it is expected that emission inspection stations will be able to choose from multiple vendors approved for sale, before this date is established.

In the meantime, all certified PA emissions inspection station analyzers must continue to communicate all emissions records to PennDOT’s database (the VIID). Prior to activating any new analyzer, all emissions records on the old analyzer must be sent to the VIID. Once the equipment that meets the new equipment specifications has been activated, the old analyzer equipment will be locked out, deactivated, and will not be permitted to be reactivated at that station.

It is the station’s responsibility to ensure all emission records from their station are electronically communicated to the VIID. Emissions records not communicated to the VIID will be investigated during an audit review and may result in actions and penalties by PennDOT. PennDOT strongly encourages correcting any communication issues on current equipment to prevent delays in activating new equipment, and/or loss of emissions records.

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Find out about the advantages of e-SAFETY - www.PennDOTesafety.pa.gov or 888-265-5909



PennDOT Vehicle Inspection Information Database S E

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Vehicle Inspection Division is replacing the current Vehicle Inspection Database and will be launching a new Vehicle Inspection Database Information System in the Spring/Summer of 2018. The new system will allow stations to go online and update their inspector lists, update station information, and order safety and emissions certificates of inspection online, paying by credit card or ACH. There was a temporary site made available until April 8, 2018 for station owners/authorities to register in advance. PennDOT would like to thank those who took advantage of the opportunity. Once the new database is in place, information will be mailed to all stations. Should you require any additional information, please feel free to contact the Vehicle Inspection Division at 717-787-2895.

2018 Safety Inspection Charts S

PennDOT has released the new safety inspection charts for 2018. These charts are for annually inspected vehicles; annually inspected vehicles with temporary registration; semi-annual inspection vehicles; and motorcycle inspections. These charts can be found at: www.dmv.pa.gov/VEHICLE-SERVICES/Inspection-Information/Safety-Inspection-Program/All-Station-Owner-and-Mechanic/Pages/Safety-Inspection-Bulletins.aspx

- **Chart 1: Annually Inspected Vehicles**
- **Chart 2: Annually Inspected Vehicles with Temporary Registration**
- **Chart 3: Semi-annual Inspected Vehicles**
- **Chart 4: Motorcycle Inspections**



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Elimination of Hard Copy Publications

In an effort to “go green” while saving important Commonwealth dollars, PennDOT is no longer printing several of its most widely used publications.

The affected publications are: Pub 45; Vehicle Equipment and Inspection Regulations, and Pub 763; Emissions Inspection Program. These publications will no longer be available for purchase through the Sales Store. Each publication is available online for downloading and/or printing.

In the near future, each of these publications will be released as an ‘app’ for individuals to download onto their electronic devices. Access to these publications are available through the PennDOT website at the following links:

Vehicle Equipment and Inspection Regulations

https://www.dot.state.pa.us/Public/DVSPubsForms/BMV/BMV%20Manuals/Pub_45%20Inspections%20Regulations/PUB-45.pdf

Emission Inspection Program

http://www.dot.state.pa.us/public/dvspubsforms/BMV/BMV%20Publications/pub_763.pdf

PREPARING FOR AN AUDIT

Here's a helpful checklist to help you prepare for an audit

EMISSIONS STATION CHECKLIST



- Proof of Garage Keeper's Liability Insurance
- MV-427 (updated)
- MV-516 (listing of Emission Inspectors)
- MV-500
- Wheel Chocks
- Functioning Emission Equipment
- All Proper Gas Cap Adapters
- Last I/M Audit Report
- Sticker Receipts
- Current and Expired Stickers
- Current Fee Sign
- I/M Placard Hanging Below the Keystone Sign
- Valid Driver's License and Technician License from Available Technicians
- Clean Inspection Area
- Current Copy of I/M Regulations
- Sticker Usage Reports
- Old Stickers from Windshield Replacements
- All Documentation for Waivers if Performing Them

SAFETY STATION CHECKLIST



- Proof of Garage Keeper's Liability Insurance
- MV-427 (updated)
- MV-443 (listing of Safety Inspection Mechanics)
- MV-500
- Tools:
 1. Hammers – a ball-peen hammer, one plastic or brass hammer & one rubber hammer
 2. A workbench
 3. A portable light
 4. Socket sets
 5. Assorted open end & box end wrenches
 6. Torque wrenches (foot-pound and inch-pound)
 7. Screw drivers – assorted
 8. Pliers – assorted
 9. Test light – continuity tester
 10. Floor stands – four (4)
 11. Floor jack or hoist – wheels shall spin freely
 12. Tire pressure gauge
 13. Brake drum gauges
 14. Micrometer gauges or thickness gauges, with measurements in 1/1000 inch, capable of measuring both the range of rotor thickness and the depth of the scores
 15. Ball joint gauge (not required for recreational, utility & motorcycle stations)
 16. Tread depth gauge capable of indicating amount of usable tire tread in increments of 1/32 inch
 17. Brake-lining gauge capable of indicating the amount of usable lining on both riveted and bonded lining in increments of 1/32 inch
 18. An approved headlight testing device – SAE approved No. J600a for photo-electric type and J602c for mechanical aimers
- Last Safety Audit Report
- Sticker Receipts
- Current & Expired Stickers
- Current Fee Sign
- Keystone Sign with Safety placard (OIS#)
- Valid Driver's License and Technician License from Available Technicians
- Clean Inspection Area
- Current Copy of Safety Regulations
- Old Stickers from Windshield Replacements

Stations that have Purchased New Equipment



Be sure to check updated equipment specifications document on www.PADriveCleanPortal.com for information on changes associated with the new equipment, such as choosing your own inspector password.

**Contact the Inspection Station
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