

## MOTOR VEHICLE ADVISORY

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TO: All Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: **Changes to Motor Vehicle Inspection Program  
Effective August 1, 2010**

The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission will make changes to the Enhanced Motor Vehicle Inspection Maintenance Program, effective August 1, 2010. Most passenger vehicles will be required to submit for an inspection biennially (every two years) for emissions only. Commercial vehicles and buses will be required to be inspected annually (every year) for safety and the appropriate emissions test. Motorcycles will be exempt from inspection.

Further details about the Vehicle Inspection Program are listed in three charts below:

### Chart 1: Passenger Vehicles

This chart includes all passenger vehicles that are plated passenger, not for profit (NF), governmental, commuter van (CV), farmer or farm truck.

Vehicle Description	Light Duty with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) 8,500 lbs or less	Medium Duty with GVWR 8,501 lbs to 9,999 lbs	Heavy Duty with GVWR 10,000 lbs to 17,999 lbs	Heavy Duty with GVWR 18,000 lbs or more
Gasoline or bi-fueled powered	Emissions only two years	Emissions only two years	Emissions only two years	Emissions only two years
Diesel-Powered model year 96 or older	Exempt	Exempt	Self inspected	Annual smoke test
Diesel-Powered model year 97 or newer	Emissions only two years	Exempt	Self inspected	Annual smoke test

## Chart 2- Annual Inspection

Safety and Emissions (Annual Inspection)
Ambulances registered by the New Jersey Department of Health (DOH)
Buses plated-passenger, not-for-profit, governmental, and commercial.
All gasoline or bi-fueled vehicles plated commercial
All diesel power vehicles plated commercial with a GVWR of 9,999 or less.
Limousine
Jitney
Taxi

## Chart 3- Exempt from Inspection

Exempt from Inspection
Farm Use
Farm Tractor
Collector Vehicles- Odometer and Credential Verification at State Inspection Station every two years.
Historic Plated Vehicles (QQ)
Motorcycles
Mopeds
Trailers

## Special Provisions

- Any vehicle rejected for mechanical defects before August 1, 2010 will still be required to be repaired and pass a re-inspection at either a PIF or CIF before it can be issued a certificate of approval (inspection sticker).
- Any vehicle due for inspection prior to August 1, 2010 that is presented for an initial inspection after the law is enacted will only be given the required emission test.
- The regulations for the inspection of commercial and school buses remain unchanged.

## Dealer New Car Waiver Program

- All vehicles excluding taxis, limousines, jitneys, buses and commercially-registered vehicles will be issued a new vehicle inspection decal by a dealer or state representative valid for five (5) years from the month of registration expiring on the last day of that month.
- All vehicles less than five (5) model years old excluding taxis, limousines, jitneys, buses and commercially-registered vehicles will be issued a new vehicle inspection decal by a dealer or state representative valid for five (5) years from the vehicle's model year expiring on the last day of the month of registration.
- In order to retroactively implement the extension of the New Vehicle Waiver Program from four (4) to five (5) years, any vehicle with a new car inspection decal expiring after August 1, 2010 will be issued or mailed an extension decal by the MVC with the words "1-Year Extension" imprinted on it. Instructions will be provided to the motorist to display the decal above the inspection decal.
- It is important to note that vehicles with "New Car Dealer" inspection decals expiring in the months of August, September and October 2010 should not be issued a summons for "failure to inspect" due to the fact that the extension mailing process has just been implemented and the extension decals may not have been received by the motorist.

- All taxis, limousines, jitneys, commercial vehicles or buses that have been issued passenger, governmental, no fee, or commercial vehicle license plates not inspected by the MVC Commercial Bus Unit or School Bus Unit and purchased new, will be issued a “New Car Dealer Inspection Decal” by a dealer or state representative valid for one (1) year from the month of purchase expiring on the last day of that month.

Even with the enactment of these changes, motorists are still required to ensure that their vehicles are free from mechanical defects. A vehicle may be cited at any time for these defects or when equipment is out of compliance.

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact Jim Arose from the MVC Division of Inspection Services at 609-633-9460.

