

Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Program Roll-Out

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Three-Phase Implementation Approach

- To transition from the brake and lamp inspection programs to the Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection (VSSI) Program, BAR has developed a three-phase approach for implementation:
 - Licensing VSSI Stations and Technicians (1st phase)
 - Regulation effective date (TBD)
 - Begin vehicle safety systems inspections (2nd phase)
 - Anticipated spring 2024
 - Sunset brake and lamp inspection programs (3rd phase)
 - Six months after the regulation effective date (TBD)

Phase 1 - Licensing VSSI Stations and Technicians

- On the effective date of the regulations BAR will:
 - Make available and begin accepting VSSI station and technician applications from:
 - New station and technician applicants
 - Existing brake and lamp stations and adjusters utilizing the specialized licensing process
 - Stop accepting new brake and lamp station and adjuster applications
 - Brake and lamp stations will still be able to renew their station licenses until the start date of vehicle safety systems inspections
 - Brake and lamp adjusters will not be able to renew their licenses

Phase 2 – Begin Inspections

- BAR anticipates stations and technicians will be performing vehicle safety systems inspections three months after the regulation effective date
 - This will allow:
 - BAR to ensure there is enough VSSI stations and technicians to provide the new inspection
 - VSSI program and brake and lamp inspection programs to run concurrently for 3 months to ensure a smooth transition
 - VSSI stations and technicians to become familiar with the new inspection requirements
 - BAR to ensure the program is working as anticipated

Phase 3 – Brake and Lamp Sunset

- Brake and lamp inspection programs will end six months after the effective date of the vehicle safety systems inspection program regulations
- DMV will no longer accept brake and lamp certificates of compliance for registration purposes
- BAR will collect and refund all unused brake and lamp certificates of compliance

Implementation Information

- Fall 2023 Automotive Repair and Smog Check Newsletter article
- BAR's website – bar.ca.gov
 - “Join Our Email List” in “Quick Links”

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