

1.12 CERTIFIED EMISSIONS REPAIR FACILITY (CERF) CERTIFICATION

- *Question: Do I operate a facility that performs vehicle engine repairs? If so, am I interested in participating in the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program?*

Why do I need this approval?

This certification ensures that vehicle repair facilities meeting minimum requirements established by the State are available to citizens in need of emissions related repairs to their vehicles. The certification helps ensure that motorists have access to high quality emissions related repairs, thereby reducing vehicle emissions of ozone producing pollutants and improving Maryland's air quality..

This voluntary certification may be sought by owners or operators of vehicle repair facilities.

What laws or regulations give MDE the legal authority to issue this approval?

STATE: Transportation Article, Title 23, Subtitle 2, Sec. 23.201-23.209; COMAR 11.14.08.

What is the process to get this approval?

- 1) After receiving a complete application, the Department schedules a new facility inspection.
- 2) Upon successful inspection, the facility is issued CERF credentials and can begin work in the program.
- 3) An official CERF sign is provided free of charge by the Department for posting out of doors at the CERF.

Are there any other requirements?

PRE-APPROVAL: The prospective CERF must employ a Master Certified Emissions Technician (see 1.13) and possess specific equipment and tools.

POST-APPROVAL: The facility agrees to participate in a periodic quality assurance audit.

How long should I expect it to take to get this approval once I submit a complete application?

30 days.

Once I get this approval, how long will it last?

Certification remains valid as long as program requirements are met.

How much will this approval cost?

No fee.

Who do I contact with additional questions?

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