

1.13 MASTER CERTIFIED EMISSIONS TECHNICIAN (MCET) CERTIFICATION

- *Question: Am I a vehicle repair technician who performs emissions related repairs or works at a Certified Emissions Repair Facility or Fleet Inspection Station? If so, am I interested in participating in the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP)?*

Why do I need this approval?

The Department certifies vehicle repair technicians who perform repairs of emissions control systems, after they have successfully earned certain National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications. The MCET program helps ensure that motorists have access to high quality emissions related repairs, so that vehicle emissions of ozone producing pollutants are reduced and Maryland's air quality is improved. By providing effective repairs, MCETs also help reduce the number of citizens' vehicles that fail mandatory VEIP testing.

The Certificate may be sought by technicians who work at:

- Certified emissions repair facilities, and want to make certified repairs to vehicle emissions systems; and
- Fleet inspection stations, and want to perform official VEIP inspections and vehicle repairs according to the State's program.

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

STATE: Transportation Article, Title 23, Subtitle 2, Section 23.201-23.209 and 11.14.08.

What is the process to get this approval?

- 1) The Department reviews the application for completeness.
- 2) The Department examines the application to determine compliance with applicable requirements.

3) MCET credentials are issued within 2 weeks of application approval.

Are there any other requirements?

PRE-APPROVAL: The prospective MCET must be an automotive technician with a minimum of 5 years of experience in emissions related repair and possess ASE certifications in electrical systems (A-6), engine performance (A-8) and advanced engine performance (L-1). Visit www.ase.com or call 703-669-6600 for information about ASE exams. The MCET applicant may also be required to take a course on State requirements.

POST-APPROVAL: The MCET must continue to maintain the required ASE certifications and provide documentation of current, active ASE certifications to the Department.

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?

Maximum of five years.

The renewal time is dependent upon the earliest ASE certificate expiration. The MCET must notify the Department of each required ASE re-certification.

How much will this approval cost?

No fee.

Who do I contact with additional questions?

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