

EMISSION REPAIR TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION PROCESS.

Effective January 1, 1997 for vehicles registered in New Castle County and July 1, 1997 for vehicles registered in Kent County, in order to qualify for waiver repairs on any 1981 or later model year vehicle shall be performed by a certified repair technician or a certified manufacturer repair technician, as defined in Section 1 of this regulation. The cost of such repairs must total no less than \$200. Under the policy developed by the Department, a Certified Emission Repair Technician may be certified as trained to do repairs on all makes of vehicles or vehicles of a specific manufacturer. Auto repair technicians seeking to become certified under Regulation 31 have the following options in attaining the certification:

1. All those applying for certification can “test out” and gain certification without further emission repair training as provided by the College or Auto Manufacturer or other training organization. The “test out” process is administered by the College as follows:
 - Applicants without L1 ASE (Automobile Service Excellence) certification must first take the “Fundamental Inspection Repair System Training” final exam. Those achieving a score of 75% or better are eligible to take the “Delaware Emission Education Program” certification exam.
 - Applicants achieving a score of 75% or better on the certification exam will become certified on all makes of vehicles. Applicants with L1 ASE certification can test out by taking the “Delaware Emission Education Program” certification exam ONLY.

2. The testing procedure discussed above will determine what, if any, training is needed for applicants seeking certification.
 - Technicians scoring below 75% on the “Fundamental Inspection Repair System Training” final exam must take a 60 hour fundamental emission repair training course provided by the College.
 - Those completing the 60 hour program and scoring 75% or better on the final exam can advance into a 40 hour class which is the next level of training, or attempt to test out and take the certification exam, scoring 75% or better to become certified.
 - Technicians scoring below 75% on the “Delaware Emission Education Program” certification exam must take a 40 hour emission repair training course provided by the College and then score 75% or better on the final exam to become certified.

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3. Technicians who are L1 ASE certified and who have approved manufacturer's emission repair training will be certified for each make of vehicle of each manufacturer that the technician was trained to do emission repairs. The procedure for certification is as follows:
 - The Department will evaluate each of the manufacturer's "OEM Emissions Path" to determine if it meets a reasonable minimum standard. This evaluation must contain proof that the manufacturer's course work clearly covers the Delaware I/M regulation (e.g. waiver process, etc.)
 - Candidate manufacturer technician submits:
His/her transcript from the manufacturer on courses taken and passed and;
Proof of ASE L1 certification to the Department.
 - Candidate manufacturer technician takes and passes a Delaware-specific short test which is intended to test the candidate on the Delaware regulation, any specifics on waivers that should be known, and general questions on vehicle repair.
 - The Department and the Division issues manufacturing-specific certification with clearly marked authority on the certificate.