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Fee Adjustment For Certificates Of Inspection

On July 1, 2025, the fee for the annual safety inspection stickers was adjusted from \$11.00 to \$12.00 and the purchase price for the semi-annual stickers was adjusted from \$9.00 to \$10.00.

Official inspection stations may charge \$2.00 plus the purchase price of the sticker in effect at the time of replacement for windshield replacement stickers. There is no charge for emission stickers. Fee schedule signs with the updated pricing should be posted by inspection stations.

ORDER ONLINE



If ordering online, the fee is calculated automatically. Online orders allow for easy access to track the progress of your order. To order online use the link below or QR code to the left.

www.inspections.penndot.pa.gov

ORDER BY MAIL

The MV-436A Inspection Sticker and Insert Order Form has been updated to reflect the fee adjustments. The form can be downloaded from the PennDOT website, by using the link or QR code below.



<https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/penndot/documents/public/dvspubsforms/bmv/bmv-forms/mv-436a.pdf>

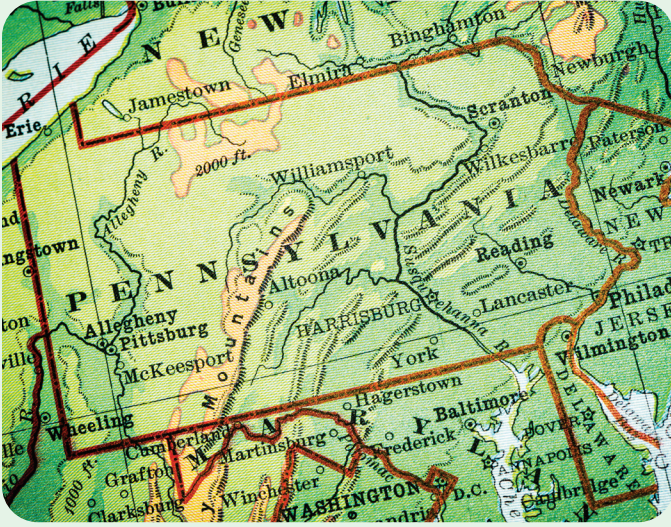
If mailing in a sticker order, please ensure the MV-436A is completed properly, including the



authorized signature, operator number, and the \$5 shipping/handling fee with your order. Incomplete requisitions, received without the proper information or fee, risk being returned and delivery may be delayed.

Please allow fourteen business days for delivery of your inspection stickers before calling to check on the status of your order. We understand that timely fulfillment of your order is of the utmost importance.

Emissions Testing For Out-of-State Vehicles



Renewing Out-of-State Registrations

Out-of-state vehicle owners may request a PA emissions inspection to renew their vehicle's registration in their home state. To do this, determine the county in which the vehicle is primarily used and proceed with the emissions inspection as normal.

Recording the Sticker Number

When recording the sticker number used for out-of-state vehicles, the inspector should record the home state abbreviation followed by eight 9s. For example, with a New Jersey (NJ) vehicle, the sticker number would be NJ99999999.

Vehicle Doors Required For Safety Inspection

In September 2024, amendments to Title 75 (Vehicle Code) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, specifically Section 4107(a)(1) and (b), were enacted. New provisions have been added under Subsection (b.2)(1) and (2) concerning vehicle doors.

According to the updated legislation, if a vehicle is originally equipped by the manufacturer with removable doors, it may be operated on Pennsylvania roadways without these doors or with non-original equipment manufacturer doors. **However, to comply with section 4702 (relating to requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles) a vehicle under this subsection shall be inspected with the manufacturer-designed and -installed doors attached.**



The inspection procedure mandates that certified inspectors must check the door operation, including the tailgate, and REJECT IF one or more of the following apply:

1. The doors (except a tailgate on a pick-up truck) are not on the vehicle if originally fitted by the manufacturer.
2. The doors, including the tailgate, do not open and close securely (unless the vehicle has been manufactured or modified to the extent that there is no roof or side).

Wrong Emissions Sticker Number

What should be done if the wrong Emissions sticker number was entered?

For example: the inspector entered sticker number IM0-0000001, but it should have been sticker number IM0-0000002.

To correct this in the emissions analyzer: First go to – 1) Vehicle Emissions Inspections Menu.

Then, go to – 6) Enter Replacement sticker.

You will need to enter your emissions license number and access code. After you have logged in, select – 4) Issue Replacement sticker. Next, enter the VIN, Title and Plate, as well as odometer of the vehicle that received the incorrect sticker.

The analyzer will then prompt you for the “OLD sticker number.” This number is the INCORRECT sticker (so in the example above it is IM0-0000001). You then be prompted to enter the

NEW (or correct, IM0-0000002) sticker number. You will also need to enter the month and year of the sticker expiration.

Once this information is entered and the sticker is recorded, the analyzer will print a “sticker issuance report.” The inspector will need to sign it and keep it for their records for their next station audit.

Please note: The information above relates to emissions stickers only. Correcting the entry of a wrong safety sticker number is different depending on the specific scenario.

Reminder: If certificates of inspection are damaged, lost or stolen, this should be reported at once to the inspection station supervisor and the Bureau. However, it is not necessary to discontinue inspections. Source: 175.29 (e) Notice Required

OBD Non-Communication Question

We have a vehicle that is not communicating with the analyzer but is communicating with our scan tools. Why is this happening?



The EPA established specifications for all analyzer manufacturers to follow on how the machines communicate with vehicles. They are required to communicate with the vehicle within a short period of time. If there is a delay in the analyzer communicating with the vehicle, this is an indication that there is a problem with the car's emissions device or that there may be a cheating device installed.

Scanner tools on the other hand do not adhere to the same communication standards. Scanners are designed to wait for a longer period of time for the vehicle to communicate. Scanners only query any active codes and do not use all the pins necessary for emissions testing. Another reason that scan tool may communicate with the vehicle when an analyzer does not is because there are multiple grounds in the vehicle's DLC connector. Not all OBD scanners utilize the same pin for ground.

Therefore, scanner communication can NOT be used as the standard of communication for the purposes of performing an emissions inspection.

Inspection Station Questions

What do I need to do to open a new inspection station?

Applying to become a certified safety or emissions inspection station requires the two-step process described below.

Step 1: Submit a request to get your access provisioned to the new online Inspection System. The station owner will need to log in to www.inspections.penndot.pa.gov to begin the registration process.

- The first screen that will appear is a Sign In Page with an option to Register. Select REGISTER.
- The next page will ask, "What Type of User Are You?" Select BUSINESS PARTNER.
- The Business Partner Registration: Organization Identification page will appear.
- As you are not currently registered, you are required to register the station.
- As a new user, you will need to provide your organization's information to get started. Follow the prompts to enter your organization's name (Station Name), Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), and the City and Zip Code of where your station is located.
- Select the NEXT button and continue to answer the appropriate questions in the User Profile Information and Access Selection. Under the Organization Role Selection, you can select yourself or you can choose to delegate access to another person. Your justification is to access the Inspections Application.
- Once completed, select FINISH. Your request will officially be submitted.

Step 2: Submit your station details.

- Once your request to access the new Inspection system is approved by PennDOT, you will receive an email notification approving your

participation and will be provided a temporary password, valid for only 24 hours.

To ensure proper delivery, be sure to check your junk folder if it doesn't show up in your inbox.

- Use the login ID and temporary password for your initial access and submit your station-related information to PennDOT.

Note: You would need to change your temporary password to your preferred password after your first successful access to the system.

- The system will guide you through the details that need to be submitted.
- PennDOT will review and process the submitted application. Post-processing, you will be contacted regarding their decision.

How can I activate a station after suspension?

For Safety Stations – If your suspension is less than 3 months, contact your QAO regarding reappointment. If your suspension is 3 months or more, you will need to submit an application for reappointment and a complete and thorough investigation by the QAO will be conducted to determine if the applicant qualifies for reappointment. 67 Pa Code §175.52.

For Emissions Stations – If your suspension is 3 months or less, contact your QAO regarding reappointment. If your suspension is more than 3 months, you will need to submit an application for reappointment and a complete and thorough investigation by the QAO will be conducted to determine if the applicant qualifies for reappointment. 67 PA Code §177.672(e).

Note: Other applications for reappointment are subject to investigation at the discretion of the Department.



Notification About Station Changes

Station owners and/or managers need to notify PennDOT about certain changes at the station including:

- ✓ a change of ownership
- ✓ a change of the company name (not ownership)
- ✓ moving station to a different location
- ✓ a change of station type
- ✓ discontinuance of the business
- ✓ a change in the post office address of an inspection station (not location)
- ✓ a change of the person(s) authorized to purchase certificates of inspection
- ✓ a change of the person(s) who signed the Form MV-427 application



Your assigned Quality Assurance Officer should be notified immediately about any of these changes. Log on to www.inspections.penndot.pa.gov to notify PennDOT of these changes. Scan QR code to the right.



BUSINESS HOURS:

Mon.	7 A.M.	to	5 P.M.
Tues.	7 A.M.	to	5 P.M.
Wed.	7 A.M.	to	5 P.M.
Thur.	7 A.M.	to	5 P.M.
Fri.	7 A.M.	to	5 P.M.
Sat.		to	
Sun.		to	

Maintaining Regular Business Hours

Certified inspection stations must be open during normal business hours. An inspection station must be open for business a minimum of 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.