

1.11 FLEET INSPECTION STATION (FIS) LICENSE

(Not Accepting New Applications Until 2009)

Why do I need this approval?

The Department issues this license as a service in order to allow owners of fleet vehicles to perform official emissions inspections on their fleets or, in the case of automobile dealers, to inspect both their own fleets and/or those belonging to other automobile dealers.

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 11.14.08.32-.42 and 11.14.08.29.

What is the process to get this approval?

The Department is currently not accepting new applications.

This licensing service is expected to be reinitialized in 2009 when the Department establishes an on board diagnostics (OBD) testing program for fleets.

Are there any other requirements?

PRE-APPROVAL: The prospective FIS must own or operate a fleet of at least 25 vehicles, maintain a repair facility, employ a Master Certified Emissions Technician (see 1.12), and possess specific equipment and tools.

POST-APPROVAL: The facility agrees to participate in the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program's quality assurance program by calibrating the analyzer at least once a week and participating in a cost free, monthly, quality assurance audit.

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

Not applicable

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

Existing licenses remain in effect as long as conditions are met.

How much will this approval cost?

No fee.

However, the FIS must pay \$14.00 to the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration for each vehicle emissions test performed. Call the Motor Vehicle Administration at (410) 787-2941 for more information.

Who do I contact with additional questions?

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