Frequently ask questions for Emissions Inspection

• May I have my vehicle inspected before the month that it expires?
  Yes, we can perform a safety inspection and apply a new sticker any time with the new sticker valid for 12 months from the date of inspection.
  We can also inspect your vehicle up to three months prior to the expiration date.

• My car failed the emissions test, will it cost me anything to get it retested?
  No, there is no fee if the car is returned to us within 30 days of the first test.

• Will my car fail emissions inspection if my check engine light is on?
  Starting with the model year 1996, the check engine light is an indicator that an emissions related test had failed and it will fail the emissions test if the problem is not corrected.

• I just replaced my battery and now I am told my car fails the emissions test, the check engine light is not on!
  On vehicles newer than 1995, there is a computer in the car that is running emissions tests on different parts of the car’s emissions system while the car is being driven. This computer stores the test results in a folder and those files can be lost if the battery is disconnected. The emissions test not only needs to see no failing records but also needs to see passing records.

• Why am I being told after making repairs to my emissions system, the car needs driven before it can be inspected?
  See question directly above

• What are monitors and how long does my car need driven to complete them?
  Monitors are the tests that the computer in your car runs to verify your emission system is working properly.
  Some cars run the monitors (tests) within a couple miles and some cars take additional time, they may require several warm up cycles of the engine and 20-40 miles driving.

• What is a waiver inspection?
  A waiver inspection is available when the standard emissions test failed, a minimum of $150.00 was spent on trying to correct the fault causing it to fail, and a second emissions test was done and failed. A waiver sticker is the same as a standard emissions sticker except it says “waiver” across it to indicate a waiver was issued. It is valid for 12 months and then the failure will need further work.

• Can I get waiver twice?
  You can get as many waivers as you want, but you need to spend a minimum of $150.00 towards repairing the problem every time.

• What is an exemption emissions sticker?
  An exemption sticker is available on a new car or if you owned the car for 12+ months and average less than 5,000 miles a year. There is a reduced price for an exemption sticker.

• How long is an exemption sticker valid for?
  An exemption sticker has the same life span as a standard emissions sticker.
• Can I get my car emissions inspected without a PA registration?
  Yes