

# Clean Air Vehicle Decals for 2022 and 2023

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## New Information

As of January 1, 2023, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) began issuing a new green Clean Air Vehicle (CAV) decal for qualifying vehicles, pursuant to *Vehicle Code* §5205.5.

### 2023 CAV Decal

The new green 2023 CAV decal is valid until September 30, 2025, when the High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Clean Air Vehicle Decal (CAVD) program expires.



### 2022 CAV Decal

In 2022, DMV issued a new yellow decal valid until September 30, 2025. To differentiate the 2022 CAV decal from the CAV decal issued in 2011, the design was changed.



## Background

Federal authorization for the HOV CAVD program expires on September 30, 2025, pursuant to *United States Code*, Title 23 §166, **unless** the California Secretary of State receives notice from the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to sunset the HOV CAVD program, whichever occurs first.

## References

*United States Code*, Title 23 §166  
*Code of Regulations*, Title 13 §§156.00 and 156.01  
*Vehicle Code* §§5205.5 and 21655.9  
*Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual* §25.005

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