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New Information

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) deployed a new online application for Clean Air Vehicle (CAV) decals. The new application creates an easier and more efficient user experience.

Procedures

To apply online:

- Ensure the vehicle is eligible for a decal by visiting the California Air Resources Board (CARB) website at ww2.arb.ca.gov or calling 1-800-242-4450.
- Visit dmv.ca.gov and select *Online Services*. Under *Apply/Request*, select *Clean Air Decals* or type “Clean Air Vehicle Decals” into the *Search* bar.
- Select the *Start Application* button.
- Pay with a debit/credit card or eCheck.

NOTE:

- If the vehicle was issued a CAV decal previously, the vehicle **cannot** be issued another decal, **unless** it is a replacement. This includes vehicles issued CAV decals in advance of the vehicle sale by a dealership.
- Registered owners of new vehicles cannot be issued a CAV decal if they are applying for a consumer rebate through the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP), **unless** they meet certain income requirements. This includes CAV decals issued to dealerships in advance of sale, which must be returned to the DMV with a Statement of Facts (REG 256) form.

Background

DMV created the CAV online application to streamline the process and reduce the turnaround time to apply and receive CAV decals.

Federal authority allows vehicles that meet specified emissions standards to display CAV decals and use high occupancy vehicle (HOV)/carpool lanes with only one occupant in the vehicle. The CAV decal program expires on September 30, 2025.

References

Vehicle Code §§5205.5 and 21655.9

Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual §25.005

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- Dealers
- Registration Services

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Direct questions related to this memo to DMV Customer Care at (916) 657-6560.