

# Clean Air Vehicle Decal Fee Increase

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## New Information

Effective November 1, 2024, the fee for Clean Air Vehicle Decals (CAVDs) will increase to \$27, and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will **no** longer issue an updated vehicle registration card with the issuance of these decals.

Clean Air Vehicle (CAV) certificates will continue to be issued with a CAVD. The certificate has the decal number, expiration date of the issued decal, and registered owner's name and address.

The CAV certificate **must** be kept with the vehicle's current registration card and presented to law enforcement upon demand. Customers who apply online at Clean Air Vehicle Decals - California DMV, are approved, and sent a payment link for transactions in progress **before** November 1, 2024, will be charged the current \$22 fee. After November 1, 2024, the new fee of \$27 will apply.

## Background

Federal authority allows for the CAVD program, which DMV runs in partnership with the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The program allows a vehicle meeting specified emissions standards that displays a CAVD to use HOV (carpool) lanes with only one occupant, until September 30, 2025, or sooner.

DMV administers the CAVD program by issuing specific decals to applicants with eligible vehicles approved by CARB for a fee that should be sufficient to cover all costs of running the program. DMV is mandated to audit the CAVD program every five years to ensure that the CAVD fee is sufficient to recoup all program costs.

## References

*Vehicle Code* §§5205.5 and 21655.9

*Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual*, Chapter 25.005

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