



WHO GETS TESTED WHEN? 2010

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REGISTRATION FOR TAG YEAR 2010

- Vehicles that require testing, or *covered* vehicles, include 1986 - 2007 model year gasoline-powered cars and light-duty trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 8,500 pounds or less.
- An emission inspection is valid for 12 months or one registration renewal, by the same owner.
- Free copies of Georgia Vehicle Emission Inspection Reports (VIRs) are available on the GCAF Web site at www.cleanairforce.com.
- *Covered* counties include the following 13 metro Atlanta counties: Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale County.
- If a motorist is a new resident to a Georgia *covered* county or has a newly-purchased vehicle (1986 - 2007 model), the vehicle must have a passing VIR and must be registered within 30 days. It is the seller's responsibility to ensure the vehicle has a passing VIR at the time of sale if sold in Georgia.

THINGS TO REMEMBER: REGISTRATION SCENARIOS

- 1. New model year exemptions:** All 2008 and newer model year vehicles are **exempt** from emission inspections in 2010. This exemption remains in effect in instances of change of ownership.
- 2. Newly-purchased used vehicle registrations:** If a motorist purchases a used vehicle with a current, valid passing VIR, that VIR (from the previous owner) can be used for the initial registration and can be used for the new owner's registration renewal, as long as the test is still valid (must not exceed 12 months). Only the most recent VIR is considered.
- 3. Late renewals for oldest model year vehicles:** If a vehicle was subject to an emission inspection in 2009 (for example, the oldest model year subject to testing in 2009 was 1985) and the owner is renewing their registration late (in 2010), the vehicle must still be inspected.
- 4. Extremely late renewals:** *Covered* vehicles require an emission inspection every year. If the vehicle has not been registered for several years and is registering late for the previous year, 2009, but before their birthday in 2010, the vehicle will need to be tested now for the late renewal and tested again before the renewal for the current year, 2010. If the vehicle has not been registered for several years and is registering for the current year, 2010, the vehicle will only need to be tested once to return it to the regular testing schedule. However, it is the tag office's discretion as to what is required for late registration.

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5. Newly-purchased vehicle without a valid VIR: If a motorist from a covered county buys a vehicle without a current, valid passing VIR from a seller within the state of Georgia, the motorist should first try to resolve the issue directly with the seller. The seller should agree to have the vehicle tested and provide a current, valid passing emission inspection. If the seller is not cooperative, the buyer may download the "Used Vehicle Sale Complaint Form" from the GCAF Web site at www.cleanairforce.com. Once the form is completed and sent to GCAF, a representative will contact the motorist to begin the investigation. Please note the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is not a consumer advocacy agency and cannot represent the buyer in any legal proceeding.

6. How to transport a vehicle from another state without a current, valid registration: If a motorist purchases or inherits a vehicle from another state and the registration has expired, the motorist must either request the seller provide a valid registration or contact the vehicle registration department **in that state** for assistance. The motorist may also contact their Georgia tag office for assistance. GCAF **does not** offer waivers for these instances.

7. Out of Area Extensions: To apply for a student, military or business extension, the motorist must 1) complete the Out of Area Extension Application, 2) present documentation to prove the vehicle is out of the area, 3) present documentation to prove the owner/family member is out of the area, and 4) show proof of ownership. The applicant must be temporarily located well-outside the 13-county emission testing area of the state of Georgia. Applications may be acquired from the GCAF Web site, www.cleanairforce.com, or from any GCAF Service Center. Motorists may submit the completed application and supporting document via e-mail (waivers@cleanairforce.com), fax (404.479.4384), mail or hand delivery. **Vehicles must be tested upon return to the covered area. Vehicles can be tested well in advance if the motorist plans to be out of the area when their registration is due. Motorists should ask the inspector to perform the test "at motorist's request."**

8. Senior Exemptions: To qualify, **all** of the following criteria must be met: 1) the primary registered vehicle owner must be 65 years old or older, 2) the vehicle must be 10 model years old or older (2000 model year or older), and 3) the vehicle must be driven less than 5,000 miles per year. To apply, seniors must complete the Senior Exemption Application (indicating accurate mileage) at any GCAF Service Center or metro Atlanta tag office and provide the necessary documentation. Seniors who received an exemption the previous year may renew by calling 800.449.2471 (current mileage required).

9. Motorist moved to a covered county in Georgia from another state: The vehicle must receive a valid passing Georgia VIR in order to register the vehicle in one of the 13 covered counties. An emission inspection from another state is not transferable and is not acceptable for Georgia registration.

10. Change of Georgia address: If a motorist moves from a non-covered county to a covered county in Georgia, they must have the vehicle tested prior to the registration date.

11. Repair Waiver: Based on the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI), the Repair Waiver limit amount is **\$788 for 2010**. Refer to the GCAF Web site, www.cleanairforce.com, for more information.

12. Alternative fueled vehicles: Vehicles powered by diesel fuel or running exclusively on alternative fuels (natural gas, propane, etc.) are exempt. Dual-fuel vehicles must be inspected if one of the fuels burned is gasoline.

13. Inquiries regarding waivers: Refer motorists to the GCAF Web site, www.cleanairforce.com, their nearest GCAF Service Center, submit an e-mail to waivers@cleanairforce.com or call 800.449.2471.