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for Georgia's Vehicle Emissions Inspection & Maintenance (I/M) Program.

Georgia's Clean Air Force Registration Scenarios

Scenario: A motorist buys a used vehicle in May. The previous owner had it tested in February. The new owner uses the inspection from February to register the vehicle in May. The new owners' birthday is in December. Will the vehicle need to be tested for December registration renewal, even though the test is still valid for two more months?

Answer: No. If the emissions inspection is still valid (dated within the last 12 months), the new owner can use the inspection from the previous owner for their initial registration and one registration renewal.

Scenario: It is August of the current registration year and the motorist's birthday is in September. The motorist is extremely late renewing his or her registration from the previous year. The vehicle was tested and the owner renewed his or her past registration. Will the vehicle need to be tested again (immediately or within one to two months) to renew the motorist's current registration since his or her birthday is next month?

Answer: Yes. Vehicles registered in one of the 13 covered counties require an emissions inspection every year. The vehicle must be tested again to renew the motorist's current registration year.

Scenario: A motorist buys a vehicle from a dealership or individual located within the 13-county testing area without a current passing emissions inspection. What should the motorist do?

Answer: The motorist should first try to resolve the matter by working with the seller. To file a complaint, the motorist can download and complete the Used Vehicle Sale Complaint Form available on Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) website at www.cleanairforce.com, under *Forms & Program Information*.

Scenario: A motorist's birthday is February 15. The motorist moves to Georgia in February of the previous registration year and has his or her vehicle tested and registered in the same month. For the next registration year, the motorist wants to use the previous February inspection again to renew the vehicle's registration. Can the February inspection be used to renew the registration, if it is within a few days of expiring?

Answer: Yes. An emissions inspection is valid for 12 months or one registration renewal, by the same owner. In order to get the motorist on an annual testing cycle, some county tag offices may choose to require the motorist to have the vehicle inspected, if the previous inspection for the initial registration will expire within a few days. However, this is up to the county tag office's discretion. GCAF will inform the motorist that the vehicle does not need to be tested again if the current test is still valid; however the motorist should contact his or her county tag office for confirmation on registration requirements.