



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MEDIA CONTACT: Kevin Chambers
Director of Communications
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
(404) 651-7970

Georgia's Clean Air Force Provides Drivers aged 65 and Older with an Emissions Testing Exemption

ATLANTA (March 23, 2021) – Drivers in Georgia aged 65 or older may not be aware, but they might have one less thing to worry about, thanks to [Georgia's Clean Air Force](#). In partnership with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), Georgia's Clean Air Force offers a senior exemption to the state's annual vehicle emission testing requirement. Drivers in the [13 metro counties](#) are required to undergo testing annually in order to complete registration, but adults 65 or older may qualify for a senior exemption.

“With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, our communities faced unprecedented health risks – particularly those over the age of 65, who found themselves in one of the highest risk categories. We're pleased to remind this group of Georgia drivers that they may qualify for an emissions testing exemption,” said Michael Odom, Mobile & Area Sources Manager, Georgia EPD. “The exemption allows our older drivers to renew their registration without compromising their safety due to COVID-19.”

Prior to applying for the senior exemption, drivers must satisfy all requirements, including:

- 1) You are at least 65 years old.
- 2) Your vehicle is 10 model years old or older. For 2021, this includes all 2011 and older model year vehicles.
- 3) You do not drive the vehicle more than 5,000 miles a year, and the odometer must display the mileage.
- 4) You are the primary registered vehicle owner (your name is the first name listed on the vehicle title/registration).
- 5) You have proof of vehicle ownership such as a copy of the vehicle's Georgia registration, renewal notice or title.

Senior exemption applications can be filed electronically through www.cleanairforce.com, or motorists can submit the forms in-person at select Georgia's Clean Air Force Customer Service Centers and metro Atlanta tag offices. Please visit

www.cleanairforce.com to check COVID-19 impacts as some locations may not be open or have limited offerings.

If you are unable to complete the application, a proxy may submit the application and necessary documentation on your behalf. If a proxy is used, they must sign the paperwork and provide a valid government issued I.D.

To download an infographic on Georgia's Clean Air Force's Senior Exemption, visit their website at <http://www.cleanairforce.com>.

About Georgia's Clean Air Force

Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF), in partnership with the Environmental Protection Division (EPD), is responsible for the management of the Enhanced Vehicle Emission Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program throughout Atlanta's 13 metro counties. Since 1996, Georgia's Inspection and Maintenance Program has prevented nearly 1.9 million tons of harmful ozone-forming pollutants from entering the air we breathe, the equivalent of removing 13,400 vehicles from the road or planting more than 400 million trees. It is estimated that Georgia residents have saved \$311 million in utility bills since 1996 due to cleaner air. The program has also identified and repaired more than 4 million heavy-polluting vehicles. For more information, please visit <http://www.cleanairforce.com/>.

###