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§ 3340.32. Standards for the Certification of Institutions Providing Retraining to Licensed Technicians or Prerequisite Training to Those Seeking to Become Licensed Technicians.

(a) An institution providing prerequisite training under subdivisions (a) and (b) of section 44045.6 of the Health and Safety Code to those seeking to become licensed technicians, or providing retraining to licensed technicians cited under the provisions of subdivision (c) of section 44045.6 of the Health and Safety Code, or providing retraining to licensed technicians cited under the provisions of subdivision (b) of section 44050 of the Health and Safety Code, or providing retraining to licensed technicians under the provisions of subdivision (b) of section 44031.5 of the Health and Safety Code must be certified by the bureau prior to providing that training or retraining.

(b) A school may be certified to instruct one or more of the following smog technician training courses:

(1) The Basic Smog Technician courses which consist of the Basic Clean Air Car Course, the Citation Retraining Course for Basic Area Technicians, the Bureau Training Program, and the Update Training for Basic Area Technicians.

(2) The Advanced Smog Technician courses which consist of the Advanced Clean Air Car Course, the BAR 97 Transition Course, the Citation Retraining Course for Advanced Emission Specialist Technicians, the Bureau Training Program, and the Update Training Course for Advanced Emission Specialist Technicians.

(c) To become certified, an institution shall submit an application to the bureau on form TS-1 (10-99), "Application to Become a BAR Certified Training Institution."

(d) An initial application shall be subject to the review procedures specified in Section 3303.2. of Article 1 of this Chapter.

(e) An applicant shall meet the following requirements:

(1) All institutions wishing to be certified to offer training to qualify an individual for a technician license shall provide satisfactory evidence of:

(A) Approval from the Department's Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education, if applicable. That approval shall remain current at all times.

(B) Possession of current course materials.

(C) Lecture and shop facilities sufficient to adequately train all participating students.

(D) Instructors certified by the bureau pursuant to Section 3340.33 of this article to offer instruction.

(E) Having functional access to a bureau-designated web site and having an electronic mail address where the institution can receive electronic information from, and send electronic information to the bureau.

(2) An institution wishing to be certified to offer Basic Smog Technician courses shall have the following tools and materials in quantities sufficient to adequately train all participating students:

(A) An emissions inspection system as provided by and in accordance with, subsection (a) of Section 3340.17 of this article.

(B) An engine performance analyzer containing an electronic device capable of displaying and printing diagnostic information related to the engine ignition and fuel systems of the vehicle being tested.

(C) A tachometer/dwell meter.

(D) An ignition timing light which measures ignition advance.

(E) A hand vacuum pump, and a vacuum gauge.

(F) An ammeter capable of measuring amps and milliamps.

(G) A digital volt/ohm meter.

(H) A compression tester.

(I) Current emission control service manuals and systems application guides.

(J) Automotive computer diagnostic and repair manuals.

(K) Electronic component location manuals.

(L) Hand tools necessary to inspect, adjust, maintain, and repair vehicular ignition, fuel delivery, and emission control systems.

(M) Audio-visual equipment sufficient to adequately present the required course material.

(N) A diagnostic device capable of retrieving diagnostic trouble codes, interpreting codes, and displaying and storing data streams from the on-board computer systems of vehicles. Diagnostic data modules required to operate the device shall be kept updated to the current available calendar year. The device shall be On-Board Diagnostic II compliant, and shall have the Enhanced

E/E Diagnostic Test Modes capabilities as noted in the Society of Automotive Engineer's document number J2190 dated June 1993.

(O) A fuel pressure gauge capable of measuring the higher pressures of fuel-injected vehicles.

(P) A Propane enrichment kit.

(Q) Fuel fillpipe restrictor dowel gauge meeting the following specifications:

1. Made of a non-sparking material meeting the standard for hardness of aluminum alloy No. 5052 as defined in Volume 02.02 of section 2 of the 1986 Annual Book of Standards published by the American Society for Testing and Materials;

2. Having a radiused test portion;

3. Having a test portion diameter not less than 0.9375 inches or more than 0.950 inches;

4. Having an overall length not less than 5 inches or more than 12 inches;

5. Having a handle no less than 1.25 inches in diameter, and no less than 4 inches in length; and

6. Constructed of solid bar stock or tubing with a minimum wall thickness of 3/16 of an inch.

(R) The currently available bureau manuals and bulletins.

(S) A minimum of one operational demonstration vehicle, or stationary engine per every four students attending a course must be available and must be used for demonstration and student laboratory assignments involving testing, diagnosis and repair procedures. The vehicle or stationary engine must be appropriate to the demonstration or laboratory assignment. At least one demonstration vehicle must be owned, rented or leased by the institution. Demonstration vehicles and stationary engines must be fully operational with computer-controlled systems.

(3) An institution wishing to be certified to offer Advanced Smog Technician courses shall, in addition to the equipment required by paragraph 2 of subsection (e) of this section, have the following equipment:

(A) An emissions inspection system in accordance with the bureau's emissions inspection system specifications referenced in subsection (b) of Section 3340.17 of this article.

(B) An evaporative emission control test system approved by the bureau for use in an enhanced program area.

(C) An electronic device capable of graphically displaying any electrical or electronic signal used by an automotive computer system. The device shall have the capability of displaying the electrical or electronic signal using a voltage and time scale that is adjustable. The device shall have the capability of capturing and displaying a high frequency abnormal signal, regardless of time per division setting, or screen refresh rate.

(f) Institutional certification by the bureau shall not exceed one-year. Institutions shall renew their certification electronically using form TS-1 (10-99); "Application To Become A Bureau Certified Training Institution" located at a bureau designated Internet web site.

(g) All institutions certified shall:

(1) Maintain adequate lecture and shop facilities, sufficient tools and materials, and current course materials.

(2) Identify in writing to all potential students the level of certification training the institution will provide and any limitations to this training applicable to obtaining a technician license. This written disclosure shall be presented to students no later than their first class meeting.

(3) Provide competent instruction to students, including lab exercises and hands-on work.

(4) Advise prospective students of the automotive mechanical experience and automotive mechanical course-work requirements at the time of application.

(5) Evaluate applications to verify that the applicant meets the applicable qualification requirements specified in subsection (b) of section 3340.28 of this article.

(6) Instruct a maximum of twenty-five students per instructor at any one time.

(7) Allow the bureau or authorized representative reasonable access during normal business hours to training records, equipment and facilities.

(8) Report to the bureau on form TS-5 (10-99), "Certified Institution's Training Record," the number of students receiving training or retraining courses prescribed by the bureau, the names of those students successfully completing training or retraining courses, and in the case of students taking retraining courses pursuant to section 3340.31 of this article, the names of those failing to complete such retraining courses. Reporting shall be performed electronically using form TS-5 (10-99); "Certified Institution's Training Record" located at a bureau designated Internet web site.

(9) Have available for students the current year editions of all required vehicle reference and repair manuals, in electronic or print media.

(10) Have available for students the current operating instructions for all training aids and automotive test equipment.

(11) Have available for students an adequate number and variety of training aids such as demonstration engines, carburetors, and emission control devices, in order to meet student training needs and to ensure proper understanding of the course content and laboratory assignments.

(h) Pursuant to section 44045.5 of the Health and Safety Code, an institution may be certified to instruct the Bureau Training Program to meet the prerequisite for licensure, as follows:

(1) The institution shall use training materials, course-work, and examinations developed by a bureau approved publisher.

(2) The institution shall obtain all training materials, course-work, and examinations from a bureau approved publisher. Failure to use training materials, course-work, or examinations developed by a bureau approved publisher may result in the disapproval of the training program or decertification of the institution.

(3) The institution's administration of examinations shall meet bureau standards, as outlined in the "Bureau Training Program Standards" (3-95), herein incorporated by reference, and meet or exceed all statutory requirements and federal and state standards regarding examination development. Failure to meet bureau standards, as outlined in the "Bureau Training Program Standards" (3-95), and meet or exceed all statutory requirements and federal and state standards regarding examination development, may result in the disapproval of the training program or decertification of the institution.

(4) The institution shall instruct the training program in accordance with the requirements outlined in the "Bureau Training Program Standards" (3-95). Failure to provide instruction that meets the requirements outlined in the "Bureau Training Program Standards" (3-95) may result in the disapproval of the training program or decertification of the institution.

(5) The bureau reserves the right to review and recommend changes to an institution's methods of instruction and/or administration of examinations. Failure to comply with the bureau's recommended changes to an institution's methods of instruction and/or administration of examinations may result in the disapproval of the training program or decertification of the institution.

Note: Authority cited: Section 44002, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 44030.5, 44031.5(b), 44045.6 and 44050, Health and Safety Code.

HISTORY

1. New section filed 6-21-89; operative 6-21-89 pursuant to Government Codesection 11346.2(d) (Register 89, No. 25).
2. Editorial correction of History 1. (Register 91, No. 32).
3. New subsection (b)(3) and renumbering of following subsections filed 8-18-92; operative 9-17-92 (Register 92, No. 37).
4. Amendment of section heading, section and Note filed 6-23-95 as an emergency; operative 6-23-95 (Register 95, No. 25). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 10-21-95 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.
5. Certificate of Compliance as to 6-23-95 order including amendment of subsection (g)(3) transmitted to OAL 10-20-95 and filed 12-6-95 (Register 95, No. 49).
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7. Editorial correction of subsections (b)(2), (e)(1)(F), (e)(3) and (e)(4) (Register 97, No. 2).
8. Certificate of Compliance as to 7-26-96 order, including repealer of subsection (b)(2), subsection renumbering, amendment of subsection (e)(1), repealer of subsections (e)(2)(N) and (e)(3)-(e)(3)(K), subsection relettering and renumbering, and amendment of subsection (h), transmitted to OAL 11-19-96 and filed 1-6-97 (Register 97, No. 2).

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