Starting May 1, 2016, changes to the New Jersey Vehicle Inspection Program will include the ending of **initial emission** tailpipe testing and gas cap testing. All vehicles failing tailpipe testing or gas cap testing prior to May 1 are still required to be re-inspected. Any vehicle presented for inspection prior to May 1 must be inspected. Owners of vehicles that were due for **initial inspection** prior to May 1 that are in any of the below categories should be advised to contact MVC I/M Program Support at 609-633-9474.

Tailpipe **re-inspections** shall continue until the program changes to OBD only. Initial gas cap tests will be replaced with the visual fuel cap check procedure detailed below. The only vehicles being exempted from testing are passenger vehicles with the following registration codes 1 through 9, 12 (vehicles not being used as buses), 15, 31, and 73.

The following gasoline powered vehicles registered with the above referenced passenger codes are exempt from inspection starting May 1:

* Model year 1995 & older with a GVWR 8,500 pounds or less,
* Model year 2007 & older with a GVWR 8,501 to and including 14,000 pounds,
* Model year 2013 & older with a GVWR 14,001 pounds and greater.

On May 1, 2016, the following gasoline powered vehicles registered passenger will receive an OBD Test and inspection for emission components on a biennially basis (every two years):

* Model year 1996 & newer with a GVWR 8,500 pounds or less.
* Model year 2008 & newer with a GVWR 8,501 to and including 14,000 pounds.

On May 1, 2016, Gasoline powered vehicles registered passenger model year 2014 & newer with a GVWR 14,001 pounds and greater will receive an inspection for emission components until the new equipment is received from the contract vendor.

An emission component inspection includes examination for tampering (catalytic converter), liquid leak (fuel only), visible smoke and visual fuel cap check. With the new program there is a new test procedure in which the gas cap test is replaced with the “visual fuel cap” check.

The inspector shall visually confirm that all fuel caps with which the vehicle is required to be equipped (for vehicles that have multiple fuel tanks) are physically present and cover each fuel tank inlet. The inspector does not need to open or remove the fuel cap itself and is not required to attempt to assess the condition of the seal.

In the case of capless fuel filler systems, the inspector shall visually confirm that the fuel filler system is in place and that there is a flap covering the fuel inlet. The inspector does not need to open the fuel filler flap and is not required to assess the condition of springs or seals.

Visual fuel cap results shall be recorded using the Miscellaneous Emissions result on the inspection workstation. Only failures are recorded. If any fuel caps are missing or visually defective to the point of obvious failure, select Miscellaneous Emissions fail and in the Miscellaneous Emissions Comment field enter “gas cap fail.”

All gasoline powered commercial vehicles are still required to be inspected annually for mechanical items, emission components and OBD (if applicable). Registration codes for commercial vehicles are 11, 12 (vehicles being used as buses), 13 (taxicab), 14 (limousine), and 54 “O” plated vehicles not inspected by MVC Bus Unit.

The following gasoline powered vehicles registered commercial are required to be inspected annually for mechanical items and emissions components:

* Model year 1995 & older with a GVWR 8,500 pounds or less,
* Model year 2007 & older with a GVWR 8,501 to and including 14,000 pounds,
* Model year 2013 and older with a GVWR 14,001 pounds and greater.

The following gasoline powered vehicles registered commercial are required to be inspected annually for mechanical items, emissions components and an OBD test:

* Model year 1996 & newer with a GVWR 8,500 pounds or less,
* Model year 2008 & newer with a GVWR 8,501 to and including 14,000 pounds.

Gasoline powered vehicles registered passenger model year 2014 & newer with a GVWR 14,001 pounds or more will receive an annual inspection for mechanical items and emission components until the new equipment is received from the contract vendor. With the new equipment these vehicles will be required to be given an OBD test.

There is no change in the diesel program at this time.

The software has been modified to accommodate these changes in the program. You will be notified to perform a data file refresh to download the software changes.

If you have any questions concerning exempted vehicles or these program changes please contact the IM Support Unit at 609-633-9474 or your PIF office.

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