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*DMV Registration Resource Guide*

# SMOG REQUIREMENTS

## Smog Requirements

### Smog Certification Requirements for Transfers

- A valid smog certification is normally required for a transfer of a vehicle 1976 model year and newer, and through five model years old.
  - The smog certification must have been obtained within the last 90 days for an individual, or two years for a dealer if the vehicle has been in dealer inventory.
  - Car dealers must ensure that the smog inspection requirements are satisfied prior to delivering a vehicle to a purchaser.
  - Newer gas powered vehicles (4 model years old or less) do not require a new smog certification; however, a Smog Transfer fee will be required.

### Smog Requirements by Type of Powered Vehicles

#### Gas/Hybrid Powered Vehicles

- Smog is required upon Original Registration (Non Resident and MSO) and transfer of ownership.
- Gas powered vehicles 1975 and older are exempt from smog.
- When you transfer a gas powered vehicle that is four or less model years old a smog certification is not required (this rule does not apply to diesel powered vehicles). Determine the oldest-qualifying year model by subtracting three from the current year.

Example:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2016 \\ -3 \end{array}$$

2013 year model and newer Gas powered are exempt for 2015

Vehicle Model Year	Calendar Years Exempt
2013 and newer	2016
2014 and newer	2017
2015 and newer	2018

#### Diesel Powered Vehicles

- Smog required upon Original Registration (Non Resident and MSO) and transfer (four model year rule does not apply).

NOTE: Upon initial registration, nonresident;

- Diesel powered vehicles 1998 model year and newer with a (GVWR) rating of no more than 14,000 lbs, and specially constructed vehicles 1976 and newer require smog certification. The six or less model years old rule does not apply to these vehicles.
- Smogs for renewals and private party transfers are good for 90 days from the date of issuance

**Smog Exceptions**

- Gasoline powered 1975 year model or older
- Diesel powered 1997 year model and older or with a Gross Vehicle Weight rating (GVWR) of more than 14,000 lbs
- Natural gas powered vehicles over 14,000 lbs.
- Electric
- Natural gas powered with a GVWR rating of more than 14,000 lbs.
- Motorcycle