

WAC 173-422-190 Emission specialist authorization. (1) To become an authorized emission specialist an individual shall:

(a) Pass a course of study, approved by the department; and

(b) Agree in writing to meet the requirements of subsection (2) of this section and all requirements of law or regulation regarding the serving of motor vehicle emission control systems or the motor vehicle emission inspection program.

(2) To maintain certification, an authorized emission specialist shall:

(a) Successfully complete a department-approved course on emission repair within ninety days of being required to do so by the department unless an extension has been granted in writing by the department; and

(b) Sign, including the specialist identification number, all receipts and other forms required by the department for emission repairs or adjustments performed. These receipts must be prenumbered, preprinted with the business's name and address and clearly itemize all appropriate repairs performed by the specialist; and

(c) Record on all receipts:

(i) The vehicle's emission readings after appropriate repairs or the diagnosis and/or repair of problem(s) identified by the on-board diagnostic (OBD) during an emission inspection; and

(ii) A vehicle description including the license number and vehicle identification number (VIN); and

(iii) Any missing or inoperative primary emission control components; and

(iv) Any further recommended appropriate repairs; and

(d) Not tamper with emission control systems, including adjusting an engine outside of the manufacturer's specifications (chapter 173-421 WAC); and

(e) Not obtain or attempt to obtain a certificate of compliance, a certificate of acceptance (repair waiver) or an exemption from the inspection requirements by providing false information or by any fraudulent means (chapter 173-422 WAC); and

(f) Not aid or abet any individual in committing a violation of chapter 173-421 or 173-422 WAC.

(3) The certification of an authorized emission specialist may be revoked for a first violation of chapter 173-421 WAC or WAC 173-422-145, for a period of no more than one year, and may be permanently revoked for a second violation of chapter 173-421 or 173-422 WAC.

The certification of an authorized emission specialist may be temporarily revoked for violation of subsection (2) of this section and may be permanently revoked for continued willful violation of subsection (2) of this section.

An authorized emission specialist whose certification is revoked permanently or temporarily may appeal to the pollution control hearings board as provided for in RCW 43.21B.310.

(4) An authorized emission specialist whose certification has been temporarily revoked may reapply for certification twelve months after the date of revocation by applying to the department and meeting all requirements of subsection (1) of this section. An application for certification by a permanently revoked authorized emission specialist will be denied.

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