

# WHAT TO DO IF YOUR VEHICLE FAILED EMISSIONS

If a vehicle fails either portion of the emissions test, for best results complete any emissions-related repairs before reinspection.

Vehicles that continue to fail may be eligible for a waiver after a fixed amount has been spent on emissions-related repairs.

## TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A WAIVER ALL THE BELOW MUST APPLY:

The vehicle has two documented emissions related failures on record. Vehicle must be inspected a third time to complete the process.

The vehicle did not fail for visible smoke or missing emissions control equipment.

Any attempt to reset emissions related OBD-II codes after inspection may result in vehicle entering a "NOT READY" state and could interfere with the waiver process.

## THE REPAIR COST HAS EXCEEDED THE LIMIT:

\$75 model year 1968-1980 (all counties)

\$450 model year 1981 and newer (Sussex County)

\$1146 model year 1981 and newer (New Castle and Kent Counties)

\*Waiver amounts valid through December 31, 2025 on 1981 models and newer.

## ALL REPAIR RECEIPTS, AND VEHICLE INSPECTION REPORTS (VIR) MUST ACCOMPANY THE WAIVER APPLICATION.

## A DNREC CERTIFIED EMISSION REPAIR TECHNICIAN MUST COMPLETE ALL REPAIRS VEHICLES 1996 AND NEWER.

Work completed on model years 1968 - 1995 does not need to be completed by a CERT if minimum amount spent is met through parts installed on the vehicle.

[documents.dnrec.delaware.gov/Air/inspection-maintenance/Certified-Emission-Repair-Technician-List.pdf](https://documents.dnrec.delaware.gov/Air/inspection-maintenance/Certified-Emission-Repair-Technician-List.pdf)



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