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MORE INCENTIVES NOW AVAILABLE FOR CONSUMERS TO RETIRE OR REPAIR AGING VEHICLES

SACRAMENTO – The [Bureau of Automotive Repair](http://www.bar.ca.gov) (BAR) has increased the incentive amounts to retire or repair a vehicle through its [Consumer Assistance Program](#). Income eligible consumers can now receive up to \$2,000 to retire a vehicle or up to \$1,450 for emissions repairs.

The Consumer Assistance Program offers consumers financial assistance to repair or retire their vehicle if it fails a Smog Check inspection. Consumers can also retire their vehicle even if it passes a Smog Check. The program is part of California's larger effort to help improve California's air quality and assist consumers.

"The Bureau of Automotive Repair is committed to supporting consumers in reducing vehicle emissions and improving California's air quality," said BAR Chief Patrick Dorais. "These increased incentives help Californians keep their vehicles compliant with Smog Check requirements and give them options to retire an aging vehicle."

Other changes include allowing consumers to receive repair assistance more than once for the same vehicle. The vehicle retirement incentive for consumers who do not meet income eligibility requirements also has increased to \$1,350. Applicants must meet eligibility and vehicle requirements to participate.

This table shows the assistance options available to consumers, the new incentive amount, and the prior incentive amount.

Assistance Option	NEW incentive \$ Amount (Effective January 1, 2025)	Prior incentive \$ Amount
Repair assistance Income-eligible consumers 1996 and newer vehicles	Up to \$1,450 in emissions repairs	Up to \$1,200 in emissions repairs
Repair assistance Income-eligible consumers 1995 and older vehicles	Up to \$1,100 in emissions repairs	Up to \$900 in emissions repairs
Vehicle retirement Income-eligible consumers	Up to \$2,000	\$1,500
Vehicle retirement Consumers without income eligibility	\$1,350	\$1,000

To apply for the Consumer Assistance Program or learn more about options and eligibility requirements, visit <https://www.bar.ca.gov/cap>. For assistance in more than 200 languages, call (866) 272-9642.

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ABOUT THE BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR: The California Bureau of Automotive Repair protects Californians through effective oversight of the automotive repair industry and administration of vehicle emissions reduction and safety programs.