

Inspection Station Licensing Policies

- The Massachusetts Vehicle Check Program **is at capacity** of public light-duty (Class A and B) and public mobile (Class F) inspection stations and is **NOT** accepting applications for such licenses.
- The RMV is accepting applications for Class C, D and E inspection station licenses. Applicants must be a licensed dealer or repairer of heavy duty vehicles who possess a license required by law to carry on a repair business and who has received factory training or equivalent training approved by the Registrar.
- The RMV is accepting applications for Class M motorcycle inspection station licenses. Applicants must be a licensed motorcycle dealer or a motorcycle repairman who possesses a license required by law to carry on a repair business and who has received factory training or equivalent training approved by the Registrar.
- **Inspection station licenses are NOT transferable or subject to sale.** In the event of a change of ownership or interest in the business, the licensee must immediately notify the RMV in writing and the existing license shall be retired. The new owner may file an application for a new license. However, prior to submitting an application the new owner shall provide satisfactory evidence of the purchase of the previously licensed business. If a new license is approved, the new licensee shall be prohibited from relocating the license for a period of 1 year.
- Licensees who relocate their business shall be prohibited from requesting any administrative action regarding that license for a period of one year (e.g. - ownership change).
- Station owners are **prohibited from sub-leasing** their licensed inspection station locations.
- Multiple business interests in the same location of a licensed inspection station is prohibited
 - Licensees must maintain complete control of the entire physical location.
 - Licenses issued prior to January 1, 2015, that lease or own space in a facility which physically adjoins another legally separate and distinct business, must maintain a complete separation and entrance and be able to secure the premises from access by any personnel of the adjoining business.
- Station owners must notify the RMV in writing and receive **prior approval** regarding any relocation of their inspection bay, and any equipment configuration changes, such as the installation of vehicle lifts.
- Commercial License **Class B** station owners **must have an inspector** who has passed Commercial training. There shall be a licensed inspector onsite during all posted hour of inspection capable of performing all inspections authorized within the station license Class.
- Commercial License **Class C, D and E** station owners **must have an inspector** who has passed Commercial training **and** has a valid Class A or Class B Commercial Driver's License (CDL) prior to a license being issued. There shall be a licensed inspector onsite during all posted hours of inspection capable of performing all inspections authorized within the station license Class.
- All licensed facilities must meet minimum bay size and door size requirements.
- To upgrade to a Class B, C, D or E inspection station license, you must have been licensed for a **minimum of 1 year** and be violation free for the immediate previous 12 months. Applicants shall meet all other licensing and facility requirements for the Class of license to which the station is upgrading.
- Holders of a Class C, D, and E license issued after October 1, 2008, are **prohibited from downgrading to a Class A or B license**.
- Inspection station licenses that have been **inactivated or locked-out** due to an ownership change, location change, facility alteration, or administrative action shall be granted six (6) months in order to re-open and be available to perform inspections.
- Inspection station licenses that are inactive or locked-out, **and** have not performed inspections for a period of 6-months, shall be deemed out-of-business and the station license retired.