

The following responses were developed to answer the most frequently asked questions regarding the new Emissions Inspector Certification and Recertification Exam process.

When can I expect to get my notice?

All emissions inspectors who are expected to expire in 2018 receive their notices 180 days in advance of expiration. Renewal notices have been updated to direct the emissions inspector to a website to register and a toll-free number will be provided. Emissions Inspectors may renew their emissions certification by passing the required examination within 180 days of their expiration date.

Once I take and pass the recertification exam, when will I be required to recertify?

Once you pass the online recertification exam, you will be required to recertify every two years.

When will I be required to take the exam and optional training?

The on-line exam and training portal is currently under system development and will be fully implemented by June 1, 2018. Emissions inspectors expiring between June 1st and July 31st will have the option of taking an instructor-led course at a school or taking the exam online. Effective August 1, 2018, all emissions recertification will occur online only.

How are the inspection stations notified of this change?

Notice was sent by Official PennDOT Bulletin in March 2018.

Does this affect initial certification for emissions?

Initial emissions courses will continue to be instructor-led; however, we are moving to an on-line proctored exam. A student will secure their training materials online through the *ptrainingportal* and then register for an instructor-led class through the school of their choosing. The instructor confirms online that the student has attended the proper course of instruction and the instructor will activate the online exam in the *ptrainingportal* for the student.

What is the online exam cost for becoming an initial inspector?

Emissions Inspector Certification (EIC) online exam is \$59.99, which includes training materials, certificate, and ID card. Each inspector will be allowed two attempts to pass the exam before retaking the course. Fees charged by the training school are additional.

What are the fees for the recertification online training and exam?

Emissions Inspector Re-certification (EIR): \$79.99

Northern Region Emissions Inspector Re-certification (N-EIR): \$59.99

Fees for training and exam will be paid online, via Discover, American Express, MasterCard, Visa, and Visa/MasterCard debit

** Training materials and all updates will be available during your two-year recertification period, as long as you remain certified.*

If you are unable to pass the exam after two attempts, you can purchase a remedial course and re-take the exam.

EIR Remedial Training and Retest: \$39.95

N-EIR Remedial Training and Retest: \$39.95

What is the process if I lose my card?

You may order a replacement card online through the on-line exam and training portal. The fee is \$8.95, which includes the cost of materials, shipping, and handling.

Am I required to go to a school to take the training?

During the months of June and July, 2018, the inspector will have the option to take the training and exam from their personal computer or at an official PennDOT approved school. Participating schools will be listed on the website after you register on-line.

How long do I have access to the training materials?

Training materials and all updates will be available during your two-year recertification period, as long as you remain certified.

What is the process to get my new credentials (updated identification card)?

Your renewal letter will direct you to the on-line exam and training portal for registration. Updated identification cards are mailed to the inspector after successful completion of the on-line exam. Technicians who successfully complete their exam will automatically receive their updated identification card included as part of the exam package.

If I fail the exam, will I be informed as to which areas/topics I need to improve?

In the event you do not pass the exam on the first attempt, your exam results will include the specific areas of study that you need to concentrate on.

How many times can I fail the test?

You have three attempts to pass the exam. Should you fail to pass in each of those attempts, you will be required to retake the initial training and exam at a PennDOT approved school. Upon passing the initial course of study, you will be certified for two years, and will recertify at the end of that two-year period.