

Vermont Automotive Emissions Repair Assistance Program Application Guidance

The State of Vermont’s Automotive Emissions Repair Assistance Program (AERAP) provides funding to help low-income Vermont motorists in repairing emissions issues that caused their vehicles to fail the emissions (OBD II) portion of the annual vehicle inspection. The following checklist will help you determine your eligibility for AERAP and help you to gather the information needed to apply:



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Step 1: Eligibility Criteria Overview

To qualify for AERAP

The applicant must:

- Meet gross household income eligibility set at less than or equal to 185% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- Be a Vermont resident whose vehicle is registered in Vermont.

The applicant’s vehicle must:

- Have failed the emissions (OBD II) component of the annual vehicle inspection and passed the safety component within the last 30 days. Furthermore, the OBD II failure cannot be due to readiness or tampering.

Vermont Automotive Emissions Repair Assistance Program Income Guidelines 2024-2025		
Number of Persons in Household	Maximum MONTHLY Gross Household Income	Maximum ANNUAL Gross Household Income
1	\$ 2,322.00	\$ 27,864.00
2	\$ 3,151.00	\$ 37,812.00
3	\$ 3,981.00	\$ 47,772.00
4	\$ 4,810.00	\$ 57,720.00
5	\$ 5,639.00	\$ 67,668.00
6	\$ 6,469.00	\$ 77,628.00
7	\$ 7,298.00	\$ 87,576.00
8	\$ 8,127.00	\$ 97,524.00
9	\$ 8,956.00	\$ 107,472.00
10	\$ 9,785.00	\$ 117,420.00
11	\$ 10,613.00	\$ 127,356.00
12	\$ 11,442.00	\$ 137,304.00
13	\$ 12,271.00	\$ 147,252.00
14	\$ 13,100.00	\$ 157,200.00
15	\$ 13,929.00	\$ 167,148.00
Add \$829.00 per additional person in household.		

Step 2: Household Income Eligibility

Refer to the table to the left to determine if you meet the income eligibility requirements. You will need to self-attest to your gross household income during the application process. All applicants may be audited by the State of Vermont to verify program eligibility. To avoid potential delays and expedite your application, you may be asked to submit documentation verifying your income during your application including:

- Letter of public benefits (Low- Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) eligibility letter, Reach-Up eligibility letter... etc.)

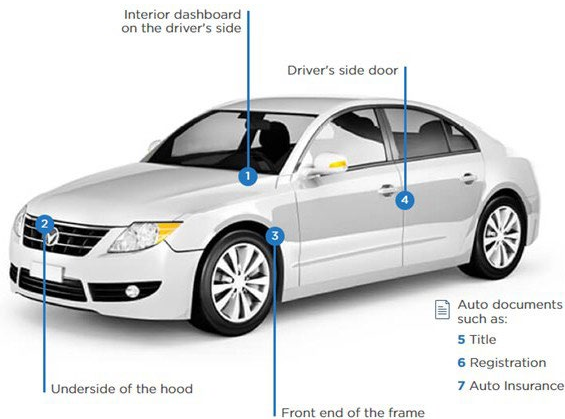
Gross household income includes the total income of all household members before taxes or other deductions. This includes wages, salaries, tips, bonuses, benefits (social security, unemployment, etc.), and other sources of income.

Table 1: AERAP Income eligibility guidelines

Step 3: Confirming Qualifying Vehicle Inspection Failure

To qualify for assistance through AERAP, your vehicle must have failed the OBD II (emissions) portion of the annual vehicle inspection within the last 30 days but must have passed the safety portion. To confirm this, you may need to refer to your Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR). Inspection stations may provide a paper copy of your VIR after the inspection. However, if a paper copy is unavailable or lost, accessing a digital version is simple. All you need is your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)! Even if you already know that your vehicle's inspection failure reason meets the AERAP eligibility requirements, you will still need your VIN to complete the AERAP application:

Locating your VIN



Your vehicle's VIN can be located on the interior dashboard on the driver's side, on the driver's side door, on the front end of the frame, or on the underside of the hood. Additionally, many documents related to your vehicle will have a copy of your vehicle's VIN. These documents include your title, VIR, registration, and insurance documents. The VIN itself is a 17-character long code such as the following:

4S3BMHB68B3286050

Once you have located your VIN, record it! You will need it later in the AERAP application process.

Figure 1: Finding your VIN

If you know your vehicle's inspection failure reason meets the AERAP eligibility requirements, please skip to step 4.

With your VIN, you will be able to access your vehicle's inspection history. Proceed to: <https://www.vt-avip.com/VTPublicWeb/testHistory>

The screenshot shows the website interface for accessing a Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR). At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home, Station Registration, Mechanic Registration, Recall Information, Test History/VIR, Station Locator, and Forms. Below the navigation bar, the page title is "Test History / VIR Reprint". There is a "VIN:" label followed by a text input field containing "Enter VIN here:" and two buttons: "Submit" and "Clear". Below the input field, the search results are displayed for a "2013 HYUNDAI ACCENT". The results are shown in a table:

Test Date	Station ID	Station Name	Safety Test Result	Emission Test Result	Overall Test Results
2023-10-27	1688	TWIN CITY AUTO CENTER	P	P	P

At the bottom of the page, there is a "Privacy Policy" link on the left and "Version V20180622.1" on the right. A blue arrow points from the "Retrieve your VIR" text at the bottom to the "Submit" button in the VIN input field.

Figure 2: Accessing your VIR

***Ensure that the test date is within 30 days of applying to AERAP!**

OVERALL TEST RESULT: FAIL		
SAFETY INSPECTION RESULT: PASS		
Inspection Item	Result	Details
Registration and Insurance	PASS	
Wheels and Tires	PASS	
Steering and Suspension	PASS	
Brake Systems	PASS	
Lighting and Electrical	PASS	
Vehicle Glazing	PASS	
Body and Sheet Metal	PASS	
Exhaust System	PASS	
Fuel System	PASS	
Fuel Cap and Catalytic Converter	PASS	
Flaps and Fenders	PASS	
OVERALL TEST RESULT: FAIL		
OBD-II INSPECTION RESULT: FAIL		
System Monitored	Status	Test Results
Misfire	Ready	OBDII Connection: PASS
Fuel System	Ready	OBD Readiness Monitor Results: PASS
Comprehensive	Ready	MIL Check with Key On-Engine Off: PASS
Catalyst	Ready	MIL Check with Engine Running: FAIL
Heated Catalyst	Not Applicable	MIL Command Status: FAIL
Evaporative System	Ready	
Secondary Air	Not Applicable	
Air Conditioning System	Not Applicable	
Oxygen Sensor	Ready	
Oxygen Sensor Heater	Ready	
EGR System	Not Applicable	
		Diagnostic Trouble Codes(DTC) if Present
		P0456

Interpreting your VIR

To qualify for assistance through AERAP your vehicle must have:

Passed the safety portion of the annual vehicle inspection

Failed the OBD II (emissions) portion of the annual vehicle inspection.

This failure cannot be due to readiness

Figure 3: Interpreting your VIR

Step 4: Gathering Required Vehicle Information

During the AERAP application process you will need to provide specific vehicle information, including the following:

- VIN
- Engine Family Group Number
- Emissions Certification.

We have already located the VIN (refer to page 2). Your engine family group number and your vehicles emissions certification are both located on your Vehicle Emissions Control Information (VECI) label.

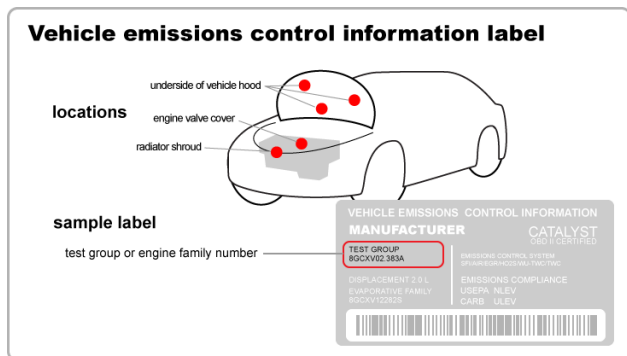


Figure 4: Finding your VECI label

Locating your VECI Label

Your VECI label is affixed to your vehicle by law when it is manufactured and contains important information on your vehicle's emissions control systems.

Your VECI label is most commonly found on the underside of your vehicle's hood but can also be located on your vehicle's engine valve cover, or radiator shroud.

Engine Family Group Number/Emissions Certification

Example VECI Label:



Figure 5: Interpreting your VECI label

Engine Family Group Number

- Your engine family group number, also known as the vehicle's test group, is a 12-character long code and may include a period. Note that this code is different than the evaporative code, which may be found directly under the engine family group number in the example above. An example engine family group number is:

DKMXV01.6DBE

Emissions Certification

- A vehicle can be certified to Federal/EPA standards, or to the more rigorous standards set by California and adopted by some states, including Vermont. In the example above, the vehicle is both California and EPA certified.

Step 5: Applying to AERAP

You will now have all the information needed to apply to AERAP. Please visit www.EmissionsRepair.vermont.gov to access the application!

If you have any trouble during the application process or would like clarification, please email ANR.decAERAP@Vermont.gov or call 802-447-6447 (Bennington area) or 802-651-1630 (Shelburne area).

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