

Vehicle Inspections & Standards

BULLETIN

To All Designated Inspection Facilities and Authorized Inspectors

Re: Certificate of Approval Inspection Decal Application

This bulletin applies to **ALL** Designated Inspection Facilities (DIF) and Authorized Inspectors (AI).

Vehicles that are subject to a complete mechanical inspection under Motor Vehicle Act Regulations (MVAR) Division 25 must be issued a certificate of approval decal once a passed inspection has been completed.

Both CVSE and Police enforcement agencies have reported an increase in the number of decals applied to vehicles that do not display accurate expiry date. Typically, this results from decals being hole punched with the intent to display expiration. This action results in, (but is not limited to):

- Unnecessary driver/vehicle delay at a fixed or roadside enforcement inspection location;
- The actual decal expiry of the vehicle is not considered accurate because later months are also displayed; and
- Removal of the decal and issuance of Notice and Order by enforcement.

MVAR Division 25.13 (2) defines the applicable standards for certificate of approval decal application requirements in British Columbia:

“25.13(2) - If the authorized person is satisfied that the vehicle meets the standards, he or she must place on the vehicle an inspection certificate of approval in the manner set out in section 25.07 (1).”

The placement location and proper method that Authorized Inspectors **CUT and apply** a certificate of approval decal in accordance with division 25.13(2) is clearly defined in the BC Vehicle Inspection Manual (2010) on page 2.7 of the guide section.

MVAR Division 25.12 (1)(f)(ii) defines the applicable standards in regards to certificate of approval decal application requirements for DIF Operators in British Columbia:

“25.12(1)(f)(ii) - The operator of a designated inspection facility must ensure that each authorized person at the facility conducts his or her inspection in accordance with the standards and complies with section 25.13”

DIF Operators must ensure that AI's cut and apply a certificate of approval decal in accordance with 25.13(2) and assume responsibility of non-compliance where program requirements are not met.

Directions for Application of a Certificate of Approval Decal

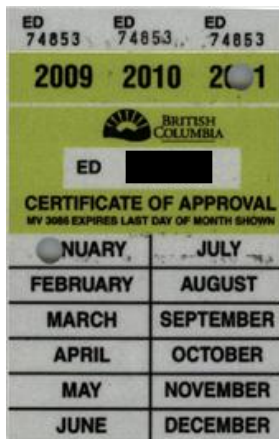
1) For annual inspections performed in:	2) For Semi-Annual inspections performed in:
January – Cut after January February – Cut after February March – Cut after March April – Cut after April May – Cut after May June – Cut after June July – Cut after July August – Cut after August September – Cut after September October – Cut after October November – Cut after November December – Cut after December	January – Cut after July February – Cut after August March – Cut after September April – Cut after October May – Cut after November June – Cut after December July – Cut after January August – Cut after February September – Cut after March October – Cut after April November – Cut after May December – Cut after June

3) Cut the two non-applicable years from each decal.

4) All unused cut out portions of the certificate of approval decal must be placed on the reversed side of the facilities inspection report file copy.

Examples:

Improperly Punched Decal:



Correctly Cut Decal:



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Should you require any further information please contact your local Area Vehicle Inspection at http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/cvse/vehicle_inspections/PDF/MVI_Phone_List.pdf or my office at 250-953-4039.

Regards,

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